

## **Pastor Installation Minutes: Ron Watson and First Ocala**

A commission of the Presbytery of St. Augustine met on November 19, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Ocala, Florida, to install the Rev. Dr. D. Ron Watson as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Ocala, Florida. Commission Moderator Jeff Welch called the meeting to order with prayer.

The members of the commission present (constituting a quorum) were: Kristie Hall (RE Kirkwood); Elaine Cox (RE Ocala First); Tom Weaver (RE Ocala First); the Rev. Mark Hults (TE Green Cove Springs First); and the Rev. Jeff Welch (TE Presbytery Moderator and Dunnellon).

Guests of the commission included the Rev. Neely Towe (TE Pastor Emerita of Stanwich Congregational Church, Greenwich, Conn.); the Rev. Dawn Conti (TE and Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg); and the Rev. Gabe Goodman (TE Community).

Guests of the commission included the members of the First Presbyterian Church, Ocala's Pastor Nominating Committee: Jim Yancey, Pat Bishop, David Arango-Palencia, David Albright, Ellen Matthews, Lannie Mercer and E. B. Gee, Jr.

Tom Weaver served as clerk of the commission and the Rev. Neely Towe preached the sermon. The commission proceeded to conduct the installation. The candidate responded to the constitutional questions with affirmative answers, and he and the congregation were charged by the Rev. Jeff Welch. Dr. Watson pronounced the benediction, which served as the closing prayer of the commission.

Submitted by:  
Tom Weaver  
Clerk of the Commission