



**Worship with the Commissioning of Elder Frank Hancock
Sunday, December 12, 2021
1:30 pm**

Gathering for Worship

Trinity Chimes

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Prelude

Organ

Processional and Trumpet Tune on "God of Grace"

arr. Wayne L. Wold

*God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Set our feet on lofty places;
gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christlike graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!
- Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.*

Welcome and Call to Worship

Commissioning of Elder Frank Hancock

Steve Wilson

Leader: Holy God, in all ages You have called people to serve You and Your people.

People: Today, we affirm Your call to Elder Frank Hancock to serve Your people.

Leader: We affirm Your many gifts to Frank: faith, life experiences, and years of service in Your Church.

People: We affirm the work of Your Holy Spirit in us all.

Leader: We gather to offer You our praise and to commission Frank to serve You and Your people in the Plum Creek Presbyterian Church.

*Hymn of Praise

Christ Be Our Light

see bulletin page 6

*Prayer of the Day

Barbara Bolls

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Don Ewing

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music

Do Not Be Afraid †

*Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are Mine, you are Mine.*

*When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames.*

*When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in My eyes.*

*You are Mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you, I love you, I love you,
I love you with a perfect love, a perfect love.*

- based on Isaiah 43/Gerard Markland

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 2:14-26

Bonnie Jackson

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Maria Hancock

Sermon

Abram, Mary, Timothy and Frank

Steve Wilson

*Hymn of Response

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Hymnal, No. 357/See p. 7

*Affirmation of Faith

Doug Crist

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ fully human, fully God. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Commissioning of Elder Frank Hancock

Sentences of Scripture

Sam Shaneyfelt

*As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.*

Gal. 3:27–28

**There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

*Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called,
making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.*

Eph. 4:1–6

*There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,
**one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.***

*Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

Hymnal, No. 525/See p. 8-9

Call to Discipleship

Brian Wallace

*We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ,
a sign in the world today
of what God intends for all humankind.*

**The great ends of the Church are
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.**

Book of Order, F-1.0304

The presider continues:

*The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship.
Our discipleship is a manifestation
of the new life we enter through baptism.
Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment,
an offering and a responsibility.*

*The presider or other appropriate person(s) shall relate the form(s) of service to which
persons are being commissioned.*

*Those being commissioned may express their hope in accepting the call and
commission.*

The presider addresses those being commissioned:

*Frank, the grace bestowed on you in baptism
is sufficient for your calling
because it is God's grace.
By God's grace we are saved,*

*and enabled to grow in the faith
and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ.
God has called you to particular service.
Show your purpose by answering these questions.*

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

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

I will, with God's help.

*Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined
to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling
of the world?*

I do.

*Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,
relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?*

I will, with God's help.

The leader addresses all present:

*Do you, members of Oakmont Presbyterian Church,
confirm the call of God to Frank Hancock
as Commissioned Pastor to the Plum Creek Presbyterian Church
in the service of Jesus Christ?*

We do.

*Do you, members of the Plum Creek Presbyterian Church
affirm the call of God to Frank Hancock to serve you as Commissioned Pastor?*

We Do.

Will you, this gathered congregation, support and encourage Frank in this ministry?

We will.

Commissioning Prayer

Sherry Geis

Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament are invited forward for the laying on of hands.

Ministry of Music

Chancel Choir

The Spirit of the Lord †

Philip W. J. Stopford

*The spirit of the Lord is upon me. The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.*

*He hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives
and recov'ring of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord,
to give unto them that mourn a garland of ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.*

*For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before the nations,
And praise to spring forth before the nations. The spirit of the Lord.*

- Text from Isaiah 61

Blessing

Brian Wallace

Charge

Robbie Connell

Presentation of a Gift

Susan Buell

Sending into the World

*Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me Hymnal, No. 369/See p. 10

Benediction

Frank Hancock

Postlude

Organ

We Are Called

David Haas/arr. Marilyn Biery

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;

We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

After worship Frank and his family will greet the congregation in Friendship Hall.

Christ, Be Our Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm Em

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G

church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 357

Washington Gladden, 1879

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Henry Percy Smith, 1874

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four numbered verses. The first system contains the first four lines of the first verse. The second system contains the last two lines of the first verse and the first two lines of the second verse. The third system contains the last two lines of the second verse and the first two lines of the third verse.

1. O Mas - ter, let me walk with Thee In low - ly
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear,
3. Teach me Thy pa - tience; still with Thee In clos - er,
4. In hope that sends a shin - ing ray Far down the

paths of ser - vice free; Tell me Thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; Teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, In work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way; In peace that on - ly

help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, And guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, In trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
Thou canst give, With Thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Unison

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

heard You call-ing in the night I will

go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your

Fine

peo - ple in my heart.

369 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE Irregular

African-American spiritual

African-American spiritual
Arr. Wendell Whalum (1932-1987)

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
2. I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y - where, Lord,
3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

an - y - time! I'm gon-na live so (live so)
(an - y - time!) I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can
I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

use me an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
(my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

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Participants in the Worship Service

- Barbara Boles, Worship Committee Chair, Oakmont Presbyterian Church
- Bonnie Jackson, Clerk of Session, Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek
- Brian Wallace, Associate Minister, Pittsburgh Presbytery
- Don Ewing, Transitional Pastor, Southminster Presbyterian Church
- Maria Hancock, Frank's wife and Oakmont Presbyterian Church Member
- Michael P. Frank III, Director of Music Ministries, Oakmont Presbyterian Church
- Oakmont Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
- Robbie Connell, Moderator of Deacons, Oakmont Presbyterian Church
- Sam Shaneyfelt, Chair, Personnel Committee, Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek
- Sherry Geis, Chair, Personnel Committee, Oakmont Presbyterian Church
- Steve Wilson, Pastor, Oakmont Presbyterian Church
- Susan Buell, Representing the congregation of Oakmont Presbyterian Church

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†**The anthem *Do Not Be Afraid*** – this anthem was given to the Chancel Choir Library *in joy, love and celebration of Debbie Hays' Birthday*, given by her husband, Ralph Hays. (March 2017)

†**The anthem *The Spirit of the Lord*** by Philip Stopford was given to the choir library by Paula Weiss, in celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift, this tool, Paula shares in her nursing profession, to decode the pain and fear and unlock the door to discovery of the Spirit of the Lord, which is inside each of us. “Unlock your Spirit of the Lord. It is a gift. Use it with intent and purpose. YOU may be amazed at what you see.” - Paula Weiss

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