

Date: January 19, 2025
Season of Epiphany
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day & the
Ordination & Installation of
New Church Officers

Prayer of Preparation

Living Christ, your earthly ministry was full of struggle as well as joy; yet you were faithful in following God's will. Breathe your Spirit into our lives that we may never fall back from the way of discipleship or the effort of loving. Grant that we may find true joy and peace as we accept the cost of faithful discipleship. Amen.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Be Thou My Vision

Irish Folk Tune

Welcome

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

When fear is holding you back,

Come and see, and follow Christ.

When despair has brought you down,

Lift up your head, and follow Christ.

When all seems lost and the world is too harsh,

Take his hand, and follow Christ.

*Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

GTG 834

***Confessing Our Separation from God** (unison)

Liturgist

Gracious God, we confess that in the pursuit of our own dreams and desires, we have not always been civil, not always humane, not always right. Guided by your Spirit, what we would like to do is change the world – make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as You intended them to do. Help us to be your witnesses, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly

for the rights of the workers the poor, and the destitute – the rights of the worthy and the unworthy poor, so that together, with your help, change the world. Enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, and to love our enemy as our friend. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds
Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close;
Closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Liturgist

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 49:1-7 Liturgist
Source: The New International Version

Anthem *Beautiful City* Stephen Schwartz
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Reflection Called to Be More

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of the Candidates Silvia Ritchie, Chair,
Nominating Committee

Elders: Class 2027: Harvey James Miller (Jim), Karen Palermo, and Edward Pillsbury and Class 2026: Ricky Bixby

Board of Deacons: Class 2027: Patricia Workman Paleen (Patti), and

*Carol Pillsbury, *Betty Jean Schwarz (* second term)

Litany of Gifts: Installation and Ordination

(based on 1Co. 12:4-7, 27)

There are varieties of gifts,

But the same Spirit gives them,

There are different ways of serving God,

But it is the same Lord who is served,

God works through people in different ways,

But it is the same God who inspires a faithful response,

Each one is given gifts by the Spirit, to use for the common good.

Together we are the Body of Christ

Constitutional Questions of the Candidates

Pastor Eddie

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Karen Palermo

Do we the members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, accept these sisters and brothers, chosen by God, through the voice of this congregation, to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **ALL: We do?**

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?

ALL: We do?

The Laying of Hands

Pastor Eddie

***Affirmation of Faith**

I Believe in Jesus

Marc Nelson

**Prayers of the People of God –
Joys and Hopes**

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory:

*We Are Marching in the Light of God
Siyahamba*

GTG 853

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God**

GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison)

Liturgist

Generous God, you have already given us all that we need. Help us trust your continued care, that we may share with others the abundance of your blessings. Strengthen us for service and remind us of the great joy that awaits those who answer your call. Accept our gifts and give us new songs of praise as we celebrate the opportunity to be in ministry. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

GTG 339

***Benediction**

Postlude

Next Week's Liturgist: Nancy Brock

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Lois Gillespie

Ushers: Greg Estes and Jim Miller

Music: David Libby

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE -
Please let Silvia know if you need a box.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 8 – FEBURARY 26 @ 10-11:15am- Adult Ed Bible Study: “Questioning Scripture” with Alan Keohane.

Questioning Scripture is an interactive visual tour of the bible organized chronologically. It builds on Picturing Scripture. Please join us for these interesting and thought-provoking sessions on Genesis. This is a Zoom class **only** - the link is accessible on the Back of the Bulletin email and on WPC’s website.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 @ 10am - SUNDAY SERVICE and ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS - Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service for light refreshments, sponsored by the Mission Committee. Stay for Fellowship, Stay for Joy: Where Faith and Friendship Flourish!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 @ 10am – SUNDAY SERVICE WITH FELLOWSHIP – immediately after the service, refreshments and a light lunch will be available in the Fellowship Hall (sponsored by The Fellowship Committee).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

More than 150,000 **residents of the Los Angeles area** have been impacted by the devastating wildfires. We pray for the spirit of Hope...hope for tomorrow, hope to rebuild, hope for a clean safe place to live during reconstruction, hope to keep families intact and hope for the courage and strength that will be required. We pray that assistance with food, shelter, clothing, and emotional support will be available and accessible to all who need it. Lord, have mercy.

Johanna Ekas is the wife of Bonnie Ekas' son, Paul. Johanna's father, John Haddox, has passed from this life to his eternal life. Johanna's mother is also seriously ill. He was surrounded by loved ones. Our prayers of sympathy and condolence go out to John's wife, Jodie, as well as his daughter, Johanna, and her husband, Paul Ekas. May they draw strength from each other and comfort from Our Savior's promise of salvation.

Ailing

Susanne (daughter of Wes and Connie Paulson)

Don Smith

Paul Wildey (friend of Charlotte Jacobs and John Still)

Eleanor Marchtmon

Betty Pratt – hospice care

Barbara -a neighbor of Jackie and Sam Sapio, recently suffered a stroke that left her dependent upon a wheelchair for mobility

Surgery/Post Surgery/Accident

Glenn Dixon fell last Saturday and broke his hip

Grieving

Barbara McCoy (friend of Mike and Maureen Quinn) – passing of her partner

Doris Hagan (friend of Eleanor Marchtmon) - passing of her daughter

Jim Rispoli cousin of Carol Pillsbury, who lost his struggle with Parkinson's Disease

Harvey – grandson of Rev. Doug Gerdts, retired clergy New Castle Presbytery

Tracey Gamble – spouse of Jim Gamble