

Call to Worship (based on Joel 2:28–32)

One: As the prophet Joel tells us, the spirit of God is poured out for us.

All: Our sons and our daughters shall prophesy.

One: Our old ones will dream dreams.

All: Our young ones will see visions.

One: Male and female, slave and free,

All: all who call on the name of the Lord will witness God's saving love.

Installation

Jeannie Dixon: As Presbyterian Women, we share God's promise of peace, hope, reconciliation, justice and love. We are inspired by women who came before us and led with faithfulness, bravery and their own dreams of what was possible. We look to our leaders today with hope for their own visions of service now and into the future. Now let us confirm our commitment to God and to each other by affirming together our PW Purpose:

All: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
- to support the mission of the church worldwide,
- to work for justice and peace, and
- to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Litany of Installation

Jeannie Dixon: Let us pray.

Holy One, we give thanks that you seek out leaders to guide us. We know that your purposes for this world are lived out through the work of amazing women—those who give their time to teach others, those who give their money to support mission, those who give their talents to serve in your name. As we commit ourselves to your service, help us catch your vision for this caring community.

All: Amen.

Jeannie Dixon (to elected leaders): Will you be faithful to the PW Purpose and do your best to lead your fellow Presbyterians with the love, compassion and courage that we encounter in Christ Jesus?

Elected Leaders: We will.

Jeannie Dixon: Will you learn from those you are leading—being open to different and even uncomfortable points of view—and respond with grace when disagreements arise?

Elected Leaders: We will.

Jeannie Dixon: Will you motivate others to follow you, demonstrating the joy and enthusiasm that you receive from the Holy Spirit?

Elected Leaders: We will.

Jeannie Dixon (to the congregation): Will you draw closer to these leaders whom God has raised up, offering them support and grace as they take on this task?

Congregation: We will.

Declaration of Installation

Jeannie Dixon:

Arlene Goodman

Linda Lamb

Joyce Blocker

Susan Groff

Jamie Seidman-McDonnell

Manning Lee

you are duly installed leaders of Presbyterian Women for this congregation. As we are reminded by scripture, God calls women and equips them with bold vision, strong voices and faithful spirits. You can rejoice, knowing that your Creator not only calls you, but claims you and gives you everything you need to lead and to serve.

Sending

Jeannie Dixon: We have had courageous and insightful women before us, among us now, and to lead us in the future. We can go out and serve with open eyes, knowing that God will always show us the way. Now, go out and lead with 20/20 vision!

(Following the installation we will break out into smaller Zoom rooms to fellowship with one another. After about 10 minutes everyone will be returned to the main room and sent to different rooms to fellowship again with others. Depending on how many folks are participating, we may then do it a third time)