

Ordination Service to the Gospel Ministry for

# **Georgia McKee**

Sunday, November 30, 2025 Wilshire Baptist Church | Dallas, Texas

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2:00 p.m. First Sunday of Advent

#### Chiming of the Hour

We gather in community this afternoon to worship God. To help center our focus in worship, please silence all electronic devices.

**Prelude** Come Thou Fount arr. Paul Manz

Rev. Dr. Jeff Brummel

**+Processional Hymn** Will You Come and Follow Me KELVINGROVE

No. 473 Stanzas 1–4

+Call to Worship Gina Ortegon

One: We gather as one body, many members, knit together in a tapestry of love.

All: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God who calls us all to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

One: In her baptism, Georgia put on Christ, and today we affirm her call to ministry among God's people and for God's world.

All: We give thanks for her gifts, for the Spirit's voice within her, and for the church that calls her forth.

One: Let us lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving.

All: Sing to the Lord a new song!

One: Proclaim God's goodness in every place.

All: Let the whole creation rejoice, for God is doing a new thing among us.

<sup>+</sup>All congregants are invited to stand in body or spirit. Hearing devices are available in the Narthex and South Atrium.

Lord, your summons echoes true when You but call my name.

Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.

In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

Welcome Rev. Dr. Charlie Fuller

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Heather Mustain

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures** — Isaiah 58

Laura Smith

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Lord, you have searched me and known me; you know everything I do.
When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,
Your presence follows me day by day.
Where can I flee from your Spirit? Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.
Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

+Gospel Reading — John 4:1–39 Rev. Amanda Hines, Rev. Jordann McMahan, Rev. Maggie Morey

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have

food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."

For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God among us, And for the Word of God within us, Thanks be to God!

Message "W" Rev. Kelsey Davis

Charge to the Ordinand

Rev. Dr. Timothy Peoples

**Litany of Ordination** 

Rev. Dr. Timothy Peoples

Leader: Georgia, before God and this congregation, you are called upon to answer in all

truthfulness the questions I now ask you. Do you believe that you are truly called to be an ordained minister in the church of Jesus Christ and, with the help of God,

to serve faithfully in the fulfillment of the responsibilities of this ministry?

Ordinand: I do, God being my helper.

Leader: Do you promise to be faithful in prayer and in the reading of the scriptures and

through study to deepen your knowledge of divine truth and human experience?

Ordinand: I do, God being my helper.

Leader: Will you seek to bring others into an acceptance of the cost of joy of discipleship,

and through faithful teaching lead them into a full understanding of Christian

commitment?

Ordinand: I will, God being my helper.

Leader: Will you have a loving concern for all people, regardless of social or economic

status and give yourself to share the gospel in word and deed impartially to all

people without exception?

Ordinand: I will, God being my helper.

Leader: Will you endeavor to uphold the integrity of the church and to seek that unity in

which all churches will manifest the one Lord, one faith, and one baptism?

Ordinand: I will, God being my helper.

## **Congregational Response**

Rev. Dr. Timothy Peoples

Leader: You have heard Georgia affirm her faith and intention to continue to minister.

The ordination council finds her to be of sound learning and godly life and asks you now to declare your assent to her ordination. Do you members of this assemblage along with Wilshire Baptist Church, commission Georgia as an ordained minister and affirm her gifts in ministry to Christ's church?

People: We do.

Leader: Will you encourage Georgia throughout her ministry, in times of joy and

celebration, and in times of sorrow and disappointment, pledging to her your

love and prayers?

People: We will.

Laying on of Hands

Presentations Rev. Dr. Charlie Fuller

Communion Rev. Georgia McKee

We will participate in Communion by intinction, dipping the bread into the cup. All are welcome at Christ's table, and the bread is gluten-free.

**Music for Communion** 

New Wine Ariel Merivil Brooke Ligertwood

In the crushing
In the pressing
You are making new wine
In the soil I now surrender
You are breaking new ground

So I yield to you and to your careful hand When I trust you I don't need to understand

Make me your vessel
Make me an offering
Make me whatever you want me to be
I came here with nothing
But all you have given me
Jesus bring new wine out of me

Where there is new wine
There is new power
There is new freedom
The Kingdom is here
I lay down my old flames
To carry your new fire today



+Benediction

Rev. Kelsey Davis

**Postlude** 

I Am the Bread of Life Rev. Dr. Jeff Brummel arr. Jeffrey Brummel

The **Rev. Kelsey Davis** is an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church. She currently is the Bishop's Deputy for Disaster Response and Recovery in Western North Carolina and Vicar of St. George's Episcopal Church in Asheville, North Carolina. Kelsey and Georgia are cofounders of Christian Athlete Circles.

## Participants from Wilshire Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Jeff Brummel, Associate Minister of Music and Organist
Rev. Dr. Charlie Fuller, Director of Pathways to Ministry
Rev. Amanda Hines, Pastoral Resident
Rev. Jordann McMahan, Pastoral Resident
Ariel Merivil, Minister of Music
Rev. Maggie Morey, Pastoral Resident
Rev. Heather Mustain, Associate Pastor
Gina Ortegon, Ordination Council Member, Chair of Deacons
Rev. Dr. Timothy Peoples, Senior Pastor
Laura Smith, Lay Support Team Member

## Lay Support Team

Candy McComb
Vic Henry
Cindy Estee
Linda Francis
Judith Guthrie
Kathryn Keller
Damien Mitchell
Laura Smith
Colman Vigil

#### **Ordination Council**

Charlie Fuller Timothy Peoples Gina Ortegon Kathryn Keller Kelsey Davis

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