



**Erwin Presbyterian Church
Holston Presbytery**

**Installation Service of
the Rev. Dr. Ramy N. Marcos
as Pastor of
Erwin Presbyterian Church**

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost * November 5, 2023 * 3:00 p.m.
105 N. Elm Ave., Erwin, TN 37650 * 423-743-3431* erwinpresbyterianchurch.com

Prelude

Prelude on "Old Hundredth"

arr. Dale Wood

Ethan Thomas, organist

Welcome and Announcements

Scott Shults

Introit

We Have Come into His House

Green Hymnbook, #224

***Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 34)**

Rev. Diana Moore

Leader: Bless the Lord at all times

All: Our souls praise God

Leader: We sought the Lord, and he answered

All: The Lord delivered us from all fears.

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good!

All: Let us exalt our God, our refuge!

***Hymn**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Red Hymnbook, #379

Call to Confession

Rev. Diana Moore

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Diana Moore

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

(Please take a moment of silent confession)

Leader: We pray in Jesus' name

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Diana Moore

Leader: *Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.*

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Red Hymnbook, #546

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.

***Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Diana Moore

Leader: Jesus said, “My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.” May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Please take a moment to greet one another and share the peace of Christ.

Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. David D. Grafton

Scripture Reading- Acts 2:1-12

Rev. Dr. David D. Grafton

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. **6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. **7** Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” **8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome **11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” **12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *A global church in Erwin – what does this mean?* Rev. Dr. David D. Grafton

Declaration of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

Rev. Diana Moore

Leader: Let's confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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 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.

Prayer of the People

Rev. Diana Moore

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Invitation to the Offering (Presbytery Pastoral Care Fund)

Rev. Diana Moore

Leader: With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

(may the ushers move forward and collect the offering)

Offertory Music

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Red Hymnbook, #544

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication.**

Rev. Diana Moore

Leader: O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives.

All: Amen.

**Installation of Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos
as pastor of
Erwin Presbyterian Church, Erwin, Tennessee**

**The Statement of Purpose of the Commission
& Presentation of the Candidate**

Rev. Diana Moore

The Constitutional Questions to the Minister

Rev. Rodney Norris

- a. 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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do**
- b. 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? **I do**
- c. 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? **I do and I will**
- d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will**
- e. 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? **I will**
- f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will**
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do**
- h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will**
- i. 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? **I will**

The Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Betty Stevens

a. Do we, the members of the church, accept [name] as our (associate) pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All: We do.

b. 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 alone is Head of the Church?

All: We do.

c. Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joys? Will we listen to the Word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor [her/his] authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

All: We do and we will.

Prayer of Installation

Connie Griffith

Declaration of Installation & Welcome by Commission

Rev. Rodney Norris

Charge to Minister

Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Davis

Charge to Congregation

Rev. Karen Russell

Hymn

Here I am Lord, Lord

Green Hymnal,#589 v.1, 2

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Breaking the Bread

Communion

Leader: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen

Leader: The blood of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen

***Hymn**

Take My Life

Green Hymnal, #597 v.1, 2, 3

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Benediction Response

Shalom

**Shalom to you now, Shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies Bless you, my friends.
In all your living, and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Postlude

Postlude on March from "Scipio"

arr. G. F. Handel

Ethan Thomas, organist

- * Responses with an asterisk indicate standing. Please stand as you are able.
- Today's offering benefits the Pastoral Care Fund for the financial needs of church professionals.
 - You are cordially invited to join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall downstairs immediately following the service.

Announcements

Installation Commission of Holston Presbytery:

- **Ruling Elder Betty Stevens** (Erwin Presbyterian Church),
- **Commissioned Ruling Elder Connie Griffith** (Rock Creek Presbyterian Church),
- **Teaching Elder Rev. Karen Russell** (Transitional Executive Presbyter, Holston Presbytery),
- **Teaching Elder Rev. Diana Moore** (Transitional Stated Clerk, Holston Presbytery),
- **Teaching Elder Rev. Rodney Norris** (Rogersville Presbyterian Church, Holston Presbytery Moderator).

Session Meeting November 14 (Tuesday at 6 p.m.)

Harvest Luncheon November 12 (Sunday following service)

Christmas Child Shoe Boxes (Sunday, November 12): Youth will leave the church after the Harvest Luncheon and go to the Dollar Store to shop for Christmas Child Shoe Boxes.

Food Collection: Item for November is canned chicken or tuna.

Prayer Group: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Elder of the Month – Frank Gentry

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