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# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORLD

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Walter Jones

### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### THE GREETING

*At the sound of the bells, please prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

### INTROIT

Be Still

B. Edwards

*Be still and know that I am God.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Byars

(from Psalm 100)

Shout triumphantly to the LORD,

**All the earth!**

Serve the LORD with celebration!

**Come before him with shouts of joy!**

Know that the LORD is God – he made us; we belong to him.

**We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture.**

*Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise!*

**Thank him! Bless his name!**

Because the LORD is good, his loyal love lasts forever;

**His faithfulness lasts generation after generation.**

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us to this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 74

When God Restored Our Common Life”

*Resignation*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Lem Arnold

#### Hymn 74 Note:

This paraphrase brings Psalm 126 to life in two ways: by turning the “they” of the final verses of the psalm to “we,” and by adding a prayer for all who still wait for release from oppression. The shape note tune provides just the right balance of gratitude and urgency.

\*Where you see this notation, please rise in body or in spirit.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*(A time of silent prayer and meditation.)*

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

## KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

*Kyrie Eleison*



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

*S Schridge Street*



Glor - y be to God the Fath - er, and to the Son: and to the Hol - y Ghost; As it



was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be:



world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus Loves Me!

William B. Bradbury

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bjorn Jiskoot, Jr.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 3:1-7

NRSVUE

- <sup>1</sup> My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments,  
<sup>2</sup> for length of days and years of life  
and abundant welfare they will give you.  
<sup>3</sup> Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck;  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
<sup>4</sup> Then you will find favor and high regard  
in the sight of God and of people.  
<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.  
<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.  
<sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing?

R. Dilworth  
(b. 1970)

*My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real, though far off hymn, that hails a new creation.  
Above all the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing.  
It sounds a mighty echo in my soul,  
How can I keep from singing?*

*What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.  
What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging,  
Since love is Lord of heav'n and earth.  
How can I keep from singing?*

*When tyrants tremble sick with fear and hear their death knell ringing,  
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell, or dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging.  
When friends by shame are undefiled.  
How can I keep from singing?*

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# SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Rev. Tully Fletcher

NRSVUE

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Where’s Jesus?”

Rev. Tully Fletcher

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### \*HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

*Slane*

## INSTALLATION OF REV. NICOLE JISKOOT

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Rev. Joe Evans

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

**And individually members of it.**

### STATEMENT OF INSTALLATION

Cherokee Presbytery, by means of this commission, welcomes Barbara Nicole Jiskoot as a minister of Word and Sacrament and installs her as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Dalton, GA.

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

Friends, what do we believe?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was**

#### Hymn 450 Note:

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**      Rev. Andy Casto-Waters

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise. We praise you for leading your people Israel through the waters of the sea, out of bondage and into freedom in the land of your promise.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit. Through the baptism of his death and resurrection you set us free from the bondage of sin and death and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you for pouring out your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

We rejoice that you have claimed us in our baptism and anointed us for service in Christ's name, and that by your grace we are born anew.

By your Holy Spirit, renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. Amen.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS**      Rev. Joe Evans

Nicole, in baptism, you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world. Now you are called by God through the voice of the church for new service and ministry in Jesus' name.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful minister of the Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

## **QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION** Susan Bisson

Do we, the members of First Presbyterian Church of Dalton, GA, accept Barbara Nicole Jiskoot as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and share her joys?

**We do.**

Will we listen to the Word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

**We will.**

## PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Steve Farrow

We praise you, gracious Lord, for you alone are God. You are our loving parent, and we are your children. You teach us in ways that bring life and abundance. We write your commandments on our hearts. We trust in you with all our hearts and rely on your ways to make our paths straight.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be faithful as your people and fruitful in the ministries you have given us. Grant diligence to those who lead, faith to those who teach, truth to all who speak, compassion to all who heal, wisdom to those who counsel, generosity to those who give, and cheerfulness to all who serve.

To your servant Nicole, and to all who tend your flock as pastors among your people, give vision and strength, hospitality, humility, and peace. Bless the common ministry of this pastor and people with joy and power in the gospel. Strengthen us to live out the grace of our baptism and to serve you with the gifts of your Holy Spirit; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our shepherd and Lord. Amen.

## DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Joe Evans

Nicole, you are a minister of Word and Sacrament in the church of Jesus Christ and for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Dalton. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ. Amen.

## CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED

Rev. Leigh Jones

## CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Susan Bisson

## THE OFFERING

Therese Howell

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*Offerings collected during this Installation Service shall be designated for the Candidates Aid Fund of Cherokee Presbytery.*

## OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Old 100th*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### Offering Note:

Copy and paste the link under the Offering into your browser to easily submit your online offering.



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives us new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

Therefore, we join our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever praise your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy

*Land of Rest*

*(All sing together)*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

With thanksgiving, we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION

*We invite you to come forward for communion via the nearest accessible main aisle and return to your seat the way you came. Communion is served by intinction. Take a piece of bread held by one elder, dip it in the cup held by another, and then, "Taste and see that the Lord is good."*

*Gluten-free elements are available on both aisles.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### Hymn 539 Note:

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

### \*HYMN 539

We Will Go Out with Joy

*We Will Go Out With Joy*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*Traditional*

**God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

### \*POSTLUDE

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# INSTALLATION COMMISSION

## **Ministers of Word and Sacrament**

Rev. Joe Evans, Moderator of Cherokee Presbytery

*First Presbyterian Church, Marietta*

Rev. Leigh Jones

*First Presbyterian Church, Cartersville*

## **Ruling Elders**

Lem Arnold

*Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Lafayette*

Susan Bisson, Clerk of Session

*First Presbyterian Church, Dalton*

Bill Byars

*Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rome*

Therese Howell, Clerk of Cherokee Presbytery

# GUESTS OF THE COMMISSION

## **Ministers of the Word and Sacrament**

Andy Casto-Waters, Interim General Presbyter of Cherokee Presbytery

Rev. Tully Fletcher

*Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur*

Rev. Walter Jones

*First Presbyterian Church, Dalton*

Rev. Emily Wilmesherr

*Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur*

## **Additional Guests**

Steve Farrow, PNC Chair

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Bjorn Jiskoot, Jr.

*First Presbyterian Church, Dalton*



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