

Teaching and ruling elders lay hands on the candidate.

One: We thank you, gracious God, for calling your servant Rosemary into your church by baptism and to this ministry of Word and Sacrament. By your Holy Spirit, give Rosemary all the gifts and graces needed to proclaim the truth of the gospel in love, to administer the sacraments of Christ, and to shepherd the people of God in common service and witness in the world. Sustain Rosemary with an awareness of your presence that she may faithfully announce the good news in every season. May Christ so live in her that God's love is shown in word and deed, and that she may follow Christ in glad discipleship as long as she shall live.

The laying on of hands is completed.

One: Generous God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon the church and all its people, that, baptized into your service and united in Christ's love, we may serve you with joy and faithfulness. Sustain the church in ministry. Let the word we proclaim be your Word of truth. Let the compassion we show to the world be your love in Christ. Let the work of our hands be for the building up of your kingdom. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be faithful servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Ordination and Welcome Rev. John McKell

Rosemary, you are now ordained a teaching elder in the church of Jesus Christ. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

Teaching and ruling elders welcome the newly ordained.

Charge to Pastor and to Congregation Elder Otis Vaughn
John 21: 15-19

Explanation of Offering Rev. Dr. Paige McRight
359 Hymn of Gratitude "Give Thanks"
***34** Doxology

Offering Prayer Rev. Dr. Paige McRight

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***712** Hymn of Sending "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

*Sending Deacon Pam Worthington

*Blessing Rev. Rosemary McMahan

Recessional

***Please stand if you are able.**

Big Cove Church welcomes the North Alabama Presbytery, friends, and family to this service of ordination and invites everyone to join us for refreshments after worship.

The offering tonight will go to the North Alabama Presbytery's Candidates' Scholarship Fund. If you wish to write a check, please make it out to "NAP" and designate accordingly.

The flowers are offered to the glory of God.

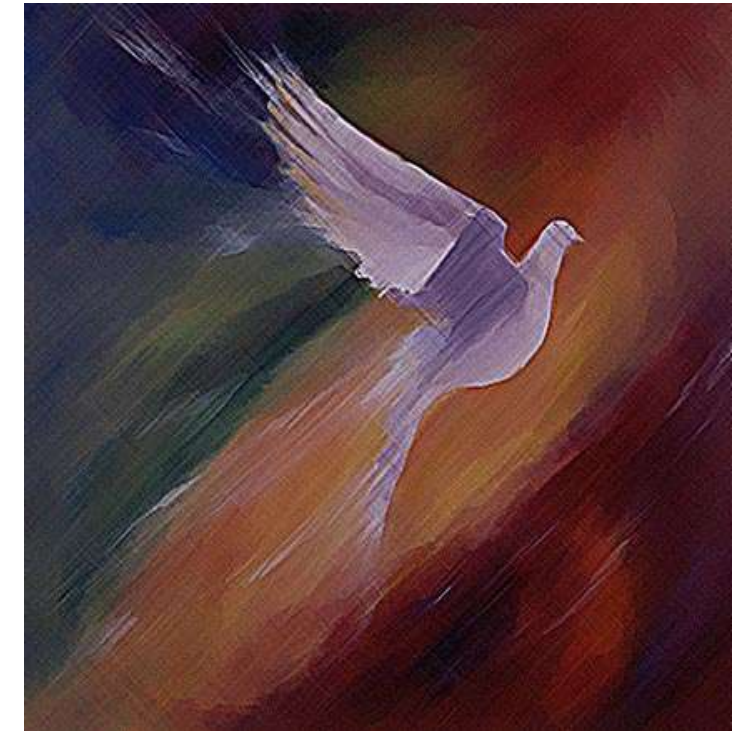
Administrative Commission

Rev. John McKell NAP Moderator
~ Westminster Presbyterian, Florence
Rev. Dr. Paige McRight NAP Interim Executive Presbyter
Rev. Robin Palmer COM Liaison
~ Grace Presbyterian, Madison
Elder Otis Vaughn First Presbyterian, Huntsville
Elder Beverly Johnson Westminster Presbyterian, Decatur

Other Worship Leaders

Mr. Dennis McMahan Big Cove
Mrs. Linda McWilliams Cove United Methodist
Rev. Houston Hodges Big Cove
Rev. James Norris United Church of Christ
Elder Kirk Finley Big Cove
Deacon Pam Worthington Big Cove
Mrs. Carla Feehan Music Director, Big Cove
Mrs. Josephine Stroud Pianist, Big Cove
Ms. Katrina Pepper Crucifer, Big Cove
Hartwell and Pat Lutz Ushers, Big Cove

WELCOME TO BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



**Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
August 15, 2013, 6:30 PM
North Alabama Presbytery**

SERVICE OF ORDINATION

ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Dennis McMahan

One: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

All: Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: Let us shout to the Rock of our salvation!

One: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

All: Blessed are we who take refuge in him!

***287** Hymn of Celebration

Lift High the Cross

Entrance of the candidate, administrative commission, and other worship leaders.

*Presentation of the Candidate

Rev. John McKell

One: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ.

All: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

One: In her baptism, Rosemary was clothed with Christ, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministry of Word and Sacrament.

All: We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our sister, Rosemary.

*Greeting

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: You may be seated

Anthem: This Offering of Praise

arr. Lloyd Larson

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for illumination

Rev. Robin Palmer

514 Old Testament Isaiah 43: 1-3a

444 Psalm 138: 1-3; 8

Mrs. Linda McWilliams

828 New Testament Ephesians 4: 1-6

Elder Beverly Johnson

727 Gospel Luke 4:14-21

Rev. James Norris

Sermon

Rev. James Norris

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Rev. Houston Hodges

One: Ordination calls the whole church to renewed commitment, and reminds us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of baptism. On this occasion, we celebrate with Rosemary, and join her in renewing her baptism.

One: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

All: I do.

One: Who is your Lord and Savior?

All: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

One: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

All: I will, with God's help.

Affirmation of Faith

One: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

One: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

One: Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Rosemary to this time and place of reaffirming the covenant you made with her in her baptism. Establish her in your truth, and guide her by your Spirit, that together with all your people, she may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anointing

Rosemary, child of the covenant, I sign you with the cross, that you may remember your baptism and be thankful.

Presentation of Candidate and Statement on Ordination

Rev. John McKell

One: In her baptism, Rosemary was clothed with Christ, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to enter upon ministry of Word and Sacrament. We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as ministers of Word and Sacrament, and the church ordains in order to assure fulfillment of the primary responsibilities of preaching the Word and administering the sacraments.

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the North Alabama Presbytery, by means of this commission, now ordains Rosemary Rice McMahan to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Constitutional Questions for the Candidate

Constitutional Questions for the Congregation Elder Kirk Finley

One: Do we, the members of the church, accept Rosemary McMahan as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

One: Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow her as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Do we promise to pay her fairly, and to provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble, and share her joy? Will we listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

We will and we do.

Prayer of Ordination

Rev. John McKell

One: Blessed are you, eternal God, nurturing a people to love and serve you from generation to generation. Blessed are you, coming to us in Jesus Christ, to destroy death and bring us new life. Blessed are you, empowering us by your Spirit to carry out Christ's ministry of compassion.