

MARCH 9, 2025 To Tell the Truth

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude Welcome Moment of Preparation – *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord* 

## WE PRAISE & THANK GOD

Call to Worship Come Praise and Glorify #268 Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (verses 1, 2 & 4)

Confession of Sin Affirmation of Forgiveness Colossians 1:13-14

#556 Praise God from Whom All Blessings

Offertory - Fix Me

Installation of Officers

Prayers of the People

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#182 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (verses 1, 3 & 4) Scripture Reading Genesis 28:10-12

Message

## **Seeing Greater Things**

John 1:43-51

Kids Choir participants are dismissed at this time

# WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Christus Victor (Amen)* Benediction Postlude Postlude

Paul Reader

Rev. Keith Fink

## To Tell the Truth Seeing Greater Things John 1:43-51

Question: Are you a follower of Jesus?

I. The Invitation Extended: Come and See (43-46)

II. The Truth Revealed: I Saw You (47-48)

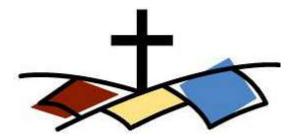
III. The Promise Given: You will See Greater Things (49-51)

buckle-up for if you keep following Him you will see greater things.

**Point to Ponder:** If you are like Nathanael at the beginning of our text – having a healthy skepticism concerning Jesus – then hear our invitation: Come and see! If you have become a follower of him, well then

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**Next Week:** Next Sunday we will continue our sermon series *To Tell the Truth* by considering **John 3:1-3** *Unless One Is Born Again.* 



# The Ordination and Installation of Officers

As part of this morning's Worship services, those elected by the congregation last December will be installed in their respective office. All those being installed today have been previously ordained.

Let's give praise and thanks to the Lord for these men and women who have agreed to serve, or continue to serve, the body of Christ Jesus at Great Valley.

Following are those being installed:

## Session/Ruling Elders:

- Cathy Gilbert 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- Paul Gundersen 1<sup>st</sup> term
- Jonathan Schuck 2<sup>nd</sup> term

## **Board of Deacons:**

- Meggan Arnold 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- Rick Constable 1<sup>st</sup> term
- Gwen McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup> term
- Liz Zubyk 2<sup>nd</sup> term



# THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

### A. Ordination Vows:

- 1. Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior?
- 2. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- 3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the **Westminster Confession of Faith** and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?
- 4. Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the **Westminster Confession of Faith** and the Catechisms of this Church you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
- 5. Do you affirm and adopt the "Essentials of Our Faith" without exception?
- 6. Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?
- 7. Do you promise subjection to your fellow Presbyters in the Lord?
- 8. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy Ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the gospel of His Son?
- 9. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
- B. Installation Vows:
  - 1. Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Teaching Elder/Ruling Elder/Deacon, whether personal, or interpersonal, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the congregation of which God is making you overseer?
  - 2. Are you now willing to accept the call of this church as Pastor/Associate Pastor/Ruling Elder/Deacon, and, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties required of that office?

### C. Questions to the congregation:

- 1. Are you, the members of this congregation, ready to receive \_\_\_\_\_\_ as your (name of office to which the person is being ordained/installed)?
- 2. Do you promise to submit to \_\_\_\_\_\_ in matters of spiritual discipline, and to receive with humility and love the word of truth?
- 3. Do you promise to support \_\_\_\_\_\_ with your prayers, to give encouragement and assistance in every way as \_\_\_\_\_\_ seeks to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God in this place?