

The Downtown Presbyterian Church
January 10, 2021
Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders

Introduction (David Maddox)

Opening Prayer (David Maddox)

Bless, the Lord, O my soul

O Lord our God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

Be with us this day in our homes and other spaces

As we gather to install Samera, Tom, and Tom and ordain and install Leslee to lead this church in the coming years.

You have blessed them with the gifts for this call, and blessed us by bringing them to us.

Let us this day remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ,
and celebrate God's particular call to our sisters and brothers. Amen.

Statement on Ordination and Installation (Rev. Scott Huie)

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant (Rev. Huie)

L: (the minister continues) ...

Ordination calls the whole church to renewed commitment,
and reminds us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ
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.

L: Do you publicly profess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and recommit yourselves to discipleship in his name?

P: I do.

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

P: I do.

L: Do you promise to live the Christian faith and share that faith in word and deed with others as the Spirit gives you opportunity?

P: I will, with God's help.

Profession (Rev. Huie)

L: With the universal church, let us confess our faith using the
Apostles' Creed.

**P: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

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Constitutional Questions to Elders (Rev. Huie)

Questions for the Congregation (Maddox)

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept Tom Byl, Leslee Hughes, Tom Wills, and Samera Zavaro as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
2. Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Prayer of Ordination (Rev. Huie)

All teaching and ruling elders are invited to symbolically raise hands as if physically putting them on the elder to be ordained

Declaration of Ordination and Installation (Rev. Huie)

Welcome and Benediction (Rev. Huie)