



# FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

JANUARY 18, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

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### PRELUDE

### WORD OF WELCOME

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Psalm 40:3,5*

*Shelley Miller*

*Liturgist:* Sing a new song,

**All:** a song of thanks and praise,

*Liturgist:* for God has done wondrous deeds,

**All:** and is great beyond compare!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*from Isaiah 49:6, 1 Corinthians 1:4-8*

*Shelley Miller*

*Liturgist:* Let us pray:

**All:** Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### \*HYMN 39

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*Glory to God Hymnal*

### RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front.*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Shelley Miller*

*Liturgist:* Let us confess our sins to God, for the Holy One is steadfast in love and always ready to forgive.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*from Isaiah 49:1,3,4,6*

**All:** Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*from Psalm 40:2,4,8; John 1:29*

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

*Minister:* Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ, the Lamb who bears our sin. Happy are those who put their trust in God, and delight to do God's will, for God makes our footing sure upon the rock of Christ.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### \*GLORIA PATRI 581

*Glory to God Hymnal*

**All:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

### PASSING THE PEACE

*Shelley Miller*

*Liturgist:* The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

## ANTHEM SOLO

*“Behold The Word”*

*Stamoolis | Claudia Schorr, Soprano*

*Behold, the Word the Father spoke to bring forth all creation*

*Behold, the Word (Very God of Very God)*

*Very God of very God, the true Light of Light*

*For us and our salvation came that holy Christmas night.*

*Behold, his covenantal Word assumes our lowly station as*

*Tiny infant hands enfold the hope of ev'ry nation.*

*His Word of promise embodied now in Jesus,*

*this baby wrapped in swaddling clothes has come here to redeem us.*

*Oh, praise the Word of God made flesh; with angels sing his glory,*

*with magi fall before his feet, with shepherds tell his story.*

## FAITHFUL FRIENDS

*Children ages 5 through 8 are invited to children's worship.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*from 1 Cor. 1, Psalm 40*

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

*Minister:* Let us pray:

***All: Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: Open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed. Amen.***

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

*1 Corinthians 1:1-19*

***All: Thanks be to God***

*John 1:29-42*

## SERMON

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

## \*HYMN 488

*“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”*

*Glory to God Hymnal*

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

*from 1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27*

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

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

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

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

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

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

### STATEMENT OF ORDINATION

*Minister:* We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit.

This is our common calling, to be disciples of Jesus Christ and servants of our servant Lord.

Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as ruling elders, and as ministers of Word and Sacrament.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us. Through ordination, God provides for acts of care and compassion in the world, for the ordering and governance of the church, and for the preaching of the word and celebration of the sacraments.

*Clerk:* Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church, the session of Fountain City Presbyterian Church now ordains Angela Bell, Penny Judge, Ben Lamb, Lori Lufkin and Dan Ownby to ministry as ruling elders, and installs them to active service in this congregation.

## **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Please stand as you are able. The candidates and worship leaders gather at the baptismal font.*

*Minister:* As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism.

Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**All: I do.**

*Minister:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**All: I do.**

*Minister:* Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

**All: I will, with God's help.**

*Minister:* With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Minister:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

*Minister:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Minister:* Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise. We praise you for leading your people Israel through the waters of the sea, out of bondage and into freedom in the land of your promise.

We praise you for sending Jesus your Son, who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, and was anointed as the Christ by your Holy Spirit. Through the baptism of his death and resurrection you set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and give us cleansing and rebirth.

We praise you for pouring out your Holy Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with a variety of gifts, that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

We rejoice that you have claimed us in our baptism and anointed us for service in Christ's name, and that by your grace we are born anew.

By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*The minister may lift some water, let it fall back into the font or pool, and then make the sign of the cross over the people while saying:*

*Minister:* Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The congregation may be seated. The minister may anoint the candidate(s), making the sign of the cross on the forehead with oil and saying, "Remember your baptism and be thankful."*

## **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS**

*Minister:* Angela, Penny, Ben, Lori and Dan, 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?

*Candidates:* I do.

*Minister:* 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?

*Candidates:* I do.

*Minister:* 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?

*Candidates:* I do and I will.

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

*Candidates:* I will.

*Minister:* 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?

*Candidates:* I will.

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

*Candidates:* I will.

*Minister:* Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

*Candidates:* I do.

*Minister:* Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

*Candidates:* I will.

*Minister:* Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

*Candidates:* I will.

*The clerk of session addresses the congregation:*

*Clerk:* Do we, the members of the church, accept Angela Bell, Penny Judge, Ben Lamb, Lori Lufkin and Dan Ownby as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**All: We do.**

*Clerk:* Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

*All:* **We do.**

## **PRAYER OF ORDINATION**

*Those who are to be ordained may kneel, facing the congregation. Ruling elders and ministers of Word and Sacrament come forward to stand behind the candidate(s) for the laying on of hands.*

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Minister:* Gracious and eternal God, with joy we give you thanks and praise.

