



*Installation Service*

*for*

*Reverend Rebecca Lawson Putman*

*as Pastor of the*

*Westminster Presbyterian Church*

*Gainesville, Florida*

*Sunday,*

*November 7, 2021*

*at 4:00 pm*



WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Welcome**

**Anne Newman**

**Welcome and Statement of Purpose**

**Moderator Joe Albright**

**Opening Sentences (Responsive)**

**Holly Dillon Inglis**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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

**There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.**

**Gathering Prayer**

**Holly Dillon Inglis**

**Hymn #69**

“Here I Am, Lord”

**Confession and Pardon (Responsive)**

**Mary Brown**

Even when we were dead through our sin, our merciful and loving God made us alive together with Christ and raised us up through him.

In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

**Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ’s way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.**

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Mary Brown**

**Scripture Reading:**

**Psalm 29**

**Mary Brown**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture Reading:**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

**Jennifer Hallberg**

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**Sermon**

“Community and Covenant”

**Jennifer Hallberg**

**Anthem**

“Acclamation of Assurance”

by Joseph M. Martin

## Sentences of Scripture (Responsive)

Joe Albright

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

## Presentation

Joe Albright

The Presbytery of St. Augustine, by means of this commission, welcomes Becca as a minister of Word and Sacrament and installs her as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church United.

## Constitutional Questions for Becca

Joe Albright

Becca, in baptism, you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world.

Now you are called by God through the voice of the church for new service and ministry in Jesus' name.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?  
**I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

Will you be a faithful minister of Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

**Constitutional Questions for the Congregation**

**Anne Newman**

Do we, the members of the church, accept Becca as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for her, encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and share her joys? **We do.**

Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We will.**

**Prayer of Installation**

**Joe Albright**

**Declaration of Installation**

**Joe Albright**

**Charge to the Newly Installed**

**Anne Newman**

**Charge to the Congregation**

**Holly Dillon Inglis**

**Offering**

**Holly Dillon Inglis**

The offering for the installation service is designated for the Presbytery of St. Augustine's Candidate's Fund which financially supports seminary students under the Presbytery's care.

**Hymn #451**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

**Benediction**

**Becca Putman**

**Holly Dillon Inglis, Teaching Elder, Ministry & Mission Coordinator, Presbytery of St. Augustine**

**Jennifer Hallberg, Teaching Elder, First Presbyterian Church of Jasper**

**Joe Albright, Teaching Elder, Moderator, Presbytery of St. Augustine**

**Mary Brown, Ruling Elder, Woodlawn Presbyterian Church**

**Anne Newman, Ruling Elder, Westminster Presbyterian Church**

**A reception will follow the service.**

**All are invited.**

## Psalm 29 NRSV

The Voice of God in a Great Storm

A Psalm of David.

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,<sup>[a]</sup>  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- <sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,<sup>[b]</sup>  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, “Glory!”
- <sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- <sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

## Isaiah 43:1-7 NRSV

Restoration and Protection Promised

**43 But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:**

**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;**

**I have called you by name, you are mine.**

**<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.**

**<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.**

**I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia<sup>[a]</sup> and Seba in exchange for you.**

**<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.**

**<sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;**

**<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, “Give them up,”  
and to the south, “Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away**

**and my daughters from the end of the earth—**

**<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”**

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# I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

## Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D  
*Leader or All*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

## Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.  
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!  
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.