

The Installation of the Rev. Linda Kurtz Burch



Cove Presbyterian Church
November 16, 2025
3:00 PM

WELCOME TO COVE CHURCH

Welcome to this service of installation!. We are so glad you are here. Our restrooms can be found on each floor of Cove Hall. Learn more about the service on the back of this bulletin.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Fantasia in E* Georg Philipp Telemann
WELCOME Elder Les Dorland
INTROIT *Come, O Come* text: Wither; music: Ives; arr: Parker

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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 of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.
God created us in God's own image.
Thanks be to God!
God calls us into God's own service.
Thanks be to God! Let us sing praises to the Lord our God.

*HYMN 409 *God is Here* ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Elder Claudette Grant

Merciful and loving 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
to proclaim the good news in word and deed.
We are quick to speak when we ought to listen
and remain silent when it is time to speak.
We put too much faith in our own actions
and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.
Forgive our foolish and hard-hearted ways.
By your Spirit, give us the grace we need
to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling.

A time for silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE, Hymn 583 *Glory to God* GLORIA (Taizé)

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Elder Eric Johnson

SCRIPTURE Psalm 33: 4-9, 20-22

The word of the Lord.
Thanks to be God.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

ANTHEM	<i>The Word of God</i>	Rosephanye Powell
SCRIPTURE	Jeremiah 36 (selected verses)	
	The word of the Lord.	
	Thanks to be God.	
SERMON		Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin
MUSIC FOR REFLECTION	<i>Nimrod (Variations Op 36)</i>	Edward Elgar

INSTALLATION

THE CALLING OF THE CHURCH	Rev. Josh Andrzejewski
The Church is the body of Christ.	<i>adapted from the Book of Order, F-1.03</i>
Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body.	
The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world.	
The Church is to be a community of faith,	
entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.	
The Church is to be a community of hope,	
rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation.	
The Church is to be a community of love,	
where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished,	
and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.	
The Church is to be a community of witness,	
pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace.	

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

*PROFESSION OF FAITH, Hymn 481	<i>I Believe in God the Father</i>	GENEVAN 42
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CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do we, the members of the church, accept Linda as our pastor,
chosen by God through the voice of this congregation
to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for her, encourage her, to respect her decisions,
and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

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? **We do.**

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? **We will.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION	Rev. Russ Kerr
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DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION AND WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED	Rev. Colleen Earp
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CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION	Elder Carol Bryan
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HYMN	<i>Alleluia</i>	#4 Melodious Accord Hymnal
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EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Les Carillons

Johann Philipp Kirnberger

*DOXOLOGY, Hymn 609

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN 295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Léon Boëlmann

Please join us in Cove Hall for a reception following today's service.

Today's worship leaders are members of the commission of the Presbytery of the James to install the Rev. Linda Kurtz Burch as pastor of Cove Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Josh Andrzejewski, First Presbyterian, Richmond (Presbytery Moderator)

Elder Carol Bryan, Hebron Presbyterian

Elder Les Dorland, Cove Presbyterian

Rev. Colleen Earp, Massanetta Springs

Elder Claudette Grant, Olivet Presbyterian

Elder Eric Johnson, Tuckahoe Presbyterian

Rev. Russ Kerr, PACE Center at VCU

Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin, University Presbyterian, Chapel Hill (guest of the commission)

Also leading us in worship are Beth Neville Evans, Cove music director; Suzanne Riehl, organist; and the Cove Church Choir. Today's offering supports the Pastoral Care Fund of the presbytery.

Communion will be served by intinction. Come forward, receive a piece of bread, and dip it in a cup. One cup has light grape juice; the other, a red port. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station.