

# ***A Service of Ordination***

The North Carolina Annual Conference  
The United Methodist Church



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Fuquay-Varina United Methodist Church  
Fuquay-Varina, NC

## A SERVICE OF ORDINATION

### **Ordination as a Deacon – Class of 2020**

Jason Buie Darden

### **Ordination as a Deacon – Class of 2021**

Janet Kay Baucom

### **Ordination as Elder – Class of 2020**

Brittany Absher-Baer  
David Benjamin Adams  
Adam David Ross Baker  
Adam Edward Charville  
Jarrod Seth Davis  
Crystal Oneyke DesVignes  
Alan Phillips Felton  
Laura Adele Goldenbaum-Yang  
Aaron Michael Hayworth  
James Roy Hilburn  
David Lowell Joyner, Jr.  
Patrick Edward Keely

Christopher Vogle Leak  
Sunny Baek Limm  
Christopher Marc O'Neal  
Eric Douglas Packard  
Alexander John Parker  
Eric Walker Prenshaw  
Elizabeth Calvert Reynolds  
Kevin Hugh Seymour  
Molly Brock White  
Ashley Beech Will  
Gloria Winston  
Karl Alan Zorowski

### **Ordination as Elder – Class of 2021**

James Jackson Bolyard III  
Jack Allen Colenda  
Thomas Michael Hallberg  
Prentis Harris III  
Seyun Hwang  
Patrick Olin Jones  
Allison DeLargy Lancaster

Tyler Godshalk Muller-Yoder  
Gypsie Moore Murdaugh  
Lucas Breeding Nelson  
Christina Eileen Parrish  
Alma Delia Tinoco Ruiz  
Cara Lea Thompson  
Jason Robert Villegas

*Please rise as you are able for the acts of worship marked with a †.*

# WE GATHER

## Prelude Music

† **Processional Hymn**.....*Lift High the Cross*<sup>1</sup>

(Refrain)

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name. (UMH #159)*

*(Ordinands, Bishop, and other worship leaders process into the worship space.)*

## † **Greeting and Prayer**

*(The bishop greets the people and they respond.)*

**Bishop Ward:** The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all

**People:** And also with you.

**Bishop Ward:** We come together to praise God, to hear the Holy Word, and to seek for ourselves and others the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray:

**Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts. Give your grace to all servants of your church, that we may with diligence and faithfulness fulfill our various ministries. Grant that we your people may follow where you lead, perfect our ministries, and live in joyful obedience to your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## **WE REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM AND AFFIRM OUR COMMON MINISTRY**

*(The bishop, standing near the baptismal font, begins:)*

Ministry is the work of God, done by the people of God. Through baptism all Christians are made part of the priesthood of all believers, the church, Christ's body, made visible in the world.

We all share in Christ's ministry of love and service for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation.

Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry, I call upon all God's people gathered here:

*(The bishop scoops and pours water from the font and says:)*

Remember you are baptized, and be thankful.

**We reaffirm our baptism and our common call to ministry. Thanks be to God!**

*(All are seated)*

### **PRESENTATION OF ORDINANDS**

*(Those who are to be ordained are presented to the bishop )*

***Laura Fine Ledford, Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry:***

This day, these are the witnesses who have come forth from among us. They are responding to their call by the Holy Spirit to set apart ministry. Bishop Ward, on behalf of the laity of local congregations who have examined and approved these candidates,

and on behalf of the district committees on ordained ministry and the Board of Ordained Ministry of this annual conference, which has recommended these persons, and this annual conference which has approved them,

***Amie Stewart, Associate Director of Ministerial Relations:***

we present these persons to be ordained as deacons and elders.

*(After the candidates have been presented, they remain standing, and the bishop says:)*

These persons are by God's grace to be ordained to ministry in Christ's holy church. Those authorized by the church to inquire about them have discerned that they are persons of sound learning and of Christian character, and possess the necessary signs of God's grace, and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ. Therefore, we believe them to be duly called to serve God.

We ask you, people of God, to declare your assent to the ordaining of these persons. Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace, to be ordained?

