

## Gathering and Prelude

I Am Free ~Conference Praise Team  
Days of Elijah  
Every Move I Make

## † Call to Worship

Hear this from the Word of God as recorded in Acts chapter 2, verse 2:

“Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.”

**This is the Word of the Lord!**

A wind breathes within us, inspiring us to gather in the name of the Holy One!

**A fire burns among us, calling us to service, calling us to prayer.**

A spirit moves through us, calling us to turn in joy toward the sorrows of the world.

**Burning, breathing, Spirit of Compassion, we bring our lives to you!**

## † The Church’s One Foundation

*WORDS: Samuel J. Stone MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

## Litany of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, Giver of life: in the beginning of time, You moved over the face of the waters, breathing into every living being the breath of life.

**Come, Creator Spirit!**

**Renew Your Creation!**

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets: You enflame men and women with a passion for Your truth, and through them call Your people to ways of justice and compassion.

**Come, Spirit of Righteousness!**

**Burn in our hearts!**

Holy Spirit, Lord of all: by Your power, Jesus came to bring good news to the poor and release to those held captive. Speak to us of the Lord and show us the depth of His love.

**Come, Liberating Spirit!**

**Lead us in the path of Jesus Christ!**

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame: You filled disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach Your Word and share Your good news. Break down barriers of race and culture, and heal divisions that separate us.

**Come, Spirit of Power! Make us witnesses of your redeeming love, uniting us in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!**

## Anthem

Speak, O Lord

*Arranged by Mary McDonald  
THE MINISTERS’ CHORUS  
Rev. W. Stephen Morse, director  
Rev. Janet Lord, accompanist*

## Scripture Message

**John 4:20-24 (NRSV)**

**Keep Moving**

*Bishop James R. King Jr., Resident Bishop  
South Georgia Annual Conference  
The United Methodist Church*

## Offering

*Benefits Meadowbrook Heights Community (new church start)*

## Ministry of Music

**Break Every Chain**

*~Conference Praise Team*

## Commissioning of Provisional Members

### The Examination

*Bishop:* Brothers and sisters in Christ, these women and men stand here today, elected as provisional members of this Annual Conference and commended to us for commissioning to ministry among us. The Church has discerned that they are persons of sound learning and of Christian character, possessing the necessary gifts and signs of God’s grace for this ministry. In commissioning them, we acknowledge and affirm God’s calling them and their response to that call; we affirm their gifts, abilities and training for servant leadership, and we invoke God’s grace upon them for true service.

## Presentation of the Candidates

*Rev. Amy Wagner, Co-chair, Board of Ordained Ministry*

*Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sterling, Co-chair, Board of Ordained Ministry*

*The Bishop addresses the Candidates...*

*Bishop:* Brothers and sisters in Christ, this is a solemn hour in your life and the life of the church. You have shared in the ministry of all the baptized and you have witnessed that Christ calls you into ordained ministry. Serving among us as faithful disciples, we have seen in you gifts and graces for leading the people of God in service. Are you convinced that you should enter the ordained ministry of Christ's holy Church?

**Candidates: I am.**

*Bishop:* Are you willing to face any sacrifices that may be involved?

**Candidates: I am.**

*Bishop:* Are you in debt so as to interfere with your work, or have you obligations to others that will make it difficult for you to live on the salary you receive?

**Candidates: No.**

*Bishop:* For the sake of a disciplined example, are you willing to respect purity of life in body, mind and spirit?

**Candidates: I am.**

*Bishop:* Are you willing to relate yourself in ministry to all persons without regard to race, color, or national origin; including receiving them into the membership of the church?

**Candidates: I am.**

*Bishop:* Will you keep before you as the one objective of your life the advancement of the reign of God?

**Candidates: I will.**

*Bishop:* Will you give yourself fully to the work of God in the world and to servant leadership in the life and work of Christ's Church?

**Candidates: Following Christ, I will.**

*Bishop:* Will you join with other provisional members for mutual support in the practice of leadership among the people of God?

**Candidates: With God's help, I will.**

## Prayer of Commissioning

*Bishop:* God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers, You raise up men and women to be apostolic leaders in Your church. By Your Holy Spirit help Your servants to understand and live the mystery of Your love with boldness and joy. Deepen their sense of purpose as they fulfill commissioned ministry, and prepare for ordination. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen!

*As each candidate is named, family and friends are invited to stand in support of his/her call to Christian ministry.*

*Bishop:* Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon (*name*). Send *him/her* now to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, to announce the reign of God, and to equip the church for ministry, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

*After all the candidates have been commissioned, the bishop says:*

*Bishop:* Let us pray...

**PEOPLE: Almighty God, may the grace of ministry rest upon your servants and may the opportunity to serve lead them into the fullness of your calling. Clothe them with your righteousness, and grant that they may glorify you by giving themselves. Amen!**

## † Marching to Zion

*Words: Isaac Watts Music: Robert Lowry*

## † Closing Prayer and Benediction

*Bishop Bickerton*

## † Closing Songs

*~Conference Praise Team*

Mighty to Save  
In Christ Alone  
Forever Reign

## **Provisional Members and Commissioning**

### **Amy Lorraine Chesla**

Ashford University, United Theological Seminary  
Home Church: Trinity-Greensburg (Greensburg District)

### **Larry Gene Dunn**

University of Pittsburgh/Greensburg,  
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
Asbury Theological Seminary  
Methodist Theological School of Ohio  
Home Church: Christ-North Huntingdon (Greensburg District)  
Spouse: Debra (Holstine) Dunn

### **Doug Andrew Dyson**

Thomas Edison, United Theological Seminary  
Home Church: First-Punxsutawney (Indiana District)  
Spouse: Linda (Leaver) Dyson

### **Melissa Irene Geisler**

University of South Florida, Broward Community College,  
Asbury Theological Seminary  
Home Church: Avery (Washington District)  
Spouse: Ronald J. Geisler

### **Dianne Dawn Glave**

Binghamton University, Stony Brook University,  
Candler/Emory Seminary  
Home Church: Warren-Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh District)

### **Randolph Kit Landman**

University of Pittsburgh, Asbury Seminary  
Home Church: Grace (Washington District)  
Spouse: Dawn Dolan-Landman

### **Scott Daniel Lawrence**

Westminster College, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
Home Church: Christ-Bethel Park (Pittsburgh District)  
Spouse: Kristi Webler (6/21/14)

### **James Robert Sands**

California University of PA, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
Home Church: Carmichaels (Washington District)  
Spouse: Kristen (Emerson) Sands

### **Kathleen Ann Schoeneck**

Thiel College, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
Spouse: Edward Schoeneck

### **Brittany Lynn (Gordon) Wooten**

Indiana University of PA, Methodist Theological School of Ohio  
Home Church: Indiana-Grace (Indiana District)  
Spouse: Dirk

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