

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**      WEST END PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
JANUARY 9, 2022 | BAPTISM OF THE LORD & OFFICER ORDINATION/INSTALLATION



*Pavol Oslavsky*

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR T. WES

PRELUDE

“THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS JESUS”

ARR. MARK HAYES

Before this morning's worship service begins, please greet one another in Christian love, taking special care to welcome those who you do not know. May all who enter know that West End Presbyterian Church is a warm and welcoming congregation.

Please sign the attendance sheet located in the Narthex.

EVERYONE IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK during worship and all other indoor and outdoor functions at the church.

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

✠When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body and/or spirit.

Children of all ages are invited to join us on the steps during a time for the child in us all.

Before reading from the Bible, we seek the illumination of the Holy Spirit and call upon God to make us receptive to the life-giving Word that comes to us through both the reading and proclamation of Scripture.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

LAURA PITTS, LITURGIST

Beloved, God chooses us and calls us by name.

**We belong to God. Alleluia!**

Our lives have purpose because we belong to God.

**We are called to be like Christ and follow him.**

We will find joy, peace, and restoration through God's amazing grace.

**Let us worship God who claims us and loves us! Praise be to God!**

## ✠HYMN NO. 401

"HERE IN THIS PLACE"

GATHER US IN

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, but we confess that we prefer our old, familiar ways. We cling to destructive habits, we harbor grudges, and we are reluctant to welcome a stranger or forgive one another. Nostalgia for the past prevents us from exploring new possibilities. In your loving kindness, forgive us. Have mercy upon us and move among us so that we might courageously pursue new life in Christ together.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Do not be afraid, for Christ has redeemed you.

Baptized in the deep waters of death, he has washed away your sins.

Risen from death, he invites you to be washed in the cleansing tide of God's mercy.

Your sins are forgiven; be at peace with God, with yourself, and with each other.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### HYMN OF WELCOMING

"WHERE CHILDREN BELONG"

RITCHIE

**This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.**

**Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.**

### A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

PASTOR T. WES

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### THE WORD READ

ISAIAH 43:1-7

PAGE 631, OT, PEW BIBLE

*The Word of God for the People of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"HERE I AM, LORD"

DAN SCHUTTE, ARR. MARK HAYES

*The Word of God for the People of God.*

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

PASTOR T. WES

“GRATITUDE AND COURAGE”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Confession of 1967 9.17*

God has created human beings for a personal relation with himself that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created human beings and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

- ✦ STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
- ✦ CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CHURCH OFFICERS
- ✦ PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
- ✦ THE LAYING ON OF HANDS
- ✦ DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
- ✦ WELCOME AND CHARGE

### INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

As you leave worship today, you are invited to place your offering in the offering plates found at the exits.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits. Amen.

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

✠DOXOLOGY NO. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God our Maker, we bring our gifts to you in thanksgiving for your gifts to us in Christ and in creation.  
Bless what we bring and who we are, so that our gifts will bless the world you love in Christ's name. Amen.

## WE FOLLOW GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠HYMN NO. 463

"HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

FOUNDATION

✠CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠POSTLUDE

"WADE IN THE WATER"

ARR. MARK HAYES



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