**We do! Thanks be to God!**

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

**With God's help, we will!**

*(The bishop, presenters, and candidates are seated.)*

### **PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD AND RESPONSE**

**Prayer for Illumination**

***Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.***



**We believe in the Church**

(Creemos en la Iglesia)

**Universal because it is a sign of God's Reign,**  
(que es universal porque es señal del reino venidero,)

**Whose faithfulness is shown in its many hues**  
(que es más fiel mientras más se viste de colores)

**Where all the colors paint a single landscape,**  
(donde todos los colores pintan un mismo paisaje,)

**Where all tongues sing the same praise.**  
(donde todos los idiomas cantan una misma alabanza.)

**We believe in the Reign of God – the day of the Great Fiesta**

(Creemos en el reino venidero, día de la gran fiesta,)

**When all the colors of creation will form a harmonious rainbow,**  
(cuando todos los colores de la creación se unirán en un arco iris de armonía,)

**When all peoples will join in joyful banquet,**  
(cuando todos los pueblos de la tierra se unirán en un banquete de alegría,)

**When all tongues of the universe will sing the same song.**  
(cuando todas las lenguas del universo se unirán en un coro de alabanza.)

**And because we believe, we commit ourselves:**

(Y porque creemos, nos comprometemos)

**To believe for those who do not believe,**  
(a creer por los que no creen,)

**To love for those who do not love,**  
(a amar por los que no aman,)

**To dream for those who do not dream,**  
(a soñar por los que no sueñan,)

**Until the day when hope becomes reality.**  
(hasta que lo que esperamos se torne realidad.)

**Amen.**

(Amen.)

(The United Methodist Spanish Hymnal, Mil Voces para Celebrar, page 70, Justo Gonzalez)

**GENERAL EXAMINATION**

*(All candidates stand and face the bishop for a litany of examination)*

Ordination is a gift from God to the church and is exercised in covenant with the whole church and within the covenant of the office and order.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, you have been called to ordained ministry. The church now confirms your calling.

By the grace of God, you are to be coworkers with the laity, bishops, deacons, diaconal ministers, local pastors, associate members, commissioned ministers, and elders.

Remember that you are called to serve rather than to be served, to proclaim the faith of the church and no other, to look after the concerns of God above all.

So that we may know that you believe yourselves to be called by God and that you profess the Christian faith, we ask you:

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of licensed, commissioned, or ordained ministry?

**I do so believe.**

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

**I do so believe and confess.**

Are you persuaded that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and are the unique and authoritative standard for the church's faith and life?

**I am so persuaded, by God's grace.**

Will you be faithful in prayer, in the study of the Holy Scriptures, and with the help of the Holy Spirit continually rekindle the gift of God that is in you?

**I will, with the help of God.**

Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ?

**I will, with the help of God.**

Will you, in the exercise of your ministry, lead the people of God to faith in Jesus Christ, to participate in the life and work of the community, and to seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

**I will, with the help of God.**

Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, accepting its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline, defending it against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word, and committing yourself to be accountable with those serving with you, and to the bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?

**I will, with the help of God.**

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission, covenant to participate in the life of the order, fellowship, or membership into which you are ordained, commissioned, received, or recognized? Will you give yourself to God through the order or fellowship in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship, and service under the rule of life set forth in the vows you take this day?

**I will, with the help of God.**

*(The bishop addresses the candidates:)*

May God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you grace to perform them, that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection.

*(All audibly affirm the action, saying: **Amen.**)*

*(The candidates for ordination as deacons come forward.)*

*(Congregation sings "Take, O Take Me as I Am" 2)*

*Take, O take me as I am;  
Summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart.  
And live in me.*

## **THE ORDAINING OF THE DEACONS**

### **EXAMINATION**

**Reader:** A deacon is called to share in Christ's ministry of servanthood, to relate the life of the community to its service in the world, to lead others into Christian discipleship, to nurture disciples for witness and service,

*(Here a large Bible is lifted by an assistant.)*

to lead in worship, to teach and proclaim God's Word, to assist elders and local pastors at Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, to interpret to the church the world's hurts and hopes,

*(Here a towel and basin with pitcher may be lifted by an assistant.)*

to serve all people, particularly the poor, the sick, and the oppressed, and to lead Christ's people in ministries of compassion and justice, liberation and reconciliation, even in the face of hardship and personal sacrifice. These are the duties of a deacon.

**Bishop Ward:** Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of a deacon?

**I do so believe.**

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission covenant to participate in the order of deacons?

Will you give yourself to God through the order of deacons in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship, and service?

**I will, with the help of God, and with the help of my sisters and brothers in the order of deacons.**

### **LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR DEACONS**

*(The bishop, facing the deacon candidate, calls the people to prayer:)*

**Bishop Ward:** As these persons are ordained by God and the church for the ministry of the deacon to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for them.

