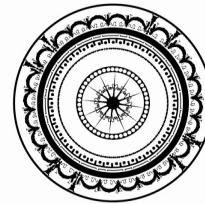


**THE ORDINATION SERVICE
FOR
AMY RENEE MCCLURE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, WINSTON SALEM
4:00 PM**

First Baptist Church on Fifth



Invitation to Worship Rev. Emily Hull McGee

Call to Worship: *Spirit of the Living God*SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Members of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem and First Baptist Church, Clayton
with Melanie Walk, soloist

Invocation..... Rev. Dr. Lynn Brinkley

Report from the Ordination Council..... Rev. Dr. Larry Hovis

Litany of Affirmation Mr. Chris McClure

Leader: We gather here today, Amy, as witnesses that have traveled with you on your journey of faith. We celebrate your ministry among us and affirm God's work in your life. Because you have been gifted and empowered by the Spirit, we ordain you to the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: **We are the voices of nurture, speaking from within the wonderful churches that surround you. With ever-abiding care, we have given you the foundation of faith. Go forth and nurture others with the same generosity of spirit as we have nurtured you.**

Leader: We are the voices of love, speaking from within the family that surrounds you. We have embodied the love of God that extends beyond condition. Go forth and love others with the same depth of devotion as we have loved you.

People: **We are the voices of challenge, speaking from within the circle of friends that surrounds you. With reverent conviction, we have perpetually summoned you to think and act outside your comfort zone. Go forth and challenge others with the same spirit of friendship as we have challenged you.**

Leader: We are the voices of the oppressed, speaking from within the larger community that surrounds you. With dreams of what can be, we seek hope for the future and ask that you take risks and work for change. Go forth and seek justice for others with the same ferocity of need as we have called you.

People: **We recognize this servant leader and truthful friend as one Set apart to guide, strengthen, and walk with us as we live out Our faith. We pledge our love and support and offer our prayers That support and offer our prayers that together we may glorify God and make Christ known in the world.**

ALL: **We ask God's blessing on Amy McClure and on each member of this family of faith, in the name of Christ, whose people we are. Amen.**

Hymn 60: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*FAITHFULNESS

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7Ms. Lacey Davis

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 Miss Tessa Turner

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Charge to the CandidateRev. Paul Burgess

Charge to the Church Rev. Emily Hull McGee

Laying on of Hands

Prayer of Ordination Rev. Melanie Walk

Presentations Rev. Emily Hull McGee

Hymn: *The Servant Song* BEACH SPRING

1. We are trav - lers on a jour - ney, fel - low pil - grims on the road; We are
 2. Sis - ter, let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you; Pray that
 3. I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you; I will

5 here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load. I will
 I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too. Broth - er,
 9 share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through. When we

hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time of your fear; I will
 let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you; Pray that
 13 sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny, Born of

hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
 all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

Benediction Rev. Amy R. McClure

Postlude: *"Hallelujah' Has Been Restored"* Dan Locklair

Amy Turner, organist

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION HONORING
REV. AMY R. MCCLURE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

WORSHIP LEADERS

- Rev. Emily Hull McGee**, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
Amy loves serving on church staff with Emily and appreciates her leadership, friendship, and love for all people. Amy treasures their conversations about life and ministry and enjoys seeing the many ways God uses Emily to change the world.
- Rev. Dr. Lynn Brinkley**, Director of Student Services at Campbell University Divinity School
Lynn has been a mentor, friend, and co-laborer in the work of ministry. Amy appreciates Lynn's integrity and determination to serve God well.
- Rev. Paul Burgess**, Pastor of Benson Baptist Church, Benson, NC
Amy and Paul were classmates at UNC-Chapel Hill, Campbell University Divinity School, and served on church staff together at FBC, Clayton. Amy appreciates Paul's sense of humor and creativity in ministry.
- Ms. Lacey Davis**, Minister of Students, First Baptist Church, Laurinburg, NC
Amy and Lacey were classmates at Campbell Divinity School, co-workers with residence life, served together on a church staff, and are best friends. Amy appreciates the ways Lacey stands up for justice in all situations.
- Mr. Jacob Hill**, Organist, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
Amy enjoys leading worship with Jake each Sunday and appreciates his servant leadership and how he brings so much joy to those in our faith community.
- Rev. Dr. Larry Hovis**, Executive Director of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC
Amy appreciates the ways Larry guided her through finding her identity in CBFNC life. Larry has been an incredible mentor, minister, friend, and encourager for Amy.
- Mr. Chris McClure**, Amy's brother
Chris knows all of Amy's quirks and habits and chooses to love her anyway. Amy appreciates his love and support in all situations and is proud to call him "brother."
- Mrs. Amy Turner**, Children's Choir Coordinator, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
The two Amys treasure their friendship and value the conversations and quality time together. AmyM appreciates the gifts God has given AmyT and seeing how AmyT uses those gifts to educate and impact others.
- Miss Tessa Turner**, Daughter of Kelly and Amy Turner
Amy appreciates how Tessa pursues excellence with focused determination in all she attempts and the ways she encourages the church staff through great conversations and notes of affirmation.
- Rev. Melanie Walk** – Interim Pastor of Music and Worship, Lafayette Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC
Melanie and Amy have been friends for several years and Amy considers Melanie more like a family member. Amy appreciates Melanie's heart and compassion for others and the ways she radiates the love of God.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

- Rev. Emily Hull McGee**, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, NC
Rev. Paul Burgess, Pastor of Benson Baptist Church, Benson, NC
Rev. Amy Canosa, Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor, Greenville Health System, Greenville, SC
Rev. Dr. Mike Cogdill, Founding Dean of Campbell University Divinity School
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Ms. Melissa Giles, Training Manager for Food for the Hungry of Canada
Rev. Dr. Larry Hovis, Executive Director of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC
Mr. Chris Walk – Assistant to the Rector, The Church of the Apostles, Hope Mills, NC
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