

QUESTIONS OF ELDERS ELECT

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Moderator: Do we, members of the Church, accept these persons as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Moderator: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the Head of the Church?

People: We do.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #123

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

* Stand in body and or spirit

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Stockbridge Presbyterian Church

January 23, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS



***God put this power to work in Christ
when he raised him from the dead and seated him
at his right hand in the heavenly places.
Ephesians 1:20***

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP
(Please silence all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

PRELUDE

CHIMING THE TRINITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stephanie Dunn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PRAISE #317

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever.

(Time for Silent Personal Confession)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts.

People: **God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee.**

All: **In Jesus we are forgiven, freed, and renewed. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stephanie Phillips Ayoola

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:20-23; Matthew 13:37-43

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "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."

Rev. Kristy Ray

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE #550

"We Are the Church"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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.

BLESSING OF TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"
Sanctuary Choir

Spiritual

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION OF ELDERS ELECT

Terry Holmes, Aaron Roberts, Kim Seal

THE LITANY OF GIFTS

Pastor: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

People: **There are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.**

Pastor: To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

People: **For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.**