*(The bishop, with hands extended over the candidates, prays:)*

We thank you, Lord God, that in your great love you sent Jesus Christ to take the form of a servant, becoming obedient even to death on the cross, and now resurrected and exalted in the heavens.

You have taught us, by his word and example, that whoever would be great among us must be servant of all.

Give these servants grace to be faithful to their promises, constant in their discipleship, and always ready for the works of loving service.

Make them modest and humble, gentle and strong, rooted and grounded in love. Give them a share in the ministry of Jesus Christ, who came not to serve, but to serve, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(Congregation sings "Jesu, Jesu" <sup>3</sup>)*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the  
neighbors we have from you. (UMH #432)*

*(Representatives from the laity and the order of deacons hands stand where they are seated.  
The candidate for ordination as a deacon moves to the altar.)*

*(Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands.)*

*(The bishop lays both hands on the head of the ordinand, praying:)*

Almighty God, pour upon *Name* the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a deacon in Christ's holy church.

*(All audibly affirm the action, saying: **Amen.**)*

*(Immediately the ordinand places a hand on the Bible as the bishop lays hands on the ordinand's hands and says:)*

[Name], take authority as a deacon to proclaim the Word of God, and to lead God's people in ministries of compassion and justice; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*(All audibly affirm the action, saying: **Amen.**)*

*(The newly ordained deacons return to their seats.)*

*(The candidates for ordination as elders come forward.)*

*(Congregation sings "Take, O Take Me as I Am" <sup>2</sup>)*

*Take, O take me as I am;  
Summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart.  
And live in me.*

## THE ORDAINING OF ELDERS

### EXAMINATION

**Reader:** An elder is called to share in the ministry of Christ and the whole church: to preach and teach the Word of God

*(Here a large Bible is lifted by an assistant.)*

and faithfully administer the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion;

*(Here a paten and chalice are lifted by an assistant.)*

to lead the people of God in worship and prayer; to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ; to exercise pastoral supervision, order the life of the congregation, counsel the troubled, and declare the forgiveness of sin; to lead the people of God in obedience to Christ's mission in the world; to seek justice, peace, and freedom for all people; and to take a responsible place in the government of the church and in service in and to the community. These are the duties of an elder.

**Bishop Ward:** Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of an elder?

**I do so believe.**

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission, covenant to participate in the order of elders?

Will you give yourself to God through the order of elders in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship, and service?

**I will, with the help of God, and the help of my sisters and brothers in the Order of Elders.**

### LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ELDERS

*(The bishop, facing the elder candidates, calls the people to prayer:)*

As these persons are ordained by God and the church for the ministry of elders to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for them.

*(The bishop, with hands extended over those being ordained, prays:)*

We praise you, eternal God, because you have called us to be a priestly people, offering to you acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Apostle and High Priest, Shepherd, and Bishop of our souls.

We thank you that, by dying, Christ has overcome death and, having ascended into heaven, has poured forth gifts abundantly on your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up Christ's body, and to fulfill your gracious purpose in the world.

Give to these your servants the grace and power they need to serve you in this ministry. Make them faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise counselors.

Enable them to serve without reproach, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, to administer the sacraments of the new covenant, and to offer with all your people spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(Representatives from the laity and the order of elders who are to join in the laying on of hands stand where they are seated. The candidates for ordination as an elder move to the altar.)*

*(Family members and friends may stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands for each ordinand.)*

*(The bishop lays both hands on the ordinand, praying:)*

Almighty God, pour upon *Name* the Holy Spirit, for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy church.

*(All audibly affirm the action, saying: **Amen.**)*

*(Immediately the candidate places hands on a Bible as the bishop says:)*

*Name*, take authority as an elder to preach the Word of God, to administer the Holy Sacraments, and to order the life of the Church, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*(All audibly affirm the action, saying: **Amen.**)*

*(Congregation sings "Halle, Halle, Halleluja" 4)*

*Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

*Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

*Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

*Halleluja! Halleluja!*

*(TFWS #2026)*

## **WE ARE SENT FORTH FOR MINISTRY IN THE WORLD**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Let us pray.

**We thank you, gracious God, for raising up among us faithful servants. Clothe them with your righteousness as they go forth, and grant that we, with them, may glorify you by giving ourselves generously to others. Amen.**

## † Dismissal with Blessing

**Bishop Ward:** The grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Reader:** As you have received, freely give. Go, to share generously in Christ's ministry. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> *Lift High the Cross*

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<sup>2</sup> *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

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<sup>3</sup> *Jesu, Jesu*

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<sup>4</sup> *Halle, Halle, Halleluja!*

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