

Prelude *Sandi Rabas, accompanist*

Welcome *The Rev. Dave Thompson*

***Call to Worship: Psalm 95**

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down.

People: Let us kneel before the Lord our God and Maker.

Leader: For He alone is our God;

All: And we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Let us worship the Lord.

***Opening Song # 356** *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

***Prayer of Confession (In Unison)** *Caroline Fleming*

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, 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 continue in silent personal confession...)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Gloria Patri** *pg. 579*

Installation of Moderator and Vice Moderator *Russ Kline*

Necrology Report *Melissa Bell*

Prayer for Illumination *The Rev. Mary Grace Reynolds*

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 69:13-18

Romans 5:1-5

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 11:4-14 *The Rev. Kimmy Briggs*

Sermon *“Hope in Strange Places”*

***Song of Response** *“Amazing Love”*

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken

I'm accepted, You were condemned

I'm alive and well, Your spirit is within me

Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be

That You, my King, should die for me?

Amazing love and I know it's true

And it's my joy to honor You, in all I do to honor You

Commissioning of General Assembly Delegates

The Rev. Teresa Kendall (Deer Lodge)

Elder Jim Tarr (Billings- St. Andrew)

The Offering *Westminster Spires Camp Scholarships*

***The Doxology** *pg. 592*

***Prayer of Dedication (in unison)** *The Rev. Jamie Schmeling*

By your mercy and grace, we present these gifts to you. May they be used to help children and youth grow in your knowledge and likeness. May you use the gifts of many through camps, retreats, and other special events to further your kingdom. We pray these things through the giver of every good and perfect gift, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of the People and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer Following the Lord's Supper

***Closing Song # 432** *“Song of Hope”*

***Benediction** *The Rev. Kimmy Briggs*

*** Indicates to stand if able and comfortable**

Commissioning of General Assembly Delegates

Questions for the Commissioners:

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing His love? **I will, with God's help.**

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow our Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world? **I do.**

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit? **I will, with God's help.**

Questions for the People of Yellowstone Presbytery:

Do you accept Jim and Teresa as chosen by God through the voice of this body to serve as our duly elected commissioners to the 225th General Assembly in the service of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do you promise to support and encourage them *as they seek to fulfill their responsibilities in this ministry?* **We do**

Commissioning Prayer

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Be with Teresa and Jim in their service. Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world and to respect old things you keep and use. In their deliberations, bring about what is best for us, for the Church of Jesus Christ, and for all people. As they prepare themselves and as they meet, let your Spirit guide them so that the whole church may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen



Yellowstone Presbytery *Worship Service*

February 11, 2022
7:00 PM

Installation Service for Moderator and Vice Moderator

Christ calls His Church into being, equips His Church for its life and ministry. Christ brings us together from all parts of Yellowstone Presbytery to encourage one another and to journey with one another in mutual discipleship; in obedient service to each other and to the world; to share God's Good News in word and deed; to pursue justice and peace; and for spiritual growth and transformation. And in this era of divisiveness and alienation, to keep the main thing, the main thing, namely Christ Himself to the glory of God, summarized well in the Great Ends of the Church. You, Dave, as Moderator; you Melissa as Vice-Moderator, are called by God by the voice of this presbytery to be our leaders during the year ahead. You have indicated your willingness to answer this important calling. And all of us thank you.

As you embrace the call, role and work under Christ and unto Christ, please answer the questions of installation from our Constitution:

Questions for Candidates for Ministry in the PCUSA

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?

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?

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?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions.

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?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

For Moderator and Vice Moderator:

Will you be a faithful Moderator and Vice Moderator, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, embodying and teaching faith, praying and caring for people? Will you be active and creative in leadership, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

For the Members of Yellowstone Presbytery:

Do we, the members of Yellowstone Presbytery, receive and accept Dave Thompson as our Moderator and Melissa Bell as our Vice Moderator for this one-year term of service? Will we respect their judgments, support their leadership, and pray for them in their service to this body, Christ and with us? **We will**

Prayer and Laying on of Hands:

Loving and Holy God, in Your Holy Spirit, you have called Dave and Melissa to special service as moderator and vice moderator of this Your presbytery. They have accepted Your call and pledged themselves to serve You faithfully. And so we, gratefully and earnestly pray for them...

Give to them a fresh out-pouring of Your Holy Spirit that they may see Your way clearly unfolding before them in our changing contexts as they listen and lead us to follow and join you in our Common life, ministry and mission in Christ. Give them wisdom beyond their own abilities; strength beyond their own resources; courage to discern new opportunities, surrendered wills to follow You should you lead us in difficult paths for Your work and glory; and grant them a sense of Your reward, love and pleasure on the completion of their work, in the Name of Him who obeyed and lived for You in all things, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Declaration of Ministry: Dave and Melissa, you are now installed as Moderator and Vice Moderator of Yellowstone Presbytery. May you serve with faithful joy and holy love to the glory of God and the strengthening of the presbytery. Please be assured of our love and support as unto Christ. **Amen!**

Welcome to this ministry!