

INVITATION.... We are here in the name of Jesus Christ, to worship the God who gave us life and who sustains our every breath, and to praise the Spirit who enlivens our hearts and enlightens our minds. Great is our God and deserves our greatest praise, God is awesome beyond all our imagining. Each generation shall pass on the good news to the next, and shall publicly celebrate God's saving actions.

WELCOME... no matter your background, your circumstances or your reason for being here, you are welcome. Church is the perfect place for imperfect people!

WE ARE THREE CHURCHES WITH ONE CONGREGATION... we are all brothers and sisters together in Christ; worship with us *every* Sunday morning!

OUR MISSION... "We are a dedicated community of believers that endeavors to demonstrate God's love to the world in which we live and serve.

OUR COMMISSIONED PASTOR is Joe Allmond.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th... 6:30 pm Session Meeting, Arvon

FUN & FLEX... 6:00 pm at Arvon, Choir Rehearsal at 7:00

ELDER ORDINATION & INSTALLATION... this morning.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY... October 1st, Arvon

OCTOBER 1ST IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, IT IS OUR FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY... we enjoy food and fellowship with our Fabulous Fellowship Breakfast[®] at 9:30 in the Arvon Fellowship Hall.

FUN & FLEX... David Carter, a Physical Therapist, will appear at the Wednesday, October 18th Fun & Flex session at Fork Union Presbyterian Church at 6:00 pm. He will discuss and demonstrate ways for seniors to avoid and deal with problems common to older adults. The entire congregation, family, friends, and the community are invited to attend! See Bob or Jan Fermoyle for more information.

TWO CENTS A MEAL... Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program – collection box in the entryway.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS... in the collections box in the entryway

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 28th: Claudia Griffen
October 9th: Aubrienne Lightfoot Adams
October 14th: Judy and Larry Hodges
October 16th: Elizabeth Jones
October 17th: JoElaine Justis
October 17th: Okley Pullen
October 19th: E.W. Owen
October 21st: Corey Sykes

October 21st: Joan Allmond
October 24th: Ted Bonds
October 27th: Lynette Bishop
October 27th: Jeff Jones
October 30th: Bob Fermoyle
October 31st: Cathy Clifton
October 31st: Sarah Hannah
October 31st: AC Lightfoot

Welcome



Fork Union Presbyterian Church
September 24th 2017

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
New Elder Ordination

The Gathering

Ringing of the steeple bell, calling the faithful from the world into worship

Replenishing the baptismal font, reminding us we are all God's children

Scripture: James 5:13-20

Greeting One Another and Life of the Parish

The Processional: Lighting of the Candles and Entry of God's Word

▼ **Our Invitation: The Beginning of the Worship Service**

*This is my Father's world. Oh, let me ne'er forget That though the wrong
seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.*

This is my Father's world: The battle is not done:

Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heaven be one.

Call to Worship – Psalm 145:1-8 (Responsive)

All: I will lift you up high, my God, the true king. I will bless your name forever and always. I will bless you every day. I will praise your name forever and always.

Leader: The LORD is great and so worthy of praise! God's greatness can't be grasped. One generation will praise your works to the next one, proclaiming your mighty acts.

People: They will talk all about the glorious splendor of your majesty; I will contemplate your wondrous works. They will speak of the power of your awesome deeds; I will declare your great accomplishments. They will rave in celebration of your abundant goodness; they will shout joyfully about your righteousness: "The LORD is merciful and compassionate, very patient, and full of faithful love.

Leader: Come, let us worship our God!

Opening Prayer

▲ **Hymn of Praise: # 288 – I Sing the Mighty Power of God (Verses 1-2)**

▼ **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Lord, you know our faults, our failings, the waywardness of our affections, the times when we fail to practice what we know, Yet you love us still! You forgive us Are there to comfort us, cherish us, guide us, love us. We thank you for your undying eternal love. Give us grace to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that in all the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may be surely fixed where true contentment, true life is to be found, in Jesus Christ our Lord...

