

Installation of Joe Albright as Moderator of the Presbytery of St. Augustine February 6, 2021



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.

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. Edd, 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.

INSTALLATION 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 brother Joe Albright in the service of Jesus Christ? [We do.] Will you support and encourage him in this ministry? [We will.]

INSTALLATION PRAYER [Susan Letizia – Ruling Elder, Geneva]

CHARGE [Hunter Camp – Teaching Elder, Memorial]

BLESSING

Joe Albright, Teaching Elder

Geneva Presbyterian Church



Teaching Elder Joe Albright is currently the Pastor of Geneva Presbyterian Church where he has been serving since 2013. He previously served at First Presbyterian Church in Sarasota, Hodges Boulevard Presbyterian Church and Community Presbyterian Church. He has been a member of the Presbytery of St. Augustine since 2005, and has been active on various committees including the Montgomery Board, New Church Development, Preparation for Ministry, Personnel, and Coordinating Council. As a validated ministry, Joe also writes daily devotionals for the Dial Hope Foundation (www.dialhope.org).

Joe is a graduate of Flagler College and Columbia Theological Seminary. He was ordained in July 2001. Before entering the ministry, Joe taught high school Spanish in Cape Hatteras, North Carolina and Lawrence Tavern, Jamaica.

Coming from a family full of Presbyterian ministers in Northeast Florida, it's no surprise that Joe entered the ministry. Joe's great-grandfather was a Presbyterian minister in Leesburg, Florida; his grandfather served at Community in Atlantic Beach and First Ocala, and his uncle Ed served in Perry and First Presbyterian Jacksonville, as well as at the Presbytery.

Joe and his wife Robbie have five daughters – two in college, two in high school, and one in middle school. The family loves spending time on the ocean, and Joe especially enjoys surfing and fishing.

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