

MINUTES

**Service of Installation of the Reverend Brian James Stander Lays
Presbytery of St. Augustine
Riverside Presbyterian Church
Jacksonville, Florida
December 6, 2020, 2:00 pm**

Establishing a Quorum

A commission elected by the Presbytery of St. Augustine met on Sunday, December 6, 2020, prior to the service of installation in Bittering Hall at Riverside Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville of Pastor Brian Lays. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Bill Hoff. The members of the commission present constituting a quorum were: Teaching Elders - Holly Inglis (Presbytery of St. Augustine), Bill Hoff (Riverside), Pastor Joe Rigsby (Honorably Retired) and Ruling Elders - Edd Norris (Silver Springs Shores), Mary Brown (Woodlawn), and Kathy Para (Riverside). Pastor Brian Lays was also part of the meeting that took place prior to the service. Those present confirmed the order of the service and placement of those participating. This meeting was closed in prayer by Kathy Para and the commission proceeded to the sanctuary for the service.

Service of Installation of The Reverend Brian Lays

Opening

After the Prelude, Moderator, Edd Norris, welcomed all those in attendance. Members of the congregation, friends, and family joined in the service both in-person and via an online broadcast. After the Opening Sentences and Opening Hymn ("God is Here"), Reverend Bill Hoff led the congregation in the Confession and Pardon, Words of Assurance, the Passing of the Peace, and the Prayer for Illumination. The Reverend Doctor Holly Inglis offered the scripture lesson from 1 Samuel 3 and delivered the sermon, "Witnessing to God's Call - Can You Hear Me Now?" The sermon was followed by a hymn ("Dwell Thou in Me").

Installation of Rev. Brian Lays

Moderator Edd Norris offered the sentences of scripture in a responsive reading, gave the Statement on Installation, and led the congregation in the Profession of Faith. He, then, asked Pastor Lays the Constitutional Questions to which he responded affirmatively. Kathy Para asked the members of the congregation the Constitutional Questions to which they responded affirmatively. Edd Norris offered the Prayer of Installation, the Declaration of Installation, and the Welcome to the work of the St. Augustine Presbytery and Riverside Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. Joe Rigsby presented the Charge to the Newly Installed Pastor. Kathy Para presented the Charge to the Congregation.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Pastors Lays and Hoff officiated the Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Pastor Hoff offered the prayer after communion including the Lord's Prayer. Communion was followed by a hymn ("O Christ, Surround Me").

Charge and Blessing

Pastor Lays concluded the service with a Charge and Blessing to the congregation. The Service concluded at approximately 3:10 p.m.

After the Postlude, all in attendance were invited to a socially distanced receiving line to greet and congratulate Pastor Lays, his wife, Sunelle, infant son, James, and mother-in-law, Elna Stander. It was a joyous and historic day in the life of Riverside Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Para,
Ruling Elder, Clerk of Session, Riverside Presbyterian Church