

*God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit on these your people.
Give them prudence and sound judgment,
wisdom and courage to order the life of the church
in obedience to your Word.
Nourish them in the life of the Holy Spirit,
that they may exercise their ministry with humility and compassion.
Guide them in governance as officers of this congregation,
that they may be servant leaders following Christ
who came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life to set others free.
Give them joy in their walk of faith
and a sure sense of your abiding presence for their work of ministry. Amen.*

Members of the Joint Board for 2021:
Elders **Trustees**

Renewal of Baptism & Installation of Officers

Beloved people of God, the waters of baptism are the visible sign of our participation in a new covenant through Jesus Christ. These baptismal waters, through God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, are a God given gift that unites us with Christ, enters us into the fellowship of the church, and are to always be a reminder of our call to live a life of faith and willing obedience to God.

Those of you baptized into Christ Jesus, how were you baptized?
Into his death. We were buried with him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glorious power of God Almighty, we too might be raised to live a new life.

Lord, make us one with all your children as we profess our faith, saying:
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

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

Water is poured into the font visibly and audibly.

*Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks.
In countless ways you have revealed yourself in ages past,
and have blessed us with signs of your grace.
We praise you that through the waters of the sea
you led your people Israel out of bondage,
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 that in baptism you give us 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 claimed us in our baptism,
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.*

*This morning we are all invited to remember and renew our commitment to our
baptismal covenant.*

*Having been reminded of our baptismal covenant and God's great love for us, we
come with a fresh awareness of having been made one in Christ, many members
of a single body, through our individual baptisms whenever and wherever they
have taken place. And so, having been joined into Christ's body, we come
together as this congregation to live out the work of Christ in the world.*

***We each come with differing gifts to offer and we have elected some in our midst
to help serve and guide us.***

*We invite our congregational officers being installed to join me at the front on the
appropriately spaced placemats. Those who are continuing their service on the
Board are not present today.*

*You have each been elected by this church family to significant positions of
authority and leadership in this congregation. You have indicated your willingness
to accept this responsibility and to serve this congregation and our Chief Elder,
Jesus Christ. This congregation, through the leading of the Holy Spirit, has
placed great trust in you. Therefore I ask you in the presence of God and this
congregation:*

*Are you willing to accept the duties and responsibilities of the position you have
been elected to as a trust committed to you by our Lord and Master?*

Those being installed or continuing in their terms respond:

With God's help, I am.

**Trusting in Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, I humbly promise Him and this
congregation that I will be faithful to the extent of my ability to all duties and
responsibilities given me as an officer of this church. I will endeavor to be regular
in my attendance, cheerful in my service, whole-hearted in my giving,
open-minded and imaginative in my planning, loving in my relationships,
persistent in the face of challenges and Christ-like in my fidelity to His service. I
will seek by example the promotion of Christian fellowship among all our
members and the fullest extension of Christ's Kingdom in my own heart, in our
church and community, and throughout the world.**

*Inasmuch as these officers, responsible for the well-being of this congregation,
have publicly pledged themselves under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to exert
their very best efforts to this end, will you, the members of this congregation,
now promise to remember that you elected these sisters and brothers through the
leading of the Holy Spirit of God and will you pledge yourselves before God and
your fellow brothers and sisters to support them by prayer, by word, and by deed
at all times, and will you support them in their decisions which are to glorify God
in mission and ministry?*

The congregation responds:

With God's help, we will.