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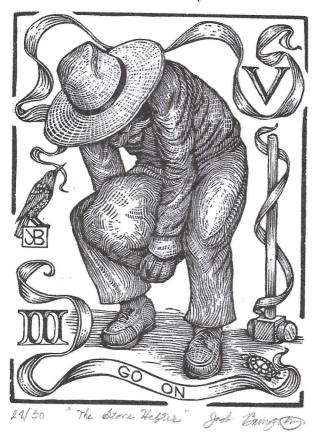
The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long

as

17th Pastor

of

First Presbyterian Church



"The Stone Hefter" Jack Baumgartner 2020

Saturday, October 28, 2023 $$2\mathrm{pm}$$

Your presence today for this special moment in the life of the Church is a blessing to me and to our community of faith at First Presbyterian Church!

As I began to envision this service many months ago, the image of "The Stone Hefter" by Jack Baumgartner came to mind. A turtle to represent the steady progress of Christian discipleship. "V" to represent the five wounds of Christ and "III" for the Trinity. A hammer for leverage, turning big piles into small ones. Every human endeavor beginning with the lifting of one single stone. The Word of God uniting it all. These images speak to our ancient and recent past, and to the hope of our calling in Christ. As we work with God to build the Kingdom, slowly and one stone at a time, will we have faith enough to step out of the boat and trust Jesus with the future?

Today's service is sentiment and tradition, ritual and constitutionality. It is art and theatre as much as it is our bounden duty to God as citizens of the Kingdom. It is a celebration of new things, of covenants and commitment, and things that never change. It draws deeply from the rich wells of our Reformed heritage, combined with elements common to the Anglican tradition in which I was raised. We will hear voices well-familiar in the Church and some that are new. As vows are taken, and the Word proclaimed and sealed in sacrament, I pray that your walk with the Lord is strengthened for whatever God has in store.

Throughout the bulletin I share thoughts and background on various elements of worship: what they mean, why I chose them, what I hope they convey to us. Thank you, again, for being present today; I look forward to sharing this time with you!

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We Approach God In Worship

bold spoken together *please stand as you are able

Gathering Music

The Silver Tones Flute Choir Kyle Ramey, piano

Welcome and Call To Worship

Elder Bunny Gorman

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

a preface to the service is given

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

Let us worship God together!

Processional Hymn

"How Firm A Foundation" arr. Trenney text and music on following page

"How Firm A
Foundation" has
become a cherished
hymn for my family. It
opened the worship
service where Katie and
I were married, it was
sung at Theo's baptism,
and has been a comfort
to us as we've bid
farewell to loved ones.
"Fear not I am with
you..."

How Firm a Foundation



Text: "K" in John Rippons's A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. (PD). Tune: FOUNDATION, American folk melody (PD).
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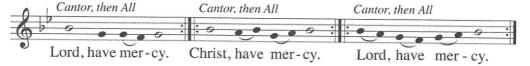
Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Even when we were dead through our sin, our merciful and loving God made us alive together with Christ and raised us up through him. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

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.

Sung Meditation



Assurance of Pardon

Elder Matt Gorman

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

*The Peace

Lead a life worthy of your calling—with humility, gentleness, and patience,

bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with your neighbors.

A Time With Young Disciples

The Word of God

Hymn for Illumination

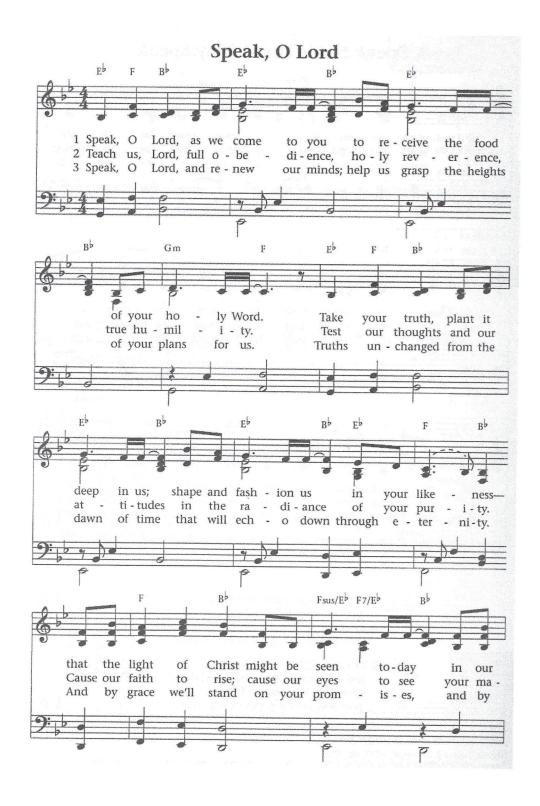
ation "Speak, O Lord" text and music on following pages

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The Scots Confession of 1560, one of the twelve theological and confessional documents of the PC(USA), states that the true Kirk (church) can be found where:

the word of God is rightly proclaimed and heard; the sacraments are rightly administered; and ecclesiastical discipline is exercised to repress vice and nourish virtue.

