



*"In Baptism each Christian is called to ministry in Christ's name.  
God calls persons from the midst of the congregation  
to fulfill particular functions, so that the ministry  
of the whole people of God may flourish."  
(PCUSA Book of Order 2023-2025, p.106)*

**January 28, 2024**  
**Officer Ordination & Installation Sunday**

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**Director of Music**  
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# Loving God, Loving People, Making Disciples

## Gathering

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

### \*Chiming of the Hour and Presentation of the Word

#### Prelude

Variations on "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"  
David N. Johnson

#### Welcome and Covenant Life

#### Introit

"God of Grace and God of Glory"  
arr. Keith Christopher

### \*Call to Worship

One: It was Isaiah who said of his calling from God:

**All: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,**

One: to bring good news to the poor,

**All: and bind up the brokenhearted.**

One: To proclaim liberty to the captives,

**All: and release to the prisoners.**

One: To comfort all who mourn,

**All: and to give them a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit."**

One: Guided by the Spirit individually and collectively  
to do God's bidding,

**All: let us discern God's presence among us  
and sing God's praise!**

### \*Hymn of Praise, #12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

#### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession *(unison and silent prayers)*

Holy God, we are your good news people. Our lives are often filled with small and great joys. Your blessings abound. And we are at once humbled and grateful. At the same time, we remember that to whom much has been given, much is required; and that we who are blessed are ever called to be blessings to others. Dear Lord, forgive us when we complain about what we lack, rather than what we have. Forgive us when we deny help to others in need. Forgive us for our foolish and stubborn ways, our thoughtless and faithless acts, our disparaging and divisive words. Create in us a clean heart. Renew us in your Spirit. Reset our minds to seek and do your will in Christ, here, now, as we offer our silent prayers of confession...

*(silent prayers may be offered)*

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Response, #673 (verse 1)

"Jesus, Light of Joy"

*Children are invited to come forward as we sing.*

## Teaching

#### Time with Our Children

"Souper Bowl Jeopardy"  
Covenant Youth

### \*Passing of the Peace *(Greet one another, "Peace be with you.")*

*Children ages 4 – 11 may leave for Children's Worship  
in the Green Room and will return during the last hymn.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

Sharon Nanz

**Epistle Reading**

2 Corinthians 4:1-12 (Pew Bible, NT p. 159)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

"Holds, Proclaims, Embodies"

Dr. Kyle Allen

**Anthem**

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

arr. Kenneth T. Kosche

## ***Nurturing***

**Service of Officer Ordination and Installation**

**\*Opening Affirmation**

One: There are different gifts,  
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are varieties of ways to serve God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through people in different ways,

**All: but it is the same God who inspires faith in them.**

One: Each one is given gifts by the Spirit,  
to use for the common good.

**All: Together, we are the body of Christ. Amen.**

**Presentation of Ruling Elders and Deacons**

**Constitutional Questions for the Ordered Ministries  
of Ruling Elder and Deacon**

**Constitutional Questions for the Congregation**

Christopher Bircher

**Prayer of Ordination and Installation and the Lord's Prayer**

**Declaration of Ordination and Installation**

**\*Hymn of Commitment, #69**

"Here I Am, Lord"

**Celebration of Giving+**

**Offertory**

Chorale Fantasia on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"  
Janet Linker

## ***Reaching***

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Hymn of Devotion, #697 (verses 1-3)**

"Take My Life"

**Trinity Chimes**

*Our Trinity Chimes played before the postlude provide the opportunity to sit and enjoy the end of our service with music, or to exit quietly as our Livestream continues for this part of worship.*

**Postlude**

"O Love How Deep (Deo Gracias)"  
Stephen Gabrielsen

**Welcome!** We are blessed to have you join our worship today, and we hope to keep seeing you! More information about Covenant is available on our website at [covenantroanoke.org](http://covenantroanoke.org) and you can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter. We would love to get to know you better, and a card is available in the pew before you to begin this journey together.

**Greetings, Parents!** Children are always welcome in our worship services. If you so choose, a professionally staffed nursery is available for children ages 3 and younger downstairs. Please ask an usher for assistance. **We also have a Parents Room** just outside the Sanctuary, with a changing table and rocking chairs. **Children's bulletins and activity bags are available** on the table in Heritage Hall. **We offer Children's Worship** during the second half of the service for children ages 4 to 11.

**Cookies and lemonade await you!** After worship, all are welcome to gather in Heritage Hall (the entrance area) to visit with church members and guests. Thank you to Ellen Jones for hosting today

*The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God...*

*by Pranav Singh in loving memory of Leigh Singh,  
whose birth anniversary was on January 26;*

*Jean Martin in celebration of Rowena Stein  
becoming a United States citizen;*

*John and Meg Munton in thanksgiving for  
the new officers being installed.*

**Greeters:** Beth Allen, Jean Martin

**Ushers:** Rick Aydtlett, Christopher Bircher, Jonathan Fiedler, Seth Kepley

**Liturgist:** Sharon Nanz

**Elder of the Month:** Anne Hoge **Deacon of the Month:** Scott Ramsburg

**Assistant Deacon of the Month:** Lisa Farthing

**Sound:** Roger Dickenson **Video/Livestream:** Jena Bircher, Pranav Singh



**In Our Prayers . . . Church Members:** Mary Glenn Aydtlett, Christine Beck, Tricia Cronise, Mary Jane Fisher, Lynnmarie Hancock, Jerry Lawson, Lindsey Nanz, Peggy Phillips, Ann Cecil Renick, Jim Ryals, Carol Ryan, June and Forrest Smith, Jo Wilson, Betty Young, caregivers, military service members and families

**Family & Friends:** Rob Adcox, Rob Ahlers, Lowell Bashlor, Jr., Kenneth Benner, William "Buzz" Caddell, Mike Cummings, Patrick Dooley, Cesia Enriquez, Peggy Evans, Heather Ford, Jim Haugen, Tyler and Rochelle Holm, the people of Malawi, Jim McGill, Becky Meisner, Mike Overacker, Bob & Betty Sizemore, Ezra Schuyler Soto, Joseph "Joe" Wallace, Daniel Woodbury, Religious violence against Christians in northeast India

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