



New Covenant

Presbyterian Church

New Covenant Presbyterian Church
Richmond Hill, GA

The Order of Worship for the Ordination and Installation
of Pastor-Elect Mr. David Senters
June 7, 2020 – 5:30 pm

Prelude

Introduction of the Commission of Presbytery and Guests.....Mr. David Senters

Call to Worship.....RE Rob Shepherd
Psalm 100:1-5, “Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”

Prayer of Invocation.....RE Rob Shepherd

Hymn of PraiseThe Congregation
Praise to the Lord, The Almighty (Trinity Hymnal #53)

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

Confession of Faith.....RE Rob Shepherd
Heidelberg Catechism 27

Question: What do you understand by the providence of God?

Answer: The almighty everywhere present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Gloria Patri.....The Congregation
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.*

The Reading and Preaching of the Word.....Rev. Chad Watkins

Sermon Title: Ezra 7:1-10

"¹ Now after this, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, son of Azariah, son of Hilkiah, ² son of Shallum, son of Zadok, son of Ahitub, ³ son of Amariah, son of Azariah, son of Meraioth, ⁴ son of Zerahiah, son of Uzzi, son of Bukki, ⁵ son of Abishua, son of Phinehas, son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the chief priest—⁶ this Ezra went up from Babylonia. He was a scribe skilled in the Law of Moses that the Lord, the God of Israel, had given, and the king granted him all that he asked, for the hand of the Lord his God was on him. ⁷ And there went up also to Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king, some of the people of Israel, and some of the priests and Levites, the singers and gatekeepers, and the temple servants. ⁸ And Ezra came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. ⁹ For on the first day of the first month he began to go up from Babylonia, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, for the good hand of his God was on him. ¹⁰ For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel."

Sermon Text: *A Manual for Ministry*

Sermon Outline:

1) The Minister's Strength

2) The Minister's Labor

3) The Minister's Life

4) The Minister's Task

Hymn of Response.....The Congregation
Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! (Trinity Hymnal #498)

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

1 Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me,
he, my Savior, makes me whole.

3 Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking,
he, my comfort, helps my soul. *[Refrain]*

Refrain:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
he is with me to the end.

4 Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
he, my pilot, hears my cry. *[Refrain]*

2 Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *[Refrain]*

5 Jesus! I do now receive him,
more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine. *[Refrain]*

Review of Presbytery Proceedings.....RE Mark Bowyer

The Questions for Ordination – BCO 21-5.....Rev. Evan Gear

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?
8. Are you now willing to take the charge of this church, agreeable to your declaration when accepting their call? And do you, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties of a pastor?

The Questions to the Congregation – BCO 21-6.....RE Bobby Wise

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive David Senters, whom you have called to be your pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

Ordination Prayer & Laying on of Hands.....Rev. Chad Watkins, Commission, and Elders

Right Hand of Fellowship & Pronouncement.....Rev. Bob Ellis

Charge to the Pastor.....Rev. Michael Brown

Charge to the Congregation.....RE Travis Peacock

Prayer for Church and Ministry.....RE Mark Bowyer

Final Hymn.....The Congregation
The Church's One Foundation (Trinity Hymnal #347)

The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish,
is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her,
and false sons in her pale,
against or foe or traitor
she ever shall prevail.

5 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

6 Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

The Benediction.....Rev. David Senters

Numbers 6:24-26, “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

Thank you for attending today’s service.

The Ordination and Installation Commission of the Savannah River Presbytery

Rev. Michael Brown, Associate Pastor.....First Presbyterian Church
Pooler, Georgia

Rev. Evan Gear, Assistant Pastor.....Independent Presbyterian Church
Savannah, Georgia

Rev. Bob Ellis.....Honorably Retired
Savannah River Presbytery

Mr. Travis Peacock, Ruling Elder.....New Covenant Presbyterian Church
Richmond Hill, Georgia

Mr. Bobby Wise, Ruling Elder.....New Covenant Presbyterian Church
Richmond Hill, Georgia

Mr. Mark Bowyer, Ruling Elder.....New Covenant Presbyterian Church
Richmond Hill, Georgia

Mr. Rob Shepherd, Ruling Elder.....New Covenant Presbyterian Church
Richmond Hill, Georgia

Rev. Chad Watkins, Senior Pastor, Guest Preacher.....Westminster Presbyterian Church
Fort Walton Beach, Florida