



SERVICE OF INSTALLATION  
for  
*Rev. Charles Lynn Low, Jr.*

Conducted by  
The Presbytery of Hudson River  
at  
First Presbyterian Church  
Yorktown Heights, New York

March 14, 2010

4:00 p.m.

# THE CHURCH GATHERS IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Bandelier”  
Bell Choir, Carol Jensen, flute

T. Rawlinson

PROCESSIONAL

“God of Grace”  
Ann Timmons, horn; Dorinda Gay, trumpet; Al Torrente, trumpet; Simona Frenkel, organ

P. Manz

WELCOME

Rev. Angela Maddalone

INTROIT

“The Call”  
Choir; Simona Frenkel, organ

Smith  
arr. Erik Routley

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, me Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

~George Herbert

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day the Lord has made;

**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

One: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

**All: let us exalt the name of the Lord together.**

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

**All: let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

One: Let us worship God together.

\* HYMN NO. 263

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

\* OPENING PRAYER

Elder Lisa Niven

**Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. We cling to our past instead of looking to your future for us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. As you have chosen us, and claimed us in our baptisms, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world. Give us your Holy Spirit that we may be gifted for service, answering your call and sharing your good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\* HYMN NO. 355

"Here the Good News of Salvation" (v. 1)

\* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: In Christ, all things are made new.

The old has passed away so that we can have peace.

**All: Peace with God, with one another and with all of creation.**

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

## SONG

"Let There Be Light"

1. Let there be light, let there be un-der-stand-ing,  
 2. O-pen our lips, o-pen our minds to pon-der,  
 3. Per-ish the sword, per-ish the an-gry judg-ment,  
 4. Hal-low our love, hal-low the deaths of mar-tyrs,  
 5. Your king-dom come, your Spir-it turn to lan-guage,  
 6. Let there be light, o-pen our hearts to won-der,

let all the na-tions gath-er, let them be face to face.  
 o-pen the door of con-cord o-pen-ing in-to grace.  
 per-ish the bombs and hun-ger, per-ish the fight for gain.  
 hal-low their ho-ly free-dom, hal-low-ed be your name.  
 your peo-ple speak to-geth-er, your Spir-it nev-er fade.  
 per-ish the way of ter-ror, hal-low the world God made.

## PROCLAIMS GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1-22

Elder Bill Herman

SERMON

*Something Old, Something Blue,  
Something Bold, Something New*

Rev. Cathi King

## RESPONDS TO GOD'S WORD

\* HYMN NO. 376

“Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”

DEDICATING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Rev. Angela Maddalone

*Special Offering: Dedicated to the Scholarship Fund of the Committee on Preparation  
for Ministry and the Ministry Support Fund of the Committee on Ministry*

Offertory

“Joyful, Joyful”

Beethoven/Warren

Christie Herman, Karen Mack, John Winget, Roger Post, percussion;  
Simona Frenkel, piano

\* Hymn no. 428

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (vs. 1, 4)

\* Prayer of Dedication

LITANY OF GIFTS (Romans 12:4-8, 11-13)

Deacon Kristin Hodgkinson

One: As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function,  
so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

**All: We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.**

One: If your gift is to hear God’s Word,

**All: speak it out in faith.**

One: If your gift is service,

**All: live to serve others.**

One: If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

**All: teach what is true.**

One: Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

**All: let officers work diligently for the people,  
and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.**

One: Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

**All: serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering,  
constant in prayer, supporting one another,  
and welcoming all.**

## STATEMENT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Elder David Monk

**One:** We are called out by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together we are to display the new reality that sin is forgiven, reconciliation accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down. As the living body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives, and to demonstrate Christ's love in service to the world. We are called to undertake this mission even at the risk of life, trusting God in all things. In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our time, a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work. Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

**All:** **The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;  
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;  
the maintenance of divine worship;  
the preservation of the truth;  
the promotion of social righteousness;  
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

**One:** The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ. The particular responsibility of the ministry of the Word and Sacrament is to build up the church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly celebrated. The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by Chip, and approved by the presbytery. Therefore the Presbytery of Hudson River, by means of this commission, now installs Charles Lynn Low, Jr. as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown.

