



# Installation of Mary T. Mickel as Moderator of the Presbytery of St. Augustine

February 3, 2018



## SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE (Gal. 3:27–28, Eph. 4:1-6)

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

**All:** There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for we are one in Christ Jesus.

**One:** Let us lead a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**All:** There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

**One:** Join me in reading Psalm 133 in unison:

**All:** How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life for evermore.

## CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

**One:** We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

**All:** The great ends of the church are 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.

**One:** Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility. Mary, the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways which serve Christ. God has called you to particular service as the Moderator of the Presbytery of St. Augustine, a constitutional office of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Show your purpose by answering these questions.

**[To the Moderator-Elect]**

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 the 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.]

**[To the Presbytery]**

Do you, members of the Presbytery of St. Augustine, confirm the call of God to our sister Mary Mickel in the service of Jesus Christ? [We do.] Will you support and encourage her in this ministry? [We will.]

**INSTALLATION PRAYER**

**CHARGE**

**BLESSING**

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**Mary T. Mickel, Ruling Elder**  
*Woodlawn Presbyterian Church*



Elder Mickel, who becomes the presbytery's first African-American female moderator, believes in the Trinity, and that Jesus Christ is her Lord and Savior! She shares that she accepted Jesus into her life as a teenager and continues to travel on a journey of faith. Elder Mickel has been married to her husband Oday Mickel for over 41 years. She has two children and two grandchildren, wonderful friends and family, for whom she gives God thanks for daily. Her wonderful parents, Charles (deceased) and Mary Turner, raised nine children to believe in Jesus Christ. Elder Mickel is passionate about her faith in God and service to the church. She is also passionate about teaching and learning and that every child deserves a quality education from a highly effective teacher. She believes her passions are gifts from God.

Ruling Elder Mary Mickel is a member of Woodlawn Presbyterian Church, where she has served in different capacities for almost 30 years. Currently, she is a Sunday school teacher, choir member, chairperson of the Evangelism and Church Growth Committee, and assistant clerk. Two years ago, she retired from a career she loved as an educator after 35 years. She began her professional career as a Speech-Language Pathologist. Later, Elder Mickel became an administrator, wherein she served as a vice principal, principal and Executive Director for Elementary Programs for Duval County Public Schools. Her career span includes work in various states around the country to include South Carolina, Texas and Florida. Recently, Elder Mickel authored and published a book, *Eight Tips to Excellent Teaching*. The book was written as a labor of love to share with the world how important children are and what it takes to provide them with a highly qualified teacher.

Our Moderator Elect enjoys worshipping, reading, walking on the beach, and spending quality time with family and friends.

The Presbytery of St Augustine gives thanks for Mary's gifts and willingness to serve.