

# First Presbyterian Church - Barre



## Installation Service of Reverend Dwight McCormick

*March 15, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.*

## GATHERING

*Today's hymns are from the purple "Glory to God" hymnal. This service is being recorded for viewing on Facebook and on our website. Please guard your privacy as best you see fit.*

**Prelude** "The Call" Neill Cerutti  
(Words, George Herbert; Music, R. Vaughan Williams)

**Opening Sentences** Rev. Dr. Scott DeBlock, Resource Presbyter,  
Presbytery of Northern New England

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** *And also with you.*

**Gathering Prayer** Rev. Dr. Scott DeBlock, PNNE

**Hymn #700** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

- 1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
- 2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
- 3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**
- 4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**Confession and Pardon** Diane Nichols-Fleming, Ruling Elder,  
First Presbyterian Church – Barre

One: Even when we were dead through our sin, our merciful and loving God made us alive together with Christ and raised us up through him. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

**All:** *Merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for your service. We confess that we have not lived*

***up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.***

One: Lead a life worthy of your calling – with humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: *And also with you.***

## **WORD**

<b>Prayer for Illumination</b>	Jim Nichols-Fleming, Clerk of Session, First Presbyterian Church – Barre; Commission on Ministry, Presbytery of Northern New England
<b>Hebrew Bible Reading</b>	Jonah 3, 4      Diane Nichols-Fleming, FPC - Barre
<b>Musical Meditation</b>	“The Summons” (v. 1-4)      Neil and Emma Cerutti
<b>New Testament Reading</b>	Philippians 4:4-7      Rev. Matt Matthews, Co-Pastor, Waldensian Presbyterian Church, Valdese, NC
<b>Sermon</b>	“Rejoice? Seriously?”      Rev. Matt Matthews, WPC - Valdese

## **INSTALLATION**

**Scripture**      Chris Fuhrmeister, Commissioned Ruling Elder;  
Moderator-Elect, Presbytery of Northern New England

One: Hear these words from the first letter to the Corinthians 12:4-7, 27.  
There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: *There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.***

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

One: Together, we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

## Statement on Ordination

Chris Fuhrmeister, PNNE

## Profession of Faith

One: As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls 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.

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

**Rev. McCormick: I do.**

One: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**Rev. McCormick: I do.**

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**Rev. McCormick: I will with God's help.**

## Confession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

One: Do you believe in God the Creator, the Source of all life, Father and Mother of us all?

**All: I believe in God, the Creator Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Redeemer, the one through whom all things came into being?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit, the Sustainer, who hovered over the waters at Creation and descended at Pentecost?

***All: 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.***

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Dennis Kauppila, Ruling Elder,  
Presbyterian Church of Barnet

One: The Lord be with you.

***All: And also with you.***

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.***

One: Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise, telling the story of your power in the moment of creation and the liberation of the Exodus.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit. Through the baptism of his death and resurrection you set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you for pouring out your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

We rejoice that you have claimed us in our baptism and anointed us for service in Christ's name, and that by your grace we are born anew.

By your Holy Spirit, renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

***All: Amen***

## Constitutional Questions

Dennis Kauppila, PC of Barnet

One: Dwight, in baptism, you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world. Now you are called by God through the voice of the church for new service and ministry in Jesus' name. In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), show your commitment to this calling by responding to the following questions: 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, Creator, Christ, and Spirit?

***Rev. McCormick: I do.***

One: 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?

***Rev. McCormick: I do.***

One: 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?

***Rev. McCormick: I do and I will with God's help.***

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

***Rev. McCormick: I will with God's help.***

One: 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?

***Rev. McCormick: I will with God's help.***

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

***Rev. McCormick: I will with God's help.***

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

***Rev. McCormick: I do.***

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

**Rev. McCormick: I will with God's help.**

One: Will you be a faithful minister of the Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**Rev. McCormick: I will with God's help.**

### **Congregational Questions**

Jim Nichols-Fleming, FPC - Barre

One: Do we, the members of the church, accept Dwight as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**All: We do.**

One: Do we agree to pray for him, to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who is Head of the Church?

