

**Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – January 23, 2022**  
**Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.**



**Opening Music**

Christian Women Fellowship

**Welcome**

*Please register your attendance with the QR code on the back of the bulletin, or with the online link, or on paper in the church Gathering Space. Need help? Ask any usher.*

**Call to Worship** [*responsive*]

This is the day the LORD has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

For God is Maker of snow and wind, of Wolf Moon and shooting stars,  
**And all the earth sings God's praise!**

God works to redeem and restore, to forgive and to bless,  
**And all the earth sings God's praise!**

God is at work in us, drawing us into deeper life and love,  
**And we gather to sing God's praise!**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** [*stand*]

"Shout to the Lord"

Claudio Ferreira

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**Call to Confession** [*responsive*]

We are a people born of water and the Spirit.

**We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples,  
and to show his love to our life's end.**



## Romans 6:5–11

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**Deciding to Live**

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

## We Respond to God's Grace

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**Music for Reflection**

“The Mighty Oak”

by Ellen Gira

**Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Ordination and Installation of Church Officers**

There are different gifts,  
**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**  
There are different ways of serving God,  
**But it is the same Lord who is served.**  
Each leader is given certain gifts by the Spirit  
**To use for the common good.**  
Together we are the Body of Christ  
**And individually, members of him.**

Presentation of Candidates

The church ordains the following people as elders, and installs them to active service:

Patrick Keziah, Emmanuel Mbaiti, Laurie Wallace-Lanham

The church installs to active service those previously ordained as elders:

Joseph Nana, Annette Ward.

The church ordains the following people as deacons, and installs them to active service:

Robert Gunderson, Kathryn Lebold, Elizabeth (Lisa) Whitehead

## Constitutional Questions

- of candidates, by the Moderator
- of congregation, by the Session

## Prayer of Ordination

*If you are worshiping in person, all elders, deacons and ministers are invited up for a loosely gathered laying on of hands. If you are worshiping at home, please extend your hand toward the screen, trusting the Holy Spirit to bridge the distance.*

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer [together]

**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.**

## We Depart for Service

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### Announcements

**Sending Song** [*stand*]      “Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)”      Glory to God #701

### Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

### Closing Blessing

**Closing Music**      “Invention No.8 in F major”      J.S. Bach  
Wade Meyers, organ

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### Participating in the service:

Elder Malvin Duncan, Worship Leader (11:00)  
Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts  
Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families  
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence  
Rev. Mary Austin



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