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# Deacon Ministry

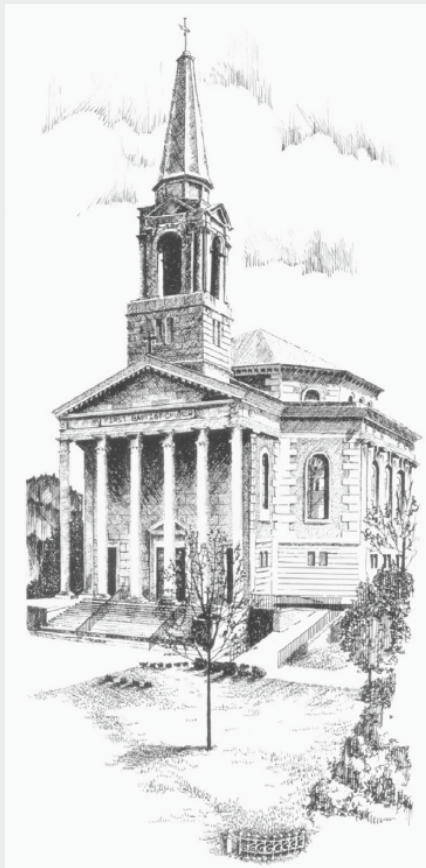
Installation & Ordination  
Service

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## First Baptist Knoxville

Sunday, September 20, 2020

4:00 pm





# A Service of Deacon Installation and Ordination

## Organ Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter

## Hymn 650 | Richard Buerkle

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* | JOYFUL SINGING

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:  
We, Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Use the love Your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to Your service, forth in Your dear name we go  
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom may Your mercy know, and live.

## \*Prayer of Invocation | Pam Neal

## Welcome | David Crocker

## Testimonies of Deacons for Ordination

*Bette Austin*

*Charles Brooks*

*Erin Frost*

*John Heslop*

*Patrick Walsh*

## Presentation of Deacons for Installation | Jim Decker

*Betty Coley*

*Wanda Edmondson*

*Carol Linger*

*Joel Maples*

*Micky Roberts*

## Responsive Reading 487 | Mark Palmer

*Commitment*

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**Congregation: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.**

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**Congregation: O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.**

Leader: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

**Congregation: Then (Jesus) said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'**

## \*Commitment Hymn 488

*Come, All Christians, Be Committed* | BEACH SPRING

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord.  
Make your lives for Him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.  
Come into His courts with gladness, each your sacred vows renew,  
Turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Give your time and talents daily, they are gifts from God above,  
To be used by Christians freely to proclaim His wondrous love.  
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring.  
In your work with Him find favor, and with joy His praises sing.

God's command to love each other is required of everyone.  
Showing mercy to another mirrors His redeeming Son.  
In compassion He has given of His love that is divine;  
On the cross sins were forgiven; joy and peace now fully shine.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe.  
Worship Him with consecration, grace and love you will receive.  
For His grace give Him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,  
And repeat the gospel story till the world His name has heard.

## **Examination of Newly Elected Deacons | Jim Decker**

Leader: My Brothers and Sisters, do you believe that you are truly called by  
God and His church to the life and ministry of a Deacon?

**Deacons: We believe we are so called.**

Leader: Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourselves to this  
trust and responsibility?

**Deacons: We do.**

Leader: Will you be faithful in prayer and in the reading and study of the  
Holy Scriptures?

**Deacons: We will.**

Leader: Will you help and serve those in need, and in so doing, present the  
gospel of Jesus Christ to them?

**Deacons: We will.**

Leader: Will you do your best to pattern your lives in accordance with the  
teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

**Deacons: We will.**

Leader: Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

**Deacons: We will.**

Leader: May the Lord by His grace uphold you in the service He lays upon you.

Leader (*to Congregation*): In placing this mantle of responsibility upon these  
servants, you must commit to supporting them in their ministry. Do  
you accept the challenge?

**Congregation: We do.**

Leader: Recognizing that we are one body in Christ and having promised  
mutual support before Holy God, let us serve one another and the Lord.

**Everyone: Amen!**

## **Message in Music | Deacon Quartet**

*Whiter Than Snow* | FISCHER (Celebration Hymnal 653)

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;  
I want You forever to live in my soul.  
Break down every idol; cast out every foe -  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow;  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, look down from Your throne in the skies,  
And help me to make a complete sacrifice.  
I give up myself, and whatever I know -  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow;  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat;  
I wait, blessed Lord, at Your crucified feet.  
By faith, for my cleansing I see Your blood flow -  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow;  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, before You I patiently wait;  
Come now, and within me a new heart create.  
To those who have sought You, You never said "No" -  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow;  
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

## **An Act of Service | David Crocker**

## **Prayer and Meditation | Jim Decker**

## **Ordination Prayer | David Crocker**

## \*Closing Hymn 510

*Lord, Here Am I* | BECK

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;  
Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.  
Teach me the mission appointed for me,  
What is my labor, and where it shall be.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,  
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;  
Willing to suffer reproaches and loss.  
Willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead;  
Only support me with grace in my need.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,  
Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Living, or dying, I still would be Thine;  
Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.  
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;  
Pity, and bring me again to the light.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,  
"Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

## \*Spoken Benediction | David Crocker

### Postlude | Brandon Coffey

\*The Congregation is asked to stand.



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