



# COVENANT

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Ordination and Installation Service*

*November 10th, 2019*

We are a gospel-centered church of theological depth,  
intimate relationships, joyous worship, relentless evangelism,  
and sacrificial service.

*The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.*

*He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.*

*Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.*

*Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.*

# Covenant Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith

## *Ordination & Installation*

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### **According to our *Book of Church Order*:**

#### *The Elder*

This office is one of dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed bishop or pastor. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed presbyter or elder. As he expounds the Word, and by sound doctrine both exhorts and convinces the gainsayer, he is termed teacher. These titles do not indicate different grades of office, but all describe one and the same office (8-1).

#### *The Deacon*

The office of deacon is set forth in the Scriptures as ordinary and perpetual in the Church. The office is one of sympathy and service, after the example of the Lord Jesus; it expresses also the communion of saints, especially in their helping one another in time of need (9-1).

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**Ordination and Installation Service - Lord's Day, November 10th, 2019**

*The prelude is a sacred curtain dropped between the world and the sanctuary. During this time,  
be prayerful and reverent in preparation for the worship of our holy God in His sanctuary.  
(Please silence all phones and electronic devices.)*

**Prelude**

*Wilt Thou Forgive That Sin*

**Striking of the Hour**

**Greeting**

**\*Call to Worship (Minister)**

Psalm 133

Let us worship God.

**Minister:** *Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.*

**\*Song of Ascent (Unison)**

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*  
Trinity Hymnal, 381

**Scripture Reading**

Dr. John Clayton

*Proverbs 11:14*  
*1 Timothy 3:1-13*

**Elder:** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Dr. John Clayton

\*Hymn of Praise (Unison)

Psalm 122

1. I was glad to hear them say - ing, "To the Lord's house  
 2. This the or - di - nance for Is - r'el, Here to thank Je -  
 3. In your pa - la - ces be safe - ty. For the sake of

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 let us go." For our feet will soon be stand - ing  
 ho - vah's name. There are set the thrones of judg - ment;  
 7  
 bro - thers all, For the sake of my com - pan - ions,

In your gates, Jer - u - sa - lem, Sa - lem, well con - struct - ed cit - y;  
 There is Da - vid's house en - throned. Pray then for the peace of Sa - lem;  
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 I am say - ing, "Peace to you!" For Je - ho - vah's house with - in you,

There as - sem - ble all the tribes; Tribes that are Je - ho - vah's own.  
 May they pros - per who love you. Be there peace with - in your walls.  
 Tem - ple of the Lord our God, I will ev - er seek your good.

Sermon

A Gifted Church  
Ephesians 4:1-16 (Pew Bible, 977, 978)

Dr. John Clayton

\* = Please stand if able.

**\*Hymn of Response (Unison)**

*The Church's One Foundation*  
Trinity Hymnal, 347

### **Ordination and Installation of Church Officers**

*Greg Bailey, Ruling Elder-elect*  
*Bradley Burgin, Deacon-elect*  
*Chandler Garrett, Deacon-elect*  
*Jeremy Good, Deacon-elect*  
*Joshua Lochala, Deacon-elect*

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder (or deacon, as the case may be) in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?

## **Questions to the Congregation**

1. Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive Greg Bailey as ruling elder, Bradley Burgin as deacon, Chandler Garrett as deacon, Jeremy Good as deacon, and Joshua Lochala as deacon?
2. Do you promise to yield Greg Bailey as ruling elder, Bradley Burgin as deacon, Chandler Garrett as deacon, Jeremy Good as deacon, and Joshua Lochala as deacon all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

## **Prayer and Laying on of Hands (Elders)**

## **Right Hand of Fellowship**

## **The Ministerial Pronouncement**

**\*Closing Hymn (Unison)**

*Benediction*  
Trinity Hymnal, 730

**Benediction**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Minister:** *Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.*

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Postlude**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## **NOTES**

*A Gifted Church*

Ephesians 4:1-16 (Pew Bible, 977, 978)

### **I. Introduction**

### **II. Christ Gives Gifts**

### **III. Christ's Church Receives Assigned Gifts**

### **IV. Christ's Gifts Glorify Him**

*I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.*

*Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)*

*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

*According to our Book of Church Order regarding the  
“Doctrine of Ordination”:*

1. Those who have been called to office in the Church are to be inducted by the ordination of a court.
  
2. Ordination is the authoritative admission of one duly called to an office in the Church of God, accompanied with prayer and the laying on of hands, to which it is proper to add the giving of the right hand of fellowship.
  
3. As every ecclesiastical office, according to the Scriptures, is a special charge, no man shall be ordained unless it be to the performance of a definite work.

**Staff**

Dr. John Clayton, Minister  
Reverend Jason Glover, Asst. Minister of Chaplain Ministry  
Brandon Bolin, Director of Music & Media  
Nancy Krehbiel, Director of Women's Ministry, ESL, and Caregiving

**Session**

John Clayton, Teaching Elder  
Jon Hendrickson, Ruling Elder  
Mike Hudson, Ruling Elder  
Greg Magness, Ruling Elder

**Diaconate**

Roger Ayers, Deacon	Justin Horne, Deacon
Greg Bailey, Deacon	Brian Maurer, Deacon
Blain Blaylock, Deacon	Steve Rowland, Deacon
Greg Hartman, Deacon	Drake Smith, Deacon