Throughout the ages and in every place you have chosen servants from among your people to point the way to salvation by your grace.

We are grateful for ancestors in the faith who followed without fear, placing their trust in you alone—for judges and monarchs who ruled in righteousness and peace; for prophets and apostles who spoke your bold words of mercy and of truth; for leaders and teachers in every age who have nurtured your people in faith and faithfulness.

Above all, we praise you for Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free. Anointed by your Holy Spirit, he proclaimed your reign on earth, revealing your saving love in all he said and did.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon your servants Angela, Penny, Ben, Lori and Dan whom you called by baptism as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus.

Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people.

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church, that we may be for you a holy people baptized to serve you in the world.

Sustain your church in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another.

Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be effective servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

*The newly ordained person(s) shall stand.*

*Minister:* Angela, Penny, Ben, Lori and Dan, you are ruling elders, ordained to ministries of service and governance in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Traditional Version*

*All:* **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## CALL FOR OFFERING

*From Psalm 40:5,6*

*Shelley Miller*

*Liturgist:* Our God has done wondrous things, too numerous to count. Through steadfast love and faithful care, God enriches us in every way. Therefore, do not delay! Let us offer to God ourselves this day, all that we have and all that we are, in praise and love of Christ.

## OFFERTORY

*“Trust and Obey”*

*Towner/Ferron*

## \*DOXOLOGY 609

*Glory to God Hymnal*

**All:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, word, and spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*from Isaiah 49:6, Psalm 40:8*

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

*Minister:* Let us pray:

**All:** We give you thanks, O loving God, that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will. Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation and restore all people to Christ. Amen.

## \*HYMN 625

*“How Great Thou Art”*

*Glory to God Hymnal*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

**All:** Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

## POSTLUDE

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## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Liturgist** ..... Shelley Miller  
**Ushers/Greeters**..... Dana & Mike Lamb, Denna & Don Grogan  
**Soloist** ..... Claudia Schorr  
**Accompanist** ..... Angela Bell  
**Organist** ..... George Hill  
**Tech Team** ..... Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins  
**Faithful Friends (Children’s Worship)**..... Susan Espiritu, April Lamb

## OUR CLERGY AND STAFF

**Pastor** ..... The Rev. Susan Balfour  
**Church Administrator**..... Ashton Hicks  
**Director of Music** ..... Bob Eubanks  
**Nursery Staff** ..... Laurismar Wrinkle

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Sanctuary Flowers** this week are given to the glory of God in honor of new Ruling Elders, Angela Bell, Penny Judge, Ben Lamb, Lori Lufkin, and Dan Ownby.

**CORE Donations:** This week our community outreach and engagement committee is seeking donations for Fountain City Ministry Center of single serving snacks or pop-top foods (Food bars, Vienna Sausage, Tuna pouch, Peanut Butter Crackers, Water, Fruit/Pudding cups)

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:** Our office will be closed this Monday, January 19 in observance of the holiday.

**Installation of The Rev. Susan Balfour:** Join us next Sunday, January 25 at 2:00 P.M. as we install the next Pastor of Fountain City Presbyterian Church, The Reverend Susan Balfour. January 25, also known as Burns Night, is a celebration of Scottish poet, Robert Burns. Join us following the installation for a Scottish themed reception. Dress in your finest tartan or kilt and come hungry for traditional Scottish foods as we celebrate our Scottish heritage as Presbyterians.

**The Lunch Bunch** is invited to the home of Charlie and Susan Espiritu for their rescheduled annual holiday party on Thursday, January 22nd at 11:00 A.M.

**Free Community Pancake Breakfast:** Join us on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> as we welcome the Fountain City Community in for our monthly free community pancake breakfast. Spread the news and invite a friend to come eat some delicious pancakes. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome!

**Dinners for Eight:** Sign up for our next iteration of Dinners for Eight by scanning the QR code. Dinners will take place throughout the coming month and your host, who has already volunteered, will then reach out to you to schedule a dinner time. Please let your host know if you have any allergies or food restrictions.

**Congregational Meeting:** A congregational meeting has been scheduled for February 1, 2026 following the worship service in the fellowship hall for the purpose of presenting the 2026 budget. Your prayers and presence is requested.

## JARZHEIT

1/20/80 Elmer Sienknecht, 1/19/92 John Crabtree, 1/18/01 Ross Clapp, 1/19/03 Rebecca Willis,  
1/20/25 Phyllis Brandon

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1/20 MacKaylee Holland, 1/23 Gail Giffin, Nancy Webb



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