

Installation of the Rev. Dr. Scott Herr as Teaching Elder
First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan
Sunday, November 8, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

———— VIRTUAL ZOOM GATHERING ————
MEETING ID: 962 9517 9448
PASSCODE: FPCNC+

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Choral varié sur le 'Veni Creator', Op. 4* VICTORIA SHIELDS
Maurice Duruflé

CALL TO WORSHIP

GREETING MARY THIES
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

Let us worship God.

Clap your hands, all you peoples; *Ps. 47:1–2*
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Most High is awesome,
a great sovereign over all the earth.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, *Ps. 92:1*
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace
you have called us in this time and place
to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord.

Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us,
that together we may live a new life
in the crucified and risen Christ.

Bind us together in faith,
so that as we receive all spiritual gifts
needed to fulfill our calling,
we may support one another in common ministry;
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
 all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 cho - sen band:
 take your part:

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just
will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In humility and faith
let us confess our sin to God.

BRANDI DRAKE

1 John 1:8, 9

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Almighty God,
by water and your Holy Spirit
you baptized us to be your own
and called the church into being.**

**We confess that we hold back
the love of your Spirit among us.**

**We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.**

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

Have mercy on us, O God.

**Transform our lives by the power of your Holy Spirit
and make strong our common witness
to the one Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God, who is rich in mercy,
out of the great love with which God loved us,
even when we were dead through our sin,
made us alive together with Christ
and raised us up with him.

For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God. **Amen.**

Eph. 2:4, 5a, 6a, 8

THE PEACE

SHANNON WHITE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

The people may exchange signs of peace and reconciliation with others on screen.

ANTHEM

Lead Me, Lord
S.S. Wesley

LISA FLANAGAN, SOPRANO
DAVID BAKAMJIAN, CELLO

———— THE WORD ————

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Let us pray.

JENNIFER GULDEN

Overwhelm us with your Spirit, O God,
that the words we hear
will speak to our hearts as your Word,
made known to us in Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

MARK MAGNUSEN

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 121

JENNIFER VAN DE GRAAF

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Après un rêve, Op. 7, No. 1
Gabriel Fauré

DAVID BAKAMJIAN

SECOND READING

II Corinthians 5:11-21

BOB SPANGLER

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 21:15–19

ALEXANDRA GILLESPIE

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

MARK LABBERTON

OFFERING¹

SHANNAN VANCE-OCAMPO

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

La Hieronyma
Giovanni Martino Cesare

BURT MASON, SACKBUT

INSTALLATION

A LITANY OF GIFTS

STEPHEN HART

As in one body we have many parts
and each part has its own function,
so all of us together with Christ are one body,
and we all belong to each other.

Based on Rom. 12:4–8, 11–13

**We have different gifts
according to the grace God has given us.**

If your gift is to hear God's Word,
speak it out in faith.

If your gift is service,
live to serve others.

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,
teach what is true.

Let preachers preach with conviction,
and givers give freely;
**let officers work diligently for the people,
and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.**

Let us not lack for enthusiasm,
but be ardent in spirit,
**serving the Lord,
rejoicing in hope,
patient in suffering,
constant in prayer,
supporting one another,
and welcoming all.**

¹ **The offering for today's installation** is for the *Ministerial Relief Fund of the Presbytery of Southern New England*. This offering is taken at all installations and ordinations of the Presbytery and oftentimes at Presbytery meetings, during our worship time. This offering is a fund that is administered by the Presbytery Chaplain to the Clergy and the General Presbyter, under the supervision of the Committee on Ministry for confidential emergency assistance for clergy members of the Presbytery and those who are under care of the Presbytery preparing for ordained ministry. Please give generously as we help those who serve us. Thank you.

You may give to the offering today by clicking on the link <https://psne.org/donate/> and selecting "Presbytery Worship Offerings." You may also give by check to the "Presbytery of Southern New England" PO Box 399 Chester, CT 06412. *Thank you!*

STATEMENT ON THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

SHANNAN VANCE-OCAMPO

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church.

