

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION and INSTALLATION
OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023**

The congregation and membership of Old Stone Presbyterian Church held the Service of Ordination and Installation on Sunday, January 1, 2023, as a portion of the morning worship service, for the purpose of ordaining and installing newly elected Ruling Elders, Class of 2025.

Rev. Jeff Binder, interim pastor/moderator, invited the newly elected Elders, Class of 2025 – Renee Ahern, Amy Meadows, Ann Walker and Gary Williams – to join him at the front of the sanctuary, along with Townley Hamilton, who represented the Session during the service. The service began with a responsive reading, led by Rev. Binder, consisting of Sentences of Scripture and Affirmation of Faith.

The candidates were then asked the following constitutional questions of Ordination and Installation, per the Book of Order:

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ our Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
9. Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in our ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Townley Hamilton then asked the constitutional questions to the members of the congregation.

1. Do we, the members of this church accept Renee, Amy, Ann and Gary as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
2. Do we agree to pray for them, encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

At this point, Rev. Binder asked that Gary Williams kneel and invited Townley Hamilton, representing the Session, for the laying on of hands for newly ordained Elders and offered a prayer. Following the prayer, Renee Ahern, Amy Meadows and Ann Walker were welcomed as newly installed Elders, having previously been ordained, and all were welcomed as they begin their work as members of the Session of Old Stone Presbyterian Church.

Clerk of Session

Moderator