The Presbytery of Great Rivers
Service of Installation of
The Reverend Sarah Anne Bishop

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Springfield, Illinois
Sunday, February 2, 2025
4:00 o'clock in the afternoon

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

GREETING OF THE HOST CHURCH Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

GREETING OF THE PRESBYTERY Rev. Ann Schwartz

VOLUNTARY We Thanks Thee, O God Johann Sebastian Bach

***THE RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL**

The congregation shall rise at the ringing of the bell.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 112) Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Leader: Praises be to You, O Gracious One!
People: Blessed are those who honor and serve the Holy One, who greatly delight in God's Word!
Leader: For they dwell with love, and their children will learn of peace and justice.
People: Abundance and wholeness will be their heritage, and truth will be their banner.
Leader: Light penetrates the darkness for those who face their fears:
People: Love stands by them with mercy and forgiveness.
Leader: Let us worship God.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 450** Be Thou My Vision *Slane*

The Installation Commission shall process during the hymn.

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Rev. Dr. Adam Quine

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, you call us to love as you have loved us. But we have failed to do so by excluding others, by rejecting those who we deem different or difficult. We follow easy paths which produce harm and pain, instead of creating paths of repair and reconciliation. You have shown us a great love; in return we struggle to give that love to others. Redeeming God, forgive our failure to be witnesses of the love we have received. Help us to hear your call more clearly, to reflect with intention and to move within this world as our Savior once moved. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

***SUNG RESPONSE** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us Hymnal, Back Cover

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

*GLORIA PATRI

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 31:1-6 Rev. Jonathan Warren

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 21:15-19

SERMON "Finding Grace" Rev. Ann Schwartz

ANTHEM One Faith, One Hope, One Lord Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died,
One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is
and shall be evermore. There is one body, one spirit, as you were
called to one hope. One Lord, one baptism and faith, one God and
father of all, who is in you all. Though we be many people, diverse
with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith,
that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

OFFERING INVITATION Rev. Chuck Goodman

This offering will support the Presbytery's scholarship fund for ordination candidates.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY How Lovely Are the Messengers Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words. Romans 10:15-16

*DOXOLOGY

*LITANY FOR INSTALLATION — APNC Chair Krista Steller

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 people in different ways,
People: but it is the same God who achieves divine 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 Christ.
Leader: Though we have different gifts,
together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ.
People: We work and pray to make Christ's church a healing presence in the world. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS — Moderator Carol Sleeth

Do you trust in 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?

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?

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?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

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?

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

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

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

QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION — Elder Krista Steller

Do we, as members of the church, accept Sarah Anne Bishop as our associate pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the church?

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?

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?

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION Moderator Carol Sleeth

Gracious God, we praise you that you have chosen servants in every age to speak your Word and lead your people. We give you thanks for your servant, Sarah Anne Bishop, and for the ministry to which you have called her. Give Sarah a full measure of the gifts of your Holy Spirit both in the walk of faith and for the work of ministry. Anoint Sarah with power to proclaim the gospel in Word and Sacrament, in witness and in service, in truth and in love, for the building up of the people of God and for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR Rev. Dr. Adam Quine

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION Rev. Jonathan Warren

***HYMN 726** Will You Come and Follow Me *Kelvingrove*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Sarah A. Bishop

***CHORAL RESPONSE** Forth in Thy Name Orlando Gibbons

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord I go, my daily labor to pursue
Thee, only thee, resolved to know, in all I think or speak or do.
Text: Charles Wesley, 1749

***VOLUNTARY** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Brenda Portman

During the closing voluntary, the congregation shall remain standing while the Installation Commission recesses.

(*) The Congregation is invited to stand.

A RECEPTION IN PARISH HALL WILL FOLLOW THIS SERVICE OF INSTALLATION.

INSTALLATION COMMISSION:

Rev. Ann Schwartz	Lead Presbyter, Presbytery of Great Rivers, IL
Rev. Chuck Goodman	Pastor, Hope Presbyterian Church, Springfield, IL
Rev. Dr. Adam Quine	Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, IL
Rev. Jonathan Warren	Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, IL
Elder Krista Steller	Westminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield, IL
Elder Carol Sleeth	Moderator, Presbytery of Great Rivers, First Federated Church, Peoria, IL

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Westminster Choir	Dale T. Rogers, Director of Music and the Arts

USHERS: The Board of Deacons

We are deeply grateful to these persons for their participation in this service of worship. Others have also given of themselves to make this afternoon possible, and we thank them as well.

RECEPTION HOSTS: Pat Hymans and The Membership Committee of Westminster

THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Krista Steller, Chair	Emily Brower	Adam Ekstedt
Dr. Craig Batterman	Meridith Bryans	Tom Owen
Meleah Berkowitz	Kristianna Eastvold	

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WESTMINSTER

The early 19th century settlement of the Illinois prairie had contingencies coming from both the Yankee Puritans of New England and Southerners from the states of Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and the Carolinas. By 1828, there were enough Presbyterian-minded settlers in the pioneer village of Springfield to form a church. Seven years later, differences of backgrounds, desires for a more liberal theology, and strong convictions toward human freedom formed the catalyst for thirty members to withdraw and form a second Presbyterian Church (now Westminster). In 1837, Springfield became the state capitol, the focus for continued lively debate on slavery issues, and the site of Abraham Lincoln's famous "house divided" speech.

As Springfield grew from a prairie village to an urban capitol, Westminster Church has constructed four church buildings. The present house of worship was dedicated in March of 1908. The new edifice of a "modified early English Gothic" style was designed by the renowned architectural firm of Cram, Goodhue and Ferguson of Boston. The stained-glass windows are from the Boston firm of Charles J. Connick and the studio of Reynolds, Francis and Ronstock. Of special interest are our chancel stalls, a gift from Robert Todd Lincoln, son of President Lincoln, and a set of three flower stands designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

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