Book of Order F-1.01

In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ.

Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission.

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

All present may continue:

**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.**

Book of Order F-1.0304

The moderator continues:

The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ.

The particular responsibility of the ministry of a teaching elder is to build up the church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly celebrated.

The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by the candidate, and approved by the presbytery.

Therefore the Presbytery of Southern New England, by means of this commission, now installs Scott Herr as the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan.

Scott' parents address all by saying:

DONALD AND MARTHA HERR

In his baptism at the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, PA, Scott was clothed with Christ in 1961.

He was ordained as a teaching elder at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Tigard, Oregon by the Presbytery of the Cascades on June 21, 1987.

The Moderator continues, saying:

and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan, Connecticut.

**We remember with joy
our common calling to serve Christ,
and we celebrate God's call to our brother,
to serve among us as pastor.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

W-4.4003

The moderator addresses the teaching elder to be installed:

Do you trust in the Lord 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.**

STEPHEN HART

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.**

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.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ,
under the authority of Scripture,
and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

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.**

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.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity,
and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

Will you be a faithful teaching elder,
proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament,
teaching faith and caring for people? **I will.**

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.**

A ruling elder of the church addresses the congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept Scott
as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation
to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

JOHN LANAWAY

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? **We do.**

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 his authority
as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We do and we will.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

SHELLEY DONALDSON

The teaching elder to be installed kneels, facing the congregation.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, gracious Lord,
for you alone are God.

You have made us,
and we are your people, the sheep of your pasture.

You have led us to green meadows by cool waters,
satisfying our every need with your love.

You have shown us paths that are right.

Through shadowed valleys of despair,
you have been our comfort and our hope.

Over long generations,
your presence has sustained your people.

In your good time,
you sent Jesus, your only Beloved, to be our shepherd.

He knew and loved your own,
calling all who would hear to follow him.

The Good Shepherd laid down his life for us,
risking the cross for the hope of resurrection.

By the power of the risen Christ
you gathered the church together
to live for you in newness of life,
a holy nation, a priestly family,
a people chosen as your own
and called to proclaim your marvelous love.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,
that we may be faithful as your people
and fruitful in the ministries you have given us.

Grant diligence to those who lead,
faith to those who teach,
truth to all who speak,
compassion to all who heal,
wisdom to those who counsel,
generosity to those who give,
and cheerfulness to all who serve.

To your servant Scott,
and to all who tend your flock as pastors among your people,
give vision and strength, hospitality, humility, and peace.

Bless the common ministry of this pastor and people
with joy and power in the gospel.

Strengthen us to live out the grace of our baptism
and to serve you with the gifts of your Holy Spirit;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only shepherd and Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER

And as our Savior Christ has taught us, we dare to live, even as we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

STEPHEN HART

Scott, as a teaching elder in the church of Jesus Christ,
you are now installed as the pastor of this congregation.

Be faithful and true in your ministry
so that your whole life will bear witness
to the crucified and risen Christ.

The newly installed teaching elder responds:

Amen.

WELCOME

Members of the presbytery and others welcome the newly installed teaching elder.

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR

LUKE POWERY

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

ODETTE LOCKWOOD-STEWART

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY (CANDLE, TOWEL, BIBLE, CUP, & CLOCK)

