

OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF JULIA HUGHES BURKLEY

**As Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A).
As Associate Pastor, Opequon Presbyterian Church.**



08.14.2022

ORDINATION COMMISSION

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Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas.....First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, VA
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Linda Kessinger.....Office Administrator
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Robert Sydnor.....Sexton
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Rebekah Witt.....Youth & Young Adult Director

SPECIAL THANKS

Greeters.....Mitch and Pam Orndorff, Mary Himelright, Fran Jeffries
Ushers.....Mary Elson, Laurel and Jason Hathaway, Graham Taylor, Joe Burton, Mike Jeffries
Beadle.....Ron Smith
Acolyte.....Jack Hathaway
Communion Servers.....Ann Smith, Katherine Newhouse, Beth Barr
Eric and Mary Wall: for your support through the years and willingness to share music
Associate Pastor Nominating Committee: Ann Smith, Ann Denison, Joe Burton, Bob Gaines, Laurel
Hathaway, Graham Taylor, Beth Barr, and Mary Elson, for your leadership and support
Worship and Fellowship Teams for your help in making the space special and for your hospitality

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

08.14.2022, 4:00 PM

We Gather in God's Name

PRELUDE..... ERIC WALL
And Call Her Blessed composed by David Locklair

*All who are able please stand.....**Bold Print, all respond**

WELCOME.....PASTOR DAVID WITT

*CALL TO WORSHIP & GATHERING PRAYER.....REV. AMANDA MAGUIRE THOMAS

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name;
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

*OPENING HYMN, GTG 410.....*GOD IS CALLING THROUGH A WHISPER*
CCLI#1622560

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs, through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise. Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling - can you hear? God is calling - can you hear?
God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers, through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair. Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling - can you hear? God is calling - can you hear?
God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts, through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts. Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling - and we hear! God is calling - and we hear!

CALL TO CONFESSION.....REV. RACHEL CRUMLEY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are descendants of your righteous ones,
your beloved children, those who obeyed,
those who greeted your covenant with joyous praise
through fearful nights and problem laden days.**

**You have been our refuge through all times of change,
when the world seemed harsh and strange.
We followed your lead even when the path was obscured,
the way to grace hidden behind our own fear.**

**God, we still witness the violence of the world,
too often callously dispensed against the most vulnerable,
dispensed against those whose voices have been silenced.
You deliver us from a world filled with inequities.**

**Forgive us, God, for breaking our covenants.
Forgive us, God, for those moments when we stayed silent and ignored your command to speak.
Forgive us, God, for those times when we witnessed harm and did not intervene.
Forgive us, God, for not always acting with genuine love for one another.**

MOMENT OF PRAYER, GTG 471 (V. 1).....*OH LORD HEAR MY PRAYER*
CCLI#1622560

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Friends, the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you

We Hear God's Word

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON..... MARK JOHNSON
Hebrews 11:1-3,29-12:2.....pew bible pg. 977

ANTHEM.....OPEQUON CHOIR
For Those Who Serve.....words and music by Joseph M Martin

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON.....MARGARET BARB
Numbers 27:1-11 pew bible pg. 128

SERMON.....REV. MATT GAVENTA
The Whole Truth

*HYMN, GTC 324.....*FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN*
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**For all the faithful women, who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given, to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness, in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.**

**We praise your name for Miriam, who sang triumphantly
while Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea;
for Ruth who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,
who pledge to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.**

**We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan
while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.**

**We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb
and found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.**

**Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.
O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,
that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.**

Ordination and Installation

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE.....REV. DAVID HOWARD

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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH & THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

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

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

I will, with God's help.

APOSTLES CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.....REV. DAVID HOWARD & ANN DENISON

Congregation: Do we, the members of the church,

accept Julia Hughes Burkley as our associate 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 ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Any Ruling Elders and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament are invited to come forward for a laying on of hands

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED.....ANN DENISON

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY....PASTOR DAVID WITT & PASTOR TRACIE MARTIN

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION.....PASTOR DAVID WITT

OFFERING.....SUSAN HOMAN AND WILLIAM HEAVNER

Here I Am, Lord

Arranged by Jack Schrader

Offering is going to the General Presbyter Discretionary Fund

*THE DOXOLOGY, GTG 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above the Heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

DEDICATION

We Move Towards the Table

EUCCHARIST.....REV. CLAIRE GEORGE-DRUMHELLER & REV. JULIA BURKLEY

...The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Liturgy written by Rev. Rachel Watson

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise....**

....Therefore we join our voices here and now with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful in every time and place who forever praise your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest...

...Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again...

...And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray...

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 glory forever. Amen

Communion today will take place with individual communion kits. When instructed by an usher, please come forward, take a communion kit, and return to your seat. A gluten free option is available in the center.

COMMUNION MUSIC.....ERIC AND MARY WALL

This is the Body of Christ

John L. Bell, *There is One Among Us*

**This is the body of Christ, broken that we may be whole
this cup as promised by God, true to his word, cradles our Lord;
food for the good of the soul.**

We Move Towards the World

*CLOSING HYMN, GTG 301.....*LET US BUILD A HOUSE*
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**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine, and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone,
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger, bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

*BLESSING & CHARGE.....REV. JULIA BURKLEY
GTG 410, v.1 and refrain

**God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling - can you hear? God is calling - can you hear?**

**Julia: God is calling can you hear?
Choir: God is calling can you hear?
All: God is calling and we hear!**

POSTLUDE.....WILLIAM HEAVNER
Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth, from Mendelsohn's "Elijah" arranged by Todd Kendal

PLEASE JOIN US AFTER
FOR A RECEPTION

ABOUT OPEQUON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our mission is to prayerfully equip disciples of all generations to be Christ's hands, heart, and feet in the world. We are part of a larger church body known as the Presbyterian Church (USA). We abide by the constitution of the PC(USA) comprised of our Book of Order and Book of Confessions of the PC(USA). We are a congregation of the Shenandoah Presbytery.

A NOTE FROM JULIA

Thank you all so much for being here for this exciting day. This call has been God-ordained from the beginning, and I am so incredibly grateful for God's clear work on my life to be called to serve this congregation. God's hand has been in my journey to this place since my baptism, and I am so glad that God called me to this wonderful church and community. To all my friends and family: thank you for all of your support, especially when my call to be a pastor was as surprising to you as it was to me. Thank you for the laughter, for the late nights complaining about memorizing Hebrew, and most of all for the steadfast community that you have been for me. To Opequon Presbyterian Church, thank you for your enthusiasm and willingness to embrace me. I feel so at peace here, and feel so blessed that I can call this church my home.

Julia

