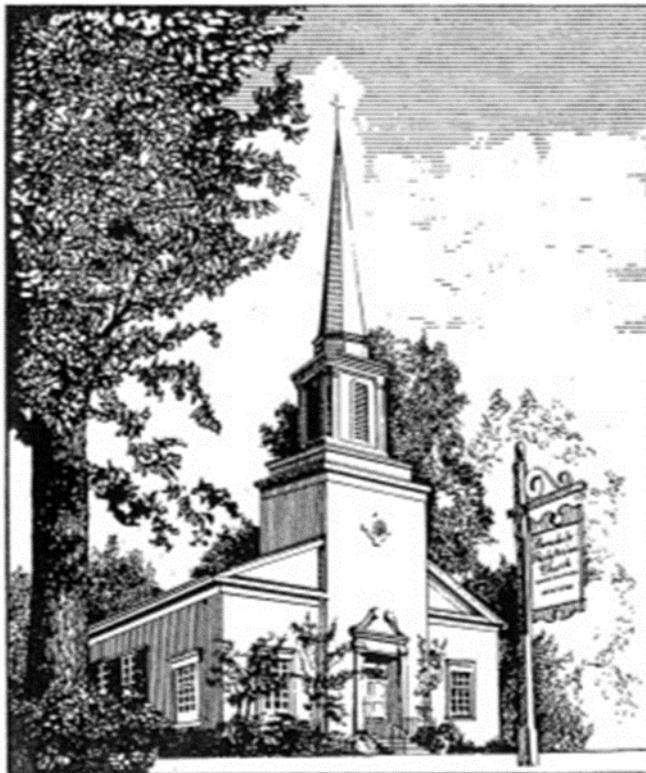


Service of Installation
Reverend James Dyess Ewing

February 23, 2020

2:00 PM



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Welcome

Dennis Grills

Processional of Commission

“Come Thou Font”

Traditional

Adoration

***Call to Worship**

Dr. Katie Dunlap

Leader: How blest are they who venture not into the dark and sinful way,
But find delight in God’s own law, and contemplate it night and day.

People: **As trees beside the stream they grow and flourish, wholesome fruit they bear;
The wicked lot are cast aside and lost to their own dark despair.**

Leader: The judgement of the Lord is sure and good to those who seek God’s face;

People: **The righteous find themselves redeemed, and heirs to God’s all-knowing grace.**

***†Hymn**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Nicaea

***Prayer of Invocation**

Makayla Pride

**Eternal God, in your loving wisdom you set us beside the fountain of life, like a tree
planted by running streams. Fill us with a love of your wisdom, that we may bear fruit
in the beauty of holiness; through Christ, the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.**

Confession

Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. E. Neal Carter, Jr.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We often try to live life on
our own, without You and Your grace. We have not loved You with our whole heart and
mind and soul and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In Your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what
we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of
Your holy name. Amen.**

***†Response to the Confession**

Taize

“Come And Fill Our Hearts”

Come and fill our hearts with Your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with Your peace. Alleluia.

Assurance of Forgiveness

***†Congregational Response**

Alleluia No. 1

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to His name.

Come let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Proclamation

Reading from the Word of God

Ephesians 4: 1 - 6, 11 - 16

Anthem

“One Bread One Body”

Arr. Douglas Wagner

Prayer of Illumination

Proclamation of the Word

“Knitting”

Rev. Pen Perry

*“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the
one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.”*

***†Song of Response**

“10,000 Reasons”

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

Words of Institution

Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

From “A Brief Statement of Faith”

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus was crucified, giving his life for the sins of the world. We trust in God who created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Dedication

Offering as Our Response to God

Rev. Joanna Hipp

Offertory

“In Christ Alone”

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Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Joanna Hipp

Responding to Christ’s Call

The Call of Christ

Cindy Fisher

Leader: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

People: But it is the same Lord who is served.

Leader: God works through different women and men in different ways,

People: But it is the same God who achieves the Lord’s purpose through them all.

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: To use it for the common good.

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: And individually members of Him.

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 be a minister of the Word and Sacrament in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and continually guided by the 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 follow the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

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

I will.

The Questions of Congregational Commitment

Dr. Mary Martin, Elder

Do we, the members of Avondale Presbyterian, accept the Reverend James Dyess Ewing as our Minister, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Do we promise to pay him fairly, and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble, and share his joys? Will we listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

We do and we will.

Laying On of Hands and Prayer of Installation

Rev. Veronica Cannon

Declaration of Installation and Welcome

Dennis Grills

Charge to the Minister

Rev. Joanna Hipp

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Dr. E. Neal Carter, Jr.

*†Hymn

“All The People Said Amen”

Matt Maher

*Benediction

Rev. Jim Ewing

Recessional

*Postlude

*Congregation stands, as able

†Congregation joins in song

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The offering received at this service will be designated to the Charlotte Presbytery Crisis Fund and the Union Presbyterian Seminary Scholarship Fund.

With deep gratitude, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to God for divine providence, grace and guidance; to the Installation Commission for their support and participation in today's service; and to the faithful and caring members of Avondale for all the ways they have helped Carrie, Emma Grace, James and I feel welcomed and accepted into this wonderful church.

Installation Commission & Worship Leaders

Rev. Veronica Cannon | Charlotte Presbytery

Rev. Dr. Neal Carter | Rocky River Presbyterian Church

Dr. Katie Dunlap, Ruling Elder | Star Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston | Charlotte Presbytery

Mrs. Cindy Fisher, Ruling Elder | South Mecklenburg Presbyterian

Mr. Dennis Grills, Ruling Elder | Sharon Presbyterian Church

Rev. Joanna Hipp | Southport Presbyterian Church

Dr. Mary Martin, Elder | Avondale Presbyterian Church

Rev. Pen Perry | First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte

Miss Makayla Pride | Avondale Presbyterian Church



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Reception in the
Fellowship Hall
Immediately following
This service!*

