



**Service of Installation for  
Rev. Adam Walker Cleaveland**  
*First Presbyterian Church • Ashland, Oregon*

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*by the Presbytery of the Cascades  
Sunday, January 22, 2012 • 3:00 p.m.*

## Gathering of God's People

Prelude *Prelude on Lobe den Herren* Johann Walther

Words of Welcome Rev. Mike Foster

† Call to Worship Shawn Foster

One: Gather us, O God

**All: And we will know your life that makes us one.**

One: Gather us, O God

**All: And we will celebrate our variety and uniqueness.**

One: Gather us, O God

**All: And we will give you the pain of our brokenness.**

One: Gather us, O God

**All: And we will share the gifts of your Spirit.**

One: Trinity of love, bind us as one

**All: That our brokenness be healed by you;**

**That our fears be held by you;**

**That our gifts be used by you;**

**That our lives be offered to you;**

**So may the world believe.**

**AMEN.**

† Opening Prayer Shawn Foster

† Hymn 482 *Praise Ye, the Lord, the Almighty*

† Prayer of Confession

Brian Almquist

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

**O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you.  
Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory,  
We see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness:  
Around us in the earth, sea and sky, the abuse of matter;  
Beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor,  
The betrayal of one another;  
And often, deep with us, a striving against your Spirit.  
O Trinity of love, forgive us that we may forgive one another,  
Heal us that we may be people of healing,  
And renew us that we also may be makers of peace.**

[Silent prayers of confession may be offered]

† Declaration of Forgiveness

Brian Almquist

One: Let us declare to one another the forgiveness of Christ.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

Greetings from the Presbytery

Rev. Dr. Hugh Anderson

Special Music

Jubilee Singers

## The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Stephanie Summers

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1-8

Stephanie Summers

Second Reading

Romans 15:1-6

Rev. Greg Bolt

† Hymn	<i>Canticle of the Turning</i>	<i>see insert</i>
Third Reading	Mark 9:33-37	Lilli Patton
Sermon	"Weak Force"	Tony Hoshaw
† Hymn 455	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	

## Responding to the Word • The Installation

A Litany of Ministry

Rev. Mike Foster

One: There are different gifts

**All: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

One: There are different ways of serving God.

**All: But it is the same Lord who is served.**

One: God works through different people in different ways.

**All: But it is the same God whose purposes achieved through them all.**

One: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

**All: To use it for the common good.**

One: Together we are the body of Christ.

**All: And individually members of Christ.**

One: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ.

**All: We work and pray to make the church useful in the world, and we call women and men to faith, so that in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.**

One: Within our common ministry, some members are called for particular work as teaching elders. Here we recognize this special ministry, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: "whoever among you want to be great must become the servant of all, and who want to be first among you, must be the slave of all."

**All: Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.**

Presentation of the Minister Rev. Mike Foster

The Constitutional Questions to the Minister Rev. Mike Foster

The Constitutional Questions to the Congregation Brian Almquist

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

If so, say **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?

If so, say **we do.**

Do we promise to pay him fairly, and to provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble, and to 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?

If so, say **we do.**

The Installation Prayer Rev. Constance Wilkerson

The Declaration of Installation and Welcome Rev. Constance Wilkerson

The Charge to the Pastor Rev. Greg Bolt

The Charge to the Congregation Rev. Mike Foster

The Presentation of Symbols of Ministry Members of the Session

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Howard Helvey

## Offering

*The offering is dedicated to the Ministerial Assistance Fund of the Presbytery of the Cascades. Checks should be made payable to The Presbytery of the Cascades and marked "Ministerial Assistance Fund."*

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Hugh Anderson

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly host  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Sending

Words of Appreciation

Rev. Adam Walker Cleaveland

† Hymn 430

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Charge & Blessing

Rev. Adam Walker Cleaveland

Postlude

*Fanfare on Lasst uns erfreuen*

*Charles Callahan*

*Please remain seated during the postlude  
to ready ourselves to go forth in the world for service.*

† *Please stand if you are able.*

This liturgy was crafted using the resources of the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship & the Iona Abbey Worship Book. CCLI #671191.