AUGIE KELLIHER, VIVIAN REEVES, AUDREY MAGNUSEN, LAYLA MAGNUSEN, AND KIM HERR

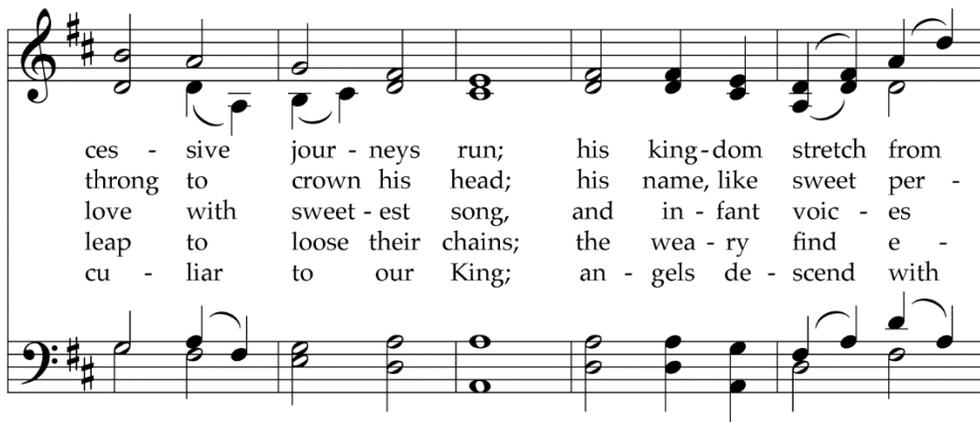
HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

Duke Street



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - g to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

— SENDING —

BLESSING

SCOTT HERR

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
 the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit
 be with you all. **Alleluia!**

2 Cor. 13:13

CHARGE

PEG BULL

Go out into the world in peace;
have courage;
hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*See 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10;
1 Thess. 5:13–22; and 1 Peter 2:17*

POSTLUDE

Fugue in Eb Major, BWV 552/2
J.S. Bach

VICTORIA SHIELDS

MY SINCERE THANKS TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SERVICE OF INSTALLATION (IN ORDER):

SPENCER REEVES, ZOOM HOST, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEW CANAAN (FPCNC)
VICTORIA SHIELDS, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ARTS, AND ORGANIST OF FPCNC
THE REV. MARY MARPLE THIES, PARISH ASSOCIATE OF FPCNC
LISA FLANAGAN, SOPRANO
THE REV. BRANDI DRAKE, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF NOROTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE REV. SHANNON WHITE, PASTOR OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILTON
DAVID BAKAMJIAN, CELLO
JENNIFER GULDEN, ELDER OF FPCNC
MARK MAGNUSEN, MEMBER OF FPCNC
JENNIFER VAN DE GRAAF, ELDER OF FPCNC
ROBERT SPANGLER, ELDER AND CHAIR OF PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF FPCNC
ALEXANDRA GILLESPIE, YOUTH ELDER OF FPCNC
THE REV. DR. MARK LABBERTON, PRESIDENT OF FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
THE REV. SHANNAN VANCE-OCAMPO, EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER OF PSNE
BURT MASON, SACKBUT
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DONALD AND MARTHA HERR, BELOVED PARENTS
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KIM HERR, BELOVED PARTNER
PEG BULL, DEACON OF FPCNC

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My heartfelt thanks to the many family, friends and colleagues of the congregations that have prepared me to serve in this new call: in particular, my parents, brother, aunts, uncles and cousins, Jürg and Pam Kessler, Grant and Pat Sherwood, Rich and Betsy McDermott, Jim and Karen Hines, Don Postema, Fred and Nancy Gramann, Odette and Jim Lockwood-Stewart, Doug and Jodi Fondell, Jim and Marta Hobbs, Mary Crass Fenu, Pascal and MaryClaire Berger, Marleigh White and David Van Cleve, John and Sharon Martin, all the members of the Men's Fellowship of the ACP, Rabbi Tom Cohen, Dean Lucinda Laird, Celeste Schenck, all the members of the American Foreign Christian Union board, friends in the Association of International Churches in Europe and the Middle East, colleagues of the Princeton Theological Seminary Alumni Executive Committee, members of The Union Church in Mexico City, The International Protestant Church of Zürich, The First Presbyterian Church of Fort Collins, Colorado, and The American Church in Paris; and the congregation and community of The First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan who have welcomed me and my family so warmly. Indeed, I stand on the shoulders of so many giants...

Finally, words are hardly enough to express my gratitude to my wife Kim and to our children, Daniel, Christopher, Rebecca and Matthew, who have patiently loved me through thick and thin into who I am today, and who continue to inspire and help me grow in grace and compassion.

SOLI DEO GLORIA!