



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This Sunday we will be participating in a special event in the life of any church; we will gather as usual for Sunday morning worship and second hour; and then we will regather again at 3pm to have a service of installation for me as your new pastor. I hope that you are able to make it to this second service for a handful of reasons. But two of the most important ones: 1. This service is about YOU just as much as it is about me! And 2. There will be ham at the meal following :-). Let me tell you briefly what you can expect at the installation and why it's important.

First, why are we having a whole separate service? There are a handful of reasons, but one of the most important is so that people who may want to travel from other places to attend or participate have a chance. An installation service is a work of our Presbytery, which means parts of it will be presided over by Presbytery representatives. We aren't a church on our own, but we're a member of a community of churches that offer support, encouragement and mutual accountability.

Second, what happens at this service? Parts of it will be familiar; we'll sing some hymns, read Scripture and share in prayer. But there are some out of the ordinary things that must happen in an installation: There will be "charges" offered to me as pastor and you as a congregation. Representatives of other churches will offer specific words of encouragement and challenge to each of us, as we step into the high calling of being a pastor and a church together. There will be a message given by another pastor (in this case, Rev. Dr. Laura Smit, professor of Theology at Calvin University and Pastor in our Presbytery) so that we can all sit under God's word together; and critically, there are vows for us to take.

Third, what vows are you talking about? I'll list them at the bottom of this article; but at the heart of the installation are the promises you and I will make to each other. I am going to promise to care for and lead you all as God guides us as a church together (these are similar to the vows all elders take when they come onto Session.) The congregation is going to promise to partner in that work, through encouragement prayer and community. These vows are not to be taken lightly, but they are a serious opportunity for us to share in a time of joyful commitment to one another.

So, I want to encourage you: first to attend the installation if you are able, so that you can be challenged and inspired as we enter into our new season together; but second, I encourage you to read and consider these questions/vows below, as we pray for each other and look forward to the future of Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church.

Blessings –
Pastor Jos

(for pastor)

1. Do you believe in One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and do you boldly declare Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church
2. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and, inspired by the Holy Spirit, the unique witness to Jesus Christ and the authority for Christian faith and life?
3. Will you receive, adopt, and be bound by the Essential Tenets of ECO as a reliable exposition of what Scripture teaches us to do and to believe, and will you be guided by them in your life and ministry?

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4. Relying on the Holy Spirit, do you humbly submit to God's call on your life, committing yourself to God's mission, and fulfilling your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by ECO's polity and discipline? And will you be accountable to your fellow elders, deacons, and pastors as you lead?
6. Do you promise to be faithful in maintaining the truth of the Gospel and the peace, unity, and purity of the Church?
7. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
8. Will you be a faithful minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news, teaching the faith, showing the people God's mission, and caring for the people?

(for congregation)

1. Do we, the covenant partners of this congregation, accept Jocelyn Smolik as our pastor called by God through the voice of this church to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of ECO?
2. Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?
3. Do we agree to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us?
4. Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her servant leadership and authority as she seeks to honor Jesus Christ?

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb. 25 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship and 2nd Hour for all
- February 25 - 3:00 p.m. Service of Installation for Rev. Jocelyn Smolik. A meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.
- Feb. 26 - 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
- Feb. 27 - 7:30 p.m. The Grind (Men)
- Feb. 28 - 10:00 a.m. G.L.O.W. (Women)
- Feb. 28 - 6:30 p.m. Music Team



Please keep these people/situations in your prayers.

The prayer needs listed in **BOLD** are new to the list.

Praises

- Praise for Jonathan's chemo
- **Connie Herman's surgery went well and she received excellent news in the results**

Military Service:

- Shannah Swinehart - Army National Guard
- Christa Nelson - Navy
- Tristan Burns - Air Force stationed in Africa
- Ryan Chabak - stationed in Alaska
- Isaiah Styer - Stationed at Camp Lejeune in NC
- Matt Burkhardt - National Guard
- Gaven Bee - Turkey

Prayer Needs

- **Friend going through rough time**
- Unspokens
- Israel

Health Concerns:

- **Keylee - student diagnosed with leukemia**
- **Theresa Smith - in skilled nursing facility**
- **Ronnie - healing from pain after back surgery**
- **Kevin Walton undergoing open heart surgery**
- **Al Amstutz - recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, and other health issues.**
- Charles Sears - serious car accident
- Ken - health concerns
- Karen & Tom
- Jane Heilman

Battling Cancer

- **David**
- **Jonathan - stomach cancer**
- Marianna Miller - recent diagnosis with aggressive form of cancer
- Kevin Hanna
- Mary Hardesty - colon cancer
- Tara
- Dale James

The Deacons encourage you to send cards or notes of encouragement to those in the church family experiencing prayer needs.



February 26 - Genevieve Miller



Feb. 24 - Claudia & Jim Ward



Here's the upcoming FPC Youth schedule for the next couple of Sundays. Please join in the youth room during second hour after worship (10:45 am).

February 25: Hang out with Lydia Styer and Josiah Parris.

March 3: Erika Schuch will share photos and info about FPC's ongoing mission outreach in Sierra Leone.

March 10: Swamp float

You are invited to reach out to our Church Elders if you have any questions or concerns about the church.

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Church office hours

Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

CHILI COOK OFF AND GAME NIGHT



The chili cook-off is less than a month away! If you want to participate, you need you need to sign now on the sheet in the Gallery.

All ingredients in your chili should be homemade and you should prepare enough for approximately 80-100 people to taste your concoction. Church family you are all invited to come and try each entry, then vote for your favorite. The favored chef will be awarded a prize for his/her entry **THEN** Following the chili feast, we'll stick around for Game Night. Bring your favorite board game and prepare for a night of food, fellowship and fun. March 16 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.



It's time to order Easter Flowers

The flowers come from Buchwalter's Greenhouse (as they have for many years). The order form is

located on the sign-up table in the gallery. The cost varies from \$5.75 for mini daffodils to \$22 for a hanging fern basket.

The choices are:

- Easter lilies (6" pot)
- Hyacinths, Tulips, and Daffodils
- Pansy market basket
- Hanging fern basket
- "Bulb Garden" which is a mix of tulips, daffodils and pansies.

Details are on the table with the order form.

Be sure to list who the flower is in honor or memory of. And please include payment with your order. Final day to order is March 10.

The flowers will be displayed Easter morning, and you can take your flowers home with you following the Easter morning service.



Attention Ladies
Join us for the next
First Friday

March 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the church

4 Things You Didn't Know About Leap Years

1. Technically, it's not every four years
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2. People born on Leap Day are called "leaplings" or "leapers"

3. It's a day that legally doesn't exist

4. A tradition states that women are allowed to propose to men on this day