We now enter into the time in worship where we listen for God's Word, through Scripture and the voice of the preacher. We also listen for God's Word to be spoken through the gift of music.





The First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Elder Ann Van Slyke

The Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 14:22-33

Dr. Bob Kimball

Anthem

O God, Beyond All Praising
Kyle Ramey, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

The Sermon

Dr. Shaun Whitehead

*Hymn

#16 "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" found in the red pew hymnal

The Installation

Sentences of Scripture

The Rev. Dr. Marty Weitz

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.

Presentation

Elder Tara Cole

The Presbytery of Northern New York by means of this commission, welcomes Andrew as a minister of Word and Sacrament and installs him as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

Profession of Faith

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ

Katie and I were living in Oklahoma on the 20th anniversary of the Oklahoma City Bombing. We attended a service at First Presbyterian Church OKC on that anniversary, and it was there that I was captivated by the hymn, "O God, Beyond All Praising." Using the immortal melody from "The Planets" by Gustav Holst, the hymn is a summary of Christian faith and discipleship. It ends with these touching words: "And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph

through our sorrows and rise to bless you

still!"

given in the covenant of Baptism.

Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy, catholic church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? I will, with God's help.

As you are able, please stand as we affirm our faith together.

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 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

The Rev. Dr. Shea Zellwegger

after thanksgiving for the waters of baptism, the congregation is addressed:

Remember your baptism and be grateful. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Pastor's Prayer

kneeling in the midst of the congregation, the Pastor prays aloud:

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called me to stand in your house, preach your Word, and preside at font and table. To you and to your service I devote myself: body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the mighty record of your works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your peace, for the people entrusted to my care and to the world, and grant that I may faithfully administer your Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, strengthen my devotion; in praise, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and

Various physical acts, such as kneeling, were jettisoned from worship during the Protestant Reformation of 1517. These acts, along with many visual elements of worship, were thought to be idolatrous or acts that would lead to idolatry. I find kneeling to be centering, as a change in posture demands a change in attitude.

I have chosen to include this act—common in Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran traditions—to commit my life and ministry first to God, then to church, presbytery, and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song of Invocation Sacred Fire Sarah Class Clancy Cox, soloist

Constitutional Questions

the Moderator, addressing the pastor

Andrew, 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 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?

We believe that the Holy Spirit activates the will and calling of God in the lives of all believers (Westminster Standards).

We once again invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit with this song composed in 2023 for coronation of King Charles III. 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 col-leagues 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?

Do we, the members of the church, accept Andrew 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 him, to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joys? Will we listen to the Word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We do.**

Will we honor and respect his calling as pastor, husband, father, and disciple of Jesus Christ? Will we cherish his family and expect neither perfection or faultlessness, but embrace them with the same love and grace that embraces us all? **We will.**

Prayer of Installation

the Moderator continues

Let us pray...
Gracious and eternal God,

Ministry is about partnerships and relationships. When a pastor is called to an installed position in the PC(USA), there is a relationship between three parties: the pastor, the calling congregation, and the presbytery. This threefold relationship of mutuality and accountability is envisioned in the constitutional questions.

with joy we give you thanks and praise.

Throughout the ages and in every place
you have chosen servants from among your people
to point the way to salvation by your grace.

We are grateful for ancestors in the faith who
followed without fear, placing their trust in you alone—
for judges and monarchs who ruled in righteousness and peace;
for prophets and apostles who spoke your bold words of
mercy and of truth; for leaders and teachers in every age
who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness.

Above all, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

Anointed by your Holy Spirit, he proclaimed your reign on earth, revealing your saving love in all he said and did.

Gracious God, we also give you thanks for your servant Andrew as he continues in the ministry to which you have called him. Help him to rely on the gifts of your Spirit and to follow Christ faithfully in this calling.

Give him a spirit of truthfulness that he may proclaim your Word in Christ from pulpit, table, and font, and piano, and in the words and actions of daily living.

By the gifts of your Holy Spirit empower him to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to all your servants gladness and strength,

discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church, that we may be for you a holy people baptized to serve you in the world. Sustain your church in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be effective servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Installation

Andrew, you are now installed as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church and in the ministry of Christ's church.

Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ. Amen.