In his baptism, Chip was clothed with Christ. He was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation. We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our brother, to serve among us as pastor.

## CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE PASTOR

Rev. Angela Maddalone

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?

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 God's people?

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?

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?

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?

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION      David Monk, Kristin Hodgkinson

Do we, the members of the First Presbyterian Church, accept Chip as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of our 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, provide for his welfare as he works among us, stand by him in trouble, and share his joy? 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.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Angela Maddalone

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION AND WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR

Rev. Susan Faye Wonderland

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Chris Shelton

## GOES IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN NO. 354

“Guide My Feet”

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. Chip Low

RECESSIONAL

“Baroque Alleluia”

J.S. Bach

Dorinda Gay, trumpet; Al Torrente, trumpet; Simona Frenkel, organ

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

C. Widor

Bell Choir

**Join us in celebration in the Fellowship Hall.**

## PARTICIPANTS

### *Administrative Commission:*

**Rev. Angela Maddalone**, pastor, Palisades Presbyterian Church, Moderator-elect of the Presbytery of Hudson River, and former Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown.

**Elder David Monk**, First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown and member of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

**Elder Lisa Niven**, First Presbyterian Church of Irvington, and Chip's Committee on Ministry liaison.

**Rev. Tami Seidel**, wife, best friend, and partner in ministry.

**Rev. Chris Shelton**, Congregational Connections Presbyter, Presbytery of Hudson River, friend and fellow Texan.

### *Others involved in the service:*

**Bill Herman**, elder, First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown

**Kristin Hodgkinson**, deacon, First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, member of the Pastor Nominating Committee and babysitter to Sophie, Benjamin and Samuel.

**Rev. Cathi King**, associate pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, long-time friend, golf teacher, and colleague in ministry.

**Rev. Susan Faye Wonderland**, Associate Executive of the Synod of the Trinity, long-time friend, Silver Bay Youth Conference partner, and colleague in ministry.

## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

Thanks to Simona Frenkel and all of the musicians who share their gift and love of music today for God's glory.

Thanks to the Pastor Nominating Committee for their hard work and dedication in the pastoral search process: Christie Virtue-Herman, co-chair; Bud Coccodrilli, co-chair; Kristin Hodgkinson, David Monk, Jack Shaughnessy, Marianna Sherman, and Patti Talbot.

Thanks to the Congregational Life Commission and all who helped to provide the bounteous reception following the service.

Thanks to the Congregation of FPC Yorktown for your warm welcome and gracious hospitality and for this wonderful opportunity to serve God together.

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Church School & Adult Education: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
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## **Ministers: The Congregation**

*Every Member a Minister*

**Chip Low**, Pastor

**Simona Frenkel**, Organist, Choir Director

**Barbara Darragh**, Administrative Assistant; **Jose Sandoval**, Custodian

## **Elders:**

**Class 2010:** Carolyn Blaney, Judy Chessa, Connie Knapp, Dick Seymour, Marianna Sherman, Ken Shulman, Barbara Wilkens, Abigail Winsted

**Class 2011:** Pam Darreff, Karen Gerth, Bill Herman, Frank Hodgkinson, Ian Spence

**Class 2012:** Ellen Miles, Carol Myers, Barbara Santagata, Lynda Spring, Ann Timmons, John Winget

**Clerk:** Gordon Braudaway

## **Deacons:**

**Class 2010:** Todd Child, Gloria Coccodrilli (Financial Secretary), Louise Fang, Kristin Hodgkinson, Carter Humphrey, Fran Schiel

**Class 2011:** Ryan Mulcahy, Jill Pagliettini, Chuck Radke (Vice-Moderator), Mable Seymour

**Class 2012:** Katharine Frase (Moderator), Terri Froehlich, Barbara Humphrey, Sue Nelson (Secretary)