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness:

▲ **Gloria Patri**

The Word

▼ **First Scripture Reading – The Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-15**

Special Music - Choir: "God Will Take Care of You"

Second Scripture Reading – The Epistle: Philippians 1:21-30

▲ **Hymn of Reflection: # 325 – Spirit Divine Attend Our Prayers (Vs 1-2)**

▼ **The Word Read – The Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

The Word Proclaimed: "

Our Response to the Word

Our Offering to God

▲ **Song of Praise: The Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

▼ **Ordination and Installation of Elder-elect Rob Bishop**

▲ **Hymn of Commitment: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (Below)**

The Sending

▲ **Charge and Blessing**

▲ **Choral Response (# 586)**

▲ **Extinguishing of the Candles and the Recessional into the World**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

<p><i>Verse 1:</i> <i>I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back!</i></p>	<p><i>Verse 2:</i> <i>The world behind me, the cross before me; The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me; No turning back, no turning back</i></p>
<p><i>Verse 3:</i> <i>Tho' none go with me, I still will follow, Tho' none go with me, I still will follow, Tho' none go with me, I still will follow, No turning back, no turning back!</i></p>	<p><i>Verse 4:</i> <i>Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? No turning back, no turning back!</i></p>

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Leader: God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit on Rob, that he may be your faithful elder in the church. Give him prudence and sound judgment, wisdom and courage to order the life of the church in obedience to your Word. Nourish him in the life of the Holy Spirit, that he may exercise the ministry of discipline with humility and compassion. Guide him in governance, on this session and in every court of the church, that he 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 him joy in his walk of faith and a sure sense of your abiding presence for his work of ministry.

The laying on of hands is concluded. The moderator continues:

Leader: Gracious God, through the waters of baptism, you have claimed us as your own and called us to share in Christ's ministry. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may discern the gifts you have given, calling them forth from one another, and together use these gifts for the good of all. In obedience to Christ, and in the unity of his Spirit, may we proclaim good news, make disciples, be light and leaven, share our bread, offer a cup of cold water, wash one another's feet. Make us strong in Christ to live as your people and show forth your saving love in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION (AND INSTALLATION)

The moderator addresses those who are newly ordained and installed:

Rob, you are now an elder in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

WELCOME

Ministers and elders greet those who are newly ordained and installed.

CHARGE

The newly ordained and installed elder remains standing.

2 Timothy 2:15, ¹⁵Make an effort to present yourself to God as a tried-and-true worker, who doesn't need to be ashamed but is one who interprets the message of truth correctly.

The moderator or minister addresses all present:

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE: *1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27*

Leader: There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other.

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

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

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

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it. 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 and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as deacons, as elders, and as ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

A leader of the Fork Union Session continues:

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of Arvon Presbyterian Church now ordains Rob Bishop to the office of elder, and installs him to active service on the Fork Union Session

Leader: Ordination calls the whole church to renewed commitment, and reminds us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of baptism. Let us, therefore, reaffirm our faith, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles Creed:

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy

catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Those who are to be ordained and/or installed move to the front of the place of worship to answer the questions required by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The moderator or minister addresses the candidates:

Leader: 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?

Elder elect: I do.

Leader: 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?

Elder elect: I do.

Leader: 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?

Elder elect: I do and I will.

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

Elder elect: I will.

Leader: 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?

Elder elect: I will.

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

Elders elect: I will.

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

Elder elect: I do.

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

Elder elect: I will.

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

Elder elect: I will.

An elder addresses members of the congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept Rob Bishop as an elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Elder: 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?

People: We do.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

Those who are to be ordained kneel, facing the congregation. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and elders stand behind the candidates.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Eternal God, we give you thanks for your steadfast faithfulness to us. In every age you have called forth leaders to serve you and equipped them with your gifts. Among your people Israel, you anointed prophets, priests, and rulers. You called pastors and teachers, bishops, elders, and deacons to build up your church. With Moses, the seventy elders bore the burdens of your people, ministering in the power of your Spirit. Alongside the apostles, deacons cared for all in need and guarded the community's peace. In the church, deacons, elders, and pastors serve together, so that your whole people might be equipped for ministry, and built up into the full unity of Christ. For your servants in every age, O God, and for the church of Jesus Christ, we give you all thanks and praise.

PRAYER FOR ELDERS

Those gathered around candidate for the office of elder lay hands on him.