

**Service of Installation for the Rev. Dr. Hilary E. Livingston
Providence Presbyterian Church
Sunday, November 3, 2024 – 3:00 PM**

Prelude

Welcome Presbytery Moderator Janet Kephart

*Call To Worship (Psalm 100) Ruling Elder Rick Herbster

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness, come into his presence with singing.

P: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his.

L: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

L: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

P: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

*Unison Opening Prayer Ruling Elder Rick Herbster

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us in this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us, that we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Processional Hymn *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”* # 263

Unison Prayer of Confession Rev. Brian Choi

Almighty God, by water and our Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your own and called the church into being. We confess that we hold back the love of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit and make strong our common witness to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon Rev. Brian Choi

*Gloria Patri # 583

Choir Anthem *“Be In Our Gathering”* Sandra T. Ford
Violin Descant-Dr. Carole Parsons and Alyssa Conway

Prayer of Illumination Commissioned Ruling Elder Leanne Gill Peters

Scripture Reading I Corinthians 1: 18-25

Sermon Commissioned Ruling Elder Leanne Gill Peters

Offering Rev. Dennis Braun

Today’s offering supports the Clergy Emergency Fund of Huntingdon Presbytery. The purpose of the fund is to assist with one time, emergency needs of our pastors.

*Doxology *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* # 608

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Dennis Braun

Unison Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical version)
Ruling Elder Diana Dawson

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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again 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.

Service of Installation *(see insert)*

Charge to Newly Installed Pastor Rev. Joy Kaufmann

Charge to Congregation Rev. Mary Morrow

*Recessional Hymn *“Here I Am, Lord”* 69

*Benediction The Rev. Dr. Hilary Livingston

Recessional/Postlude

** Please stand as you are able.*

***Our warmest thanks to the members of
the Huntingdon Presbytery Installation Commission:***

*Ruling Elder Janet Kephart
Huntingdon Presbytery Moderator*

*Rev. Dennis Braun
Teaching Elder, Retired, Huntingdon Presbytery*

*Rev. Brian Choi
Teaching Elder, Juniata/Ward Avenue Presbyterian Church*

*Ruling Elder Diana Dawson
Corresponding Member
Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church/ Pittsburgh Presbytery
and Hilary's cousin*

*Ruling Elder Rick Herbster
Providence Presbyterian Church*

*Rev. Joy Kaufmann
Teaching Elder, Visitation Pastor, Lewistown Presbyterian Church*

*Rev. Mary Morrow
Teaching Elder, Penn State University Advisor*

*Commissioned Ruling Elder Leanne Gill Peters
Grace United/Fruit Hill Presbyterian Church*

And warmest thanks to other participants in today's service:

*Ruling Elder Barb Hazlett – Clerk of Session
Providence Presbyterian Church*

Carol McCracken – Organist, Providence Presbyterian Church

*The Providence Presbyterian Church Choir
led by Choir Director Peggy Horner*

Violinists, Dr. Carole Parsons and Alyssa Conway

***Please join us for a reception in our
Fellowship Hall following the installation service.***



Installation

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Service of Installation

Litany of Gifts

Presbytery Moderator Janet Kephart

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

*If your gift is to hear God's Word,
speak it out in faith.*

*If your gift is service,
live to serve others.*

*If your gift is the heart of a teacher,
teach what is true.*

*Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;
let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.*

*Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,
**serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering,
constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.***

Statement on the Ministry of the Church

Presbytery Moderator Janet Kephart

We are called out by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together we are to display the new reality that sin is forgiven, reconciliation accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down. As the living body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives, and to demonstrate Christ's love in service to the world. We are called to undertake this mission even at the risk of life, trusting God in all things. In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our time, a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work. Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

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.

The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ. The particular responsibility of the ministry of the Word and Sacrament is to build up the church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly celebrated. The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by the candidate, and approved by the Presbytery. Therefore Huntingdon Presbytery, by means of this commission, now installs the Rev. Dr. Hilary Livingston as Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church.

In her baptism, Hilary was clothed with Christ. She was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament by Pittsburgh Presbytery and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our Sister, to serve among us as pastor.

Constitutional Questions to the Pastor

Presbytery Moderator Janet Kephart

Constitutional Questions to Congregation Clerk of Session Barb Hazlett

Prayer of Installation

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Declaration of Installation and Welcome by the Presbytery