**All: We do.**

One: Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him and his daughters in trouble and share their joys?

**All: We do.**

One: Will we listen to the Word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

**All: We do.**

### **Prayer and Declaration of Installation**

Rev. Dr. Scott DeBlock, PNNE

### **Charge to the Newly Installed**

Rev. Skye Murray, Chaplain, Spiritual Health and Dartmouth Health Children's Team, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH

## Charge to Congregation

Diane Nichols-Fleming, FPC - Barre

## Hymn #741

"Guide My Feet" (verses 1-4)

- 1. Guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race; guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!**
- 2. Hold my hand while I run this race; hold my hand while I run this race; hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain!**
- 3. Stand by me while I run this race; Stand by me while I run this race; Stand by me while I run this race; for I don't want to run this race in vain!**
- 4. I'm your child while I run this race; I'm your child while I run this race; I'm your child while I run this race; for I don't want to run this race in vain.**

## COMMUNION

Rev. Dwight McCormick, FPC-Barre and Rev. Skye Murray, DHMC

## Invitation

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: May the God who saves us be with you.

**All: *May the God of redemption be with you.***

One: Let us offer our hearts to our God of grace.

**All: *We open them that God may fill them with life and hope.***

One: Come and sing glad praises to the God who is with us.

**All: *With great joy and hope, we join in glad choruses of praise.***

One: Out of the dried up well called chaos, Divining God, you brought forth creation gushing with living waters, that ran through valleys towards oceans, that sprinkled flowers on forest floors, that gave nourishment to birds, to animals and to those shaped in your image, who were offered all the gracious gifts which flowed from your heart...

...With those who rejoice always and again, with those who long to be brought home, we lift our voices to you:

**All: *Holy, holy, holy are you, God who saves us. We rejoice with all creation in praising you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes to baptize us with new life and with the Spirit. Hosanna in the highest!***

One: ...Though you are holy being knowing, God of this season, you chose hope to be embodied in Jesus, your Child... Surely his resurrection gives us new hope and life, surely we bear the fruit of his grace and life, even as we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

**All: *Surely, on that day, Jesus gave his life for those he loved; surely, on that morning, Jesus was raised to new life; surely, in that time to come, Jesus will gather us to new life.***

## **Words of Institution**

“O holy God of the ages, may your Spirit descend upon those of us gathered and on the gifts which fill the sacred table... And when all time and history has ended and we are brought home at the last, we will sing full throttle with our sisters and brothers, with great joy, hope, wonder, and praise of your enduring goodness and grace, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.” (c, 2018 Thom M. Shuman)

Come, for all is ready.

## **Communion of the People**

## **Prayer after Communion**

## SENDING

### Closing Hymn #157

"I Danced in the Morning"

1. I danced in the morning when the word was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.
2. I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance and they would not follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John. They came with me and the dance went on.
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame. The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and left me there on a cross to die.
4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black. It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on.
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high. I am the life that will never, never die. I'll live in you if you'll live in me, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

### Benediction

Rev. Dwight McCormick

### Postlude

"You Raise Me Up"  
(Brendan Graham, Rolf Lovland)

Emma Cerutti

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to the Holy Spirit for guiding us to serve alongside one another. It is a blessing we share and will enjoy as we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

Thanks to everyone who worshiped God alongside one another today.

Thank you Alison, Emma, and Neil Cerutti for our worship music!

Thanks to the FPC Pastor Nominating Committee, the Session, and the Congregation of FPC - Barre.

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Thank you Rev. Matt Matthews for preaching, and for your patience at not having popsicles available after worship.

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Thanks to Dottye Ricks for compiling and printing our Order of Worship.

Thank you Cindy Hooker for compiling and posting our digital bulletin for our online Order of Worship.

Thanks to the FPC Nominating Committee who put together our beautiful reception following worship.

***Please join us downstairs in the vestry for food and conversation!***

## OUR CHURCH

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