

Westminster Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Presbytery of Lake Huron
Installation Service of
Rev. Richard “Jamie” Milton as
Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church
Bay City, Michigan
August 8, 2021
3:00 p.m.*

Please silence your cell phones prior to entering the sanctuary.

†Those who are able to stand may do so.



PRELUDE / PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER Linda Langrill, Presbytery Moderator

†CALL TO WORSHIP John Tapley

LEADER: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

PEOPLE: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

LEADER: In his baptism, Jamie was clothed with Christ, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as the Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

PEOPLE: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God’s particular call to our sibling, Jamie.

HYMN

NETTLETON

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Recorded Vocal Quartet

CALL TO CONFESSION

Linda Kennan

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us.

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us, and claimed us in our baptisms, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that each one in ministry may be provided with all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior

— *Silent Prayer* —

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Brenna Overland

...By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

...The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Tapley

READINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

**Hebrew Lesson
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

**Gospel Lesson
Matthew 25:31-46**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Laura Reason

HYMN

ARR. HAYES

"Canticle of the Turning"
Recorded Vocal Quartet

INSTALLATION OF THE PASTOR

Presbytery Moderator Linda Langrill

A LITANY OF GIFTS

STATEMENT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

LEADER: ...Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

ALL: The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

†PROFESSION OF FAITH

Rev. Scott Kroener

LEADER: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

PEOPLE: I do.

LEADER: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

PEOPLE: I do.

LEADER: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

PEOPLE: I will, with God's help.

LEADER: Do you believe in God the Father?

PEOPLE: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

LEADER: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

PEOPLE: 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 to judge the living and the dead.

LEADER: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

PEOPLE: 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.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE TEACHING ELDER

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

John Tapley

LEADER: Do we, the members of the church, accept Jamie as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Do we agree to pray for him, encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: 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 joy?

PEOPLE: We do.

LEADER: Will we listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

PEOPLE: We will.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Linda Langrill

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR

Rev. Brenna Overland

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Scott Kroener

OFFERING

Linda Kennan

MUSICAL REFLECTION

JOHN RUTTER

"The Summons"
Recorded Vocal Quartet

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Linda Kennan

Gracious and loving God, we ask you to take these gifts of our love, bless them, and use them to bless your church and especially those who are learning to lead your people. Amen.

HYMN

KELVINGROVE

"The Peace of God"
Recorded Vocal Quartet

†BENEDICTION

†POSTLUDE



Members of Installation Commission

Ruling Elders:

John Tapley, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bay City

Linda Kennan, Midland Memorial Presbyterian Church

Linda Langrill, Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church, Midland

Teaching Elders:

Rev. Brenna Overland, First Presbyterian Church, Bay City

Rev. Scott Kroener, First Presbyterian Church, Taymouth

Rev. Dr. Laura Reason, corresponding member, Honorably Retired,
Presbytery of Great Rivers

Organist and vocalists:

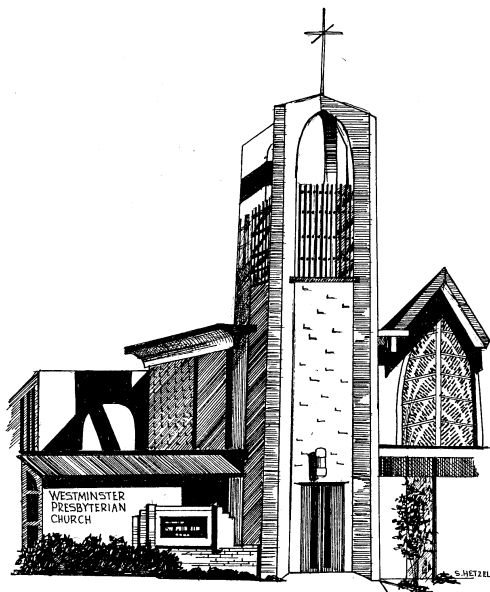
Wendy Tally, organ

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