Music provided by guest musician Shaun Garner and the First Presbyterian Church of Ashland's Jubilee Singers.

Greeters: The Eschtruth Harrison family: Phil, Gayle, Rose and Renee.

Ushers: Bill & Alma Geisslinger.

## **Presbytery of the Cascades Installation Commission**

Rev. Mike Foster, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Phoenix; Filling in as Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery of the Cascades

Rev. Constance S. Wilkerson, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Ashland

Rev. Greg Bolt, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bend

Brian Almquist, Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Ashland

Shawn Foster, Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Phoenix

## **Participants and Notes**

I first “met” **Rev. Mike Foster** through Twitter, and met him IRL (in real life) when I preached at the church he serves during the interview process. Both he and his wife, **Shawn Foster**, have become wonderful colleagues and folks that I have enjoyed getting to know. Mike and his father were also instrumental in helping to put up some fencing at our house here in Ashland, thus protecting our dear dog, Sadie, from the bears and other wildlife common in Ashland.

It’s been a joy to get to know and work with **Rev. Constance Wilkerson** during my time so far at First Presbyterian Church. I’m looking forward to our ministry together here in this community. I am also grateful for the friendship of **Brian Almquist**, who I first met when he was serving on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Brian and his wife RuthAnn have made Sarah and I feel so welcomed into this community, and he was also instrumental in the construction of the aforementioned fence at our house.

I’m pretty sure the first time I met **Rev. Greg Bolt** was at an Ultimate Frisbee Tournament that Union Presbyterian Seminary hosted in Richmond, VA (I won’t mention that it was my seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, that won the tournament). It’s wonderful to be serving in the same presbytery as Greg now.

I met **Stephanie Summers** at a Community Dinner that First Presbyterian Church hosts each month, and had a wonderful conversation. She’s finishing up at Southern Oregon University, and is one of the young adults that I’m glad to be able to hang out with in our college group. **Lilli Patton** is an active youth of our youth ministry here at First Presbyterian Church, and is actually the first youth from the church that I met.

Finally, our preacher for today is my dear friend **Tony Hoshaw**. Tony and I became fast friends during our stint at Whitworth University as religion majors. It is Tony who I credit with being instrumental in my call to ministry, as he encouraged me to pursue a summer job as a Program Staffer at Camp Sawtooth in Ketchum, Idaho. Tony is currently a PhD student in Theology, Ethics and the Human Sciences at the Chicago Theological Seminary and a Flight Attendant based in Chicago. It's an honor to have Tony here with us this afternoon, sharing from God's word, and being a part of this installation service.

### **Words of Appreciation**

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church gives thanks to God for the diligence and commitment of our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. While they all might not have known exactly what they were signing up for when they agreed to serve on this important committee, they saw the hard work through to the end and we are very grateful to Brian Almquist, Ken Engelund, Mike McCollom (co-chair), Amy Patton (co-chair) and Stella Schaaf.

Finally, I would like to thank each person who is here to celebrate the culmination of a *very long* process toward ordination and installation. Thank you to the Worship & Music Committee for their help in hosting the reception immediately following the service. I'm especially appreciative of my wife, **Sarah**, who has walked through this process with me, and has been a constant source of support, advice and guidance. I wouldn't be here today without her.

### **Special Permission to Keep Your Cell Phones Out and Turned On**

On November 27, 2011, I was ordained at First Presbyterian Church of Livermore, California. I encouraged people to "live tweet" and update their Facebook Statuses throughout the service. We used a *hashtag* called #letsordainadam and those participating in the service (including the preacher) and those watching along from across the country, experienced the service together - a real way to live out the connectional nature of our church. In that same spirit, I invite you to "live tweet" this installation service, if you wish; let's use the hashtag #letsinstalladam