Welcome

Charge To The Pastor Montovani

The Rev. Dr. Marti

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry

an elder on Session presents the Constitution of the PC(USA), saying, Andrew, receive the Constitution of the PC(USA) and lead us in the ways of Jesus Christ as members of the Reformed family of faith.

a member of the congregation presents a Bible, saying, Andrew, receive this Bible, and be among us as one who preaches the Word. **Amen.**

a member of the congregation presents a chalice and plate, saying, Andrew, take this chalice and plate, and break the bread and bless the cup for us. **Amen.**

a member of the congregation presents a pitcher of water, saying Andrew, receive this water, and be among us as one who baptizes in obedience to our Lord. **Amen.**

a Deacon presents a stole

Andrew, receive this stole and care for us as a shepherd cares for the flock. **Amen.**

a Deacon presents a vial of oil

Andrew, receive this oil and anoint us in the healing and reconciling love of God. Amen.

a Mission Partner presents a jar of peppercorns and a compass, saying Andrew, receive these peppercorns and compass as reminder of our mission partnerships across the globe and of Christ's love that knows no single direction. **Amen.**

a child presents a ball, saying

Andrew, receive this ball and never forget the joy of your calling. Use your ministry to help all of us grow into the full stature of Christ. **Amen.**

Charge To The Congregation

The Rev. David Bennett

The Eucharist

The Offertory+

Brian Boru's March

arr. Ervin

Monroe

Silver Tones Flute Choir

*The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

A Prayer for Washing Hands

from Psalm 26

I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper Invitation to The Table Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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.

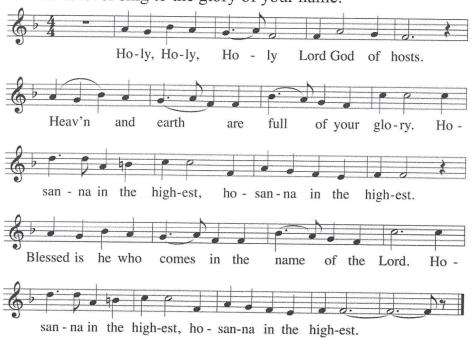
Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise.

You formed us in your image, loved us with an everlasting love, and graced us with gifts for serving. When we were faithless and would not follow, you forgave us and returned us to your way.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, your only begotten and beloved, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.

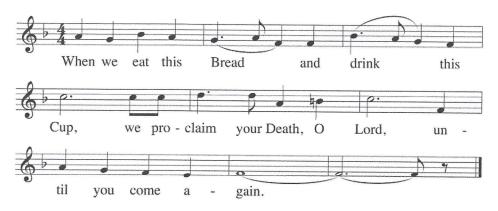
By your Holy Spirit, he anointed all who would follow him to live a new life in your love.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Baptized as one among us, he received the gift of your Spirit, and claimed his calling as a servant of your reign. Jesus proclaimed good news to the poor, and by the power of your word set people free from all that bound them. He broke open the bread of life for all who were hungry, and upon the hurt and the lost poured out the living waters of your grace.

In humble obedience,
Jesus went to his death on the cross,
and was raised up by your power to reign in glory.
In the resurrection the gifts of his Spirit
were poured out upon your people,
that the church might embrace his
ministry and live as his body in the world.



Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,

that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living
Christ and with all who are baptized in his name,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.
Build up the body of Christ in your love,
and equip the church for the work of ministry.
Make us one body in Christ,
where each one's gifts are honored and used
for the good of all,
where all submit to one another in humility
and in the bond of the Holy Spirit.

Send us out into the world to do justice, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with you in trust and faith.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully until that promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.



As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution Communion of The People Prayer After Communion

*Closing Hymn "Love

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" text and music on following page

arr. Dan Forest

*Blessing and Benediction

Please join me and my family, and the faith community at First Presbyterian Church, for a reception in Fellowship Hall following the Blessing and Benediction.

+The offering collected at today's service will benefit Credo Community Center. Credo has provided over 40 years of service in Jefferson and Lewis counties to individuals, groups, families, adults, adolescents and children, whose lives have been negatively impacted by substance use disorders.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley

HYFRYDOL Rowland H. Prichard (1830) Arranged by DAN FORREST



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Participating In Today's Service:

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Carl Bingle, Organist
Sara Gleason, Director of Music
FPC Chancel Choir
Members of Watertown Musica Viva

Kyle Ramey, Trinity Episcopal Organist and Choirmaster Michele Bariteau, Clerk of Session *and* Silver Tones Flute Choir Director Clancy Cox, soloist

Pastor Nominating Committee Members:

David Elmer, Michele Bariteau, Matt Gorman, Liz Bonisteel, Bob Kimball, Ann Van
Slyke, Kathryn Ann Kolton (in spirit).

Bunny Gorman, immediate-past Session Clerk

Presbytery of Northern New York Administrative Commission:
Shea Zellweger, David Bennet (Resource Presbyter), Marty Weitz (Past Presbyterian Moderator), Darrell DeMotta, Tara Cole (Stated Clerk)

Marti Montovani, former associate pastor

Special thanks to:

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