

# St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 14, 2024**

**Ordination and Installation  
of New Officers**



**Pastor**  
**Director of Christian Education**  
**Director of Music/Organist**  
**Clerk of Session**  
**Church Office Administrator**

**Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns**  
**Rev. Dr. Randall McGee**  
**Mr. Gary O'Neal**  
**Ms. Diane Llywelyn**  
**Ms. Darlene Wright**

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**We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Gary O'Neal, Organist  
(arr. Gilbert M. Martin)

*(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)*

**Welcome and \*Greeting One Another** Pastor

\* **Call to Worship** (Responsive) Liturgist

Let us come to worship God.

**God is the source of life.**

God brings fruitfulness and abundance.

**God carries us through the challenges that life brings.**

God enables us to serve fully and freely.

**Let us offer our thankful hearts in praise.**

\* **Hymn** "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" No. 396

\* **Prayer of Adoration**

\* **Gloria Patri** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" No. 582

**Time with Young Disciples**

**Call to Confession** Pastor

**Prayer of Confession** (Responsive) Pastor and Congregation

Our hearts are hard, O God.

**Soften them with your love.**

Our hands are clenched, O God.

**Open them with your grace.**

Our feet are planted too firmly, O God.

**Invite us to dance with you.**

We know our lives are not our own. Help us to live and move and have

**Our being in you, O God. Amen.**

*(In silence, confess your personal sins to God.)*

**Kyrie Eleison** "Lord, Have Mercy" No. 551

\* **Invitation to Stand**

## **Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Pastor and Congregation

(Responsive)

Our God affirms us for who we are. Our brokenness is made whole. Our sin is forgiven. Our lives overflow with faith.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Liturgist

First Reading: Psalm 139:1-18 (p. 521-522 Pew Bible)

Liturgist

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Response: Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: John 8:4-11 (p. 894 Pew Bible)

Pastor

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**Response: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **Sermon**

"Presbyterian Passions:  
The Church Must Be a Safe Place"

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

## **Anthem**

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"  
(arr. by Jack Schrader)

Sanctuary Choir

## **Officer Ordination/Installation** (see insert)

### \* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

Pastor and Congregation

– 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.**

## **Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

Pastor and Congregation

**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.**

\* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** Doxology No. 606

*A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.*

*If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the offering plates located at the front and back of the Sanctuary after the worship service.*

\* **Prayer of Dedication** Pastor

\* **Hymn** “God of Grace and God of Glory” No. 307

\* **Charge and Benediction** Pastor

\* **Postlude** Gary O’Neal, Organist

Assisting in worship today is Susie Miller, Liturgist.

The usher is Dorothy Moore.



### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Sunday	1:00	Community Guitar Jam
Tuesday	6:00	Steward. and Finance Com. Mtg.
	6:00	Mission and Membership Com. Mtg.
Wednesday	6:00	Way Out Wednesday Mtg.
Thursday	6:00	Zoom Yoga

### **SESSION MEMBERS** **Diane Llywelyn – Clerk**

#### Class of 2025

Bill Grayson  
Daniel Robinson  
Leigh Taylor

#### Class of 2026

Diane Llywelyn  
Bill Oney  
Charlene Taylor

#### Class of 2027

Dorothy Moore  
Ann O’Neal  
Lorraine Stephen

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE OF ELDERS

### PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Ruling Elder: Mr. Moderator, representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of Saint Mark Presbyterian now ordains Ann O'Neal to the office of Elder and installs her to active service. The session also installs to active service those who have been previously ordained, elders Dorothy Moore and Lorraine Stephen.

### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

Moderator: 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?

Candidates: **I do.**

Moderator: 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?

Candidates: **I do.**

Moderator: 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?

Candidates: **I do and I will.**

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

Candidates: **I will.**

Moderator: 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?

Candidates: **I will.**

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

Candidates: **I will.**

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

Candidates: **I do.**

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

Candidates: **I will.**

Moderator: Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Candidates: **I will.**

### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE PEOPLE

Ruling Elder: Do we, the 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.**

Ruling Elder: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow them as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?  
People: **We do.**

### **PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Moderator: Eternal God, we give thanks for your steadfast faithfulness to us. In every age you have called forth leaders to serve you and equipped them with your gifts. Among your people Israel, you anointed prophets, priests, and rulers. You called pastors and teachers, bishops, elders, and deacons to build up your church. With Moses, the seventy elders bore the burdens of your people, ministering in the power of your Spirit. Alongside the apostles, deacons cared for all in need and guarded the community's peace. In the church, deacons, elders, and pastors serve together so that your whole people might be equipped for ministry, and built up into the full unity of Christ. For your servants in every age, O God, and for the church of Jesus Christ, we give you all thanks and praise for the ordination of Ann O'Neal as elder. And all the people said "Amen."

People: **Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR ELDERS**

Moderator: God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit on Dorothy Moore, Ann O'Neal and Lorraine Stephen, that they may be your faithful elders in the church. Give them prudence and sound judgment, wisdom and courage to order the life of the church in obedience to your Word. Nourish them in the life of the Holy Spirit, that they may exercise the ministry of discipline with humility and compassion. Guide them in governance, on this session and in every court of the church that they may be servant leaders following Christ who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life to set others free. Give them joy in their walk of faith and a sure sense of your abiding presence for their work of ministry. Let us pray with one voice.

People: **Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism as your own and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit 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 the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.**

Ruling Elder: 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 this congregation 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 servants of the Gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the Good News of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. And all the people said "Amen."

People: **Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Moderator: Dorothy Moore, Ann O'Neal and Lorraine Stephen, you are now installed elders called to leadership for Saint Mark Presbyterian Church. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. And all the people said "Amen."

People: **Amen.**

## RECOGNITION OF TRUSTEE

### SENTENCES OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

(Ephesians 4:1-6)

Moderator: Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

People: **There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

### CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Moderator: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

People: **The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the Gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of heaven to the world.**

Moderator: The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

Ruling Elder: Mr. Moderator, Jeff Taylor has been elected to serve as trustee of Saint Mark Presbyterian Church. We wish to recognize the responsibility he has accepted.

Moderator: Jeff Taylor, God has given you special gifts to serve Him, and we have chosen you for special work. Under the laws of the state, you will hold and manage properties and, as authorized, conduct business for the church. By your energy, honesty and fairness you will demonstrate Christian faith to those you deal with on our behalf.

### QUESTION TO THE TRUSTEE

Ruling Elder: Do you promise to give the business affairs of this congregation your devoted attention, to encourage generosity and, in all your dealing, work to further our service of Jesus Christ in the world?

Trustee: **I do.**

## QUESTION TO THE PEOPLE

Ruling Elder: Do you receive Jeff Taylor as your trustee and do you promise to support him in his work for Saint Mark Presbyterian Church?

People: **We do.**

## COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Moderator: Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Jeff Taylor to this time and place. Establish him in your truth, and guide him by your Holy Spirit, that in your service he may grow in faith, hope, and love and be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Let us pray with one voice.

People: **Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your Kingdom. Amen.**

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

Moderator: Jeff Taylor, you are commissioned to service as trustee for Saint Mark Presbyterian Church. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. Let us welcome him with one voice.

People: **May the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**