

COVENANTAL QUESTIONS

ELDER KAREN OWEN

TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, accept Nicholas Boren Merchant as our Associate Pastor for a Designated Term, 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 him, 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 and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joys?

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.

ORDINATION PRAYER

REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Invitation of any Elders, Deacons, or Pastors present to come forward and lay on hands

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

GOING IN GRACE TO LIVE GOD’S WORD

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY

REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED

REV. RODERIC NASH

CHARGE TO GOD’S PEOPLE AT FIRST, FORT LAUDERDALE

REV. DR. PATRICK H. WRISLEY

***SONG OF COMMITMENT: Hymn #485** “To God Be the Glory”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

REV. NICHOLAS B. MERCHANT

POSTLUDE “Toccata for a Celebration” ROBIN L. MCEACHERN, *organ*
– Gene Clarke



*The Presbytery of Tropical Florida Gathers
for the Worship of God
At the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale
On the Occasion of the Ordination and Installation of
Nicholas B. Merchant
June 10, 2018, 5:00pm*

GATHERING IN GOD’S GRACE

PRELUDE

ROBIN L. MCEACHERN, *organ*

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (*Hyfrydol*)
– arr. Paul Manz

PRESENTATION

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

JACK AND ELLIE BENSON

WELCOME, GREETING AND STATING OF PURPOSE

REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

ELDER HANLIM CHAE

We gather to worship as God’s people.

We come from many congregations to celebrate what God has done.

Though we are part of different churches,

We believe in One Lord, One Faith and One Hope.

Let us then worship and live in freedom and unity.

Let us lift our hearts in worship and praise.

***OPENING PRAYER**

REV. CHRIS J. RENY

***HYMN 482** "Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** ELDER CECIL ADDERLEY

O God, the voices that call us away from our home in you are many:

Voices that promise success,
that promise happiness,
that promise respect and comfort and security.

**And we have listened to these voices over your voice,
Forgive us, O Lord.**

God, we confess that many times we are lost, alone and confused,
And we do not know where to turn.

We cannot remember where home is.

**Your voice is not in the earthquake or the violent winds,
but in a still, small voice with which you call us home.**

Remind us, O God, of the sound of your gentle voice.

Take us by the hand and lead us home:

To the place where we are loved and secure;

Known fully and forgiven to our very core.

**We have wandered, God,
but lead us home again to you, and your Beloved Community.**
Hear us now as we offer our silent confessions.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** CHANDLER GELB

The God of Creation is also our Redeemer.

Thanks be to God.

The God of Redemption is also the God of Reconciliation.

**Freed from our sin, we can move into relationships that heal
our community.**

The God of Reconciliation is also the God of Love.

**Filled with the love of God, let us dare to share the good news
with the world.**

My friends, the good news is this: your sins are forgiven through
Jesus Christ!

Praise to be God!

SONG OF PRAISE "Be Glad" KIRK SINGERS

– Tom Franzak MICHAEL SAYERS, *conductor*

Soloists: Nathan Mahon, Wesley Mahon

RECEIVING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 2:1-23 COLTEN MERCHANT

SERMON REV. DR. BEN SORENSEN

"Dreams: Impossible Into I'm Possible"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

***SONG OF RESPONSE: Hymn #339** "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

OFFERING REV. DR. DARIS BULTENA

The offering today, received by the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, will go to help prepare Candidates for ministry. 25% will be sent to the Theological Education Fund of the PC(USA) and 75% will be used by the Presbytery for Candidates under care. The Presbytery provides scholarships for books and fees for students attending PC(USA) seminaries, costs of Ordination Exams, and costs of the psychological evaluation (a required process).

OFFERTORY "Where Your Treasure Is" KIRK SINGERS

–Marty Haugen

Soloists: Ragan Jacaty, Cassidy Khatcherian, Wesley Mahon

PRAYER OF DEDICATION SIMEON RODGERS

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

LITANY OF OUR GIFTS AND CALL REV. SHIRLEY SAUNDERS

There are different gifts

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God.

But it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different persons in different ways,

But it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

To us it for the common good.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINAND ELDER DEBI DAVIS

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS
TO THE ORDINAND** REV. DR. CHRISTOPHER J. BENEK