

The Church's Liturgical Practices: Celebrating Dennis Hall's Installation!



Pastor Dennis L. Hall offers Thanks and the Benediction.

Sunday, May 22nd, 2016 was a unique day in the life of College Hill Presbyterian Church in many ways. Some of the moments went by so fast that they might have been missed. This article highlights several of the biblical, liturgical and

Reformed tradition aspects of Rev. Dennis Hall's Installation as a Minister in the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) serving College Hill Presbyterian Church.

The Service of Installation is a 'big deal.' It is an affirmation that the Rev. Dennis Hall has been examined per the ECO denomination's *Ordination Standards* and has:

- (1) the necessary knowledge required to lead a congregation including, but is not limited to, knowledge of Scripture, theology, polity, and appropriate application of his knowledge;
- (2) the skills for ministry — to teach, preach, cast vision, disciple others, train people, develop leaders, work with individuals and teams; and
- (3) perhaps most important, displayed spiritual maturity.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Central to *Protestant Reformed* worship is the preaching of the *Word of God* — where Jesus Christ is revealed. John 1:1 This contrasts with the Roman Catholic tradition where Christ is revealed in the liturgy and the eucharist, or the Pentecostal tradition where Christ is revealed through the manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Dr. Laura Smit, Prof of Theology, Calvin College, Grand Rapids MI, was part of Dennis' ECO examination team.



Pastor Drew Smith welcomes Rev. Dr. Laura Smit.

He invited Dr. Smit to preach on the text he chose: Phil 3:10-11

I want to *know Christ*—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

In her sermon, Dr. Smit referred to 'American independence and self reliance are often barriers to *knowing Christ*. When a believer 'lets go' of control of life, God's Holy Spirit can reform it from the inside. Christ truly lives within...and God's power is released in a new life, one focused on God's Glory. [Hear the full sermon and installation service online — <http://chpc.org/> sermons.]

THE COMMITMENT QUESTIONS

Rev. Hall was *installed* because he was already *ordained*. In the ECO, the pastor and the congregation are both asked questions. This reflects ECO's Core Values of unleashing the ministry gifts of women, men, and every ethnic group, and of the *shared* leadership of Clergy and Laity.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

This practice runs throughout the Bible. In the Old Testament, Abraham's hands were laid on Isaac as a sign of faith and

dedication. Patriarchs, priests, prophets and people of faith laid hands on offerings to God, and set aside leaders.

In the New Testament, Jesus laid hands on people of all ages and performed miracles that revealed God's Glory. In Acts 6:5-6 the Apostles confirmed new believers and affirmed the faith of existing believers. Later in Acts 8:14-19, the laying on of hands is associated with receiving the Holy Spirit and His power, gift and fruits. The Apostle Paul counsels about the laying on of hands in his letters to Timothy and the Hebrews.

The Church Universal has used the laying on of hands for many of these biblical reasons, including passing on God's blessings to new leaders.



CHPC Elders lay hands on Rev. Dennis Hall and his wife Sharon during his Installation at both worship services 5/22/16.

THE ROBINING CEREMONY

The Geneva gown or preaching robe is the ecclesiastical garment customarily worn by ordained ministers. 500 years ago, the Protestant Reformers of Western Europe rejected the traditional dress worn by the Roman Catholic Church because they disagreed with what it represented. Instead, they began attending church in their *daily clothes*. These happened to be long black robes since the majority of the Reformation leaders were of the scholarly or academic class. In the Presbyterian tradition, this style of robe was adopted in honor of John Calvin, a Geneva scholar who defined much of our Reformed Theology — the basis of our beliefs and system of governance. This traditional garment and the red stole was presented to Rev. Dennis L. Hall by the CHPC Session.

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CHPC goes to

National Underground Railroad
FREEDOM CENTER

Saturday, June 11

A great opportunity to learn about our national history, enjoy the river and learn together. The tour will start late that morning and you can return home by early afternoon. We will meet at CHPC at 10am or at Freedom Center at 10:30am for the Faith and Freedom Tour and then have opportunity to tour the rest of the museum. For those interested we can then meet for lunch at 12:30 to reflect on our experience together. Cost will be \$12 for adults and \$7 for children (3-12). Under 3 is free. If you would like to go make a reservation with Michelle Hemsath — mhemsath@chpc.org or call 513.541.5676. Payment can be made on the day of the trip.

BUDGET UPDATE—Thank you! for responding to our call to finish strong for our FY2016 Budget.

This is our last Sunday in the Fiscal Year. Our projection after 51 weeks is that we will be about **\$5,000 (about 0.5%)** short of our giving goal.

Will you prayerfully consider how your gift today can help us to bridge the final gap?



Don't forget you can give online! Many of you have already created an account which allows you to easily manage your contributions. Simply go to our website, www.chpc.org and follow the orange GIVE NOW! Button.

Children & Youth Helpers in Worship

Children ages Kindergarten through third grade are invited to a Children's Worship service each week. Start off with your families in both the 9am and 11:15am service, then listen for the announcement dismissing the kids to their special service. Just before the sermon, children will be dismissed to their special study and worship time.

This week's helpers are:
9:00am Lucas F.
11:15am Ian & Joshua S.
Michelle Dyson will greet.

come join us on...

the Spiritual Formation Journey...
...becoming like Jesus
...being transformed from one degree of glory to another...
2 Cor. 3:18

Adult Spiritual Formation Update

by William Custer

The Summer Session of Adult Spiritual Formation is upon us, it begins Sunday, June 5 and will continue through the whole month of July. Some groups will continue today on the topics below:

May 29 All Church Journey: Remembrance Sunday

The summer series that begins next Sunday, June 5 at 10:10am will include the following:

Gospel of Luke

Led by Drew Smith at 10:10am
(No class limit)

Book of Daniel

Led by Scott Rice at 10:10am
(Class limited to 15 people)

Too Busy Not to Pray

Led by Fran Kelley at 10:10am
(Class limited to 15 people)

Married and Still Loving It

Led by Jeanne Schneider at 10:10am
(Class limited to 15 people)

Right Brain Biblical Experience

Led by Robyn Russell at 10:10am.

Cat and Dog Theology

A Team led by Sam & Barry Stare at 10:10am for 11 weeks.

Visit the registration desk in the Atrium for class descriptions and to sign up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First community wide blood drive Friday June 10, from 1pm to 7pm at First United Church of Christ, 5808 Glenview Ave. Please contact Bruce Steinhard at bksteinhard@gmail.com or 729-0121 to register.

CHPC goes to the National Underground Freedom Center Saturday, June 11. A great opportunity to learn about our national history, enjoy the river and learn together. The tour will start late that morning and you can return home by early afternoon. We will meet at CHPC at 10am or at Freedom Center at 10:30 for the Faith and Freedom Tour and then have opportunity to tour the rest of the museum. For those interested we can then meet for lunch at 12:30 to reflect on our experience together. Cost will be \$12 for adults and \$7 for children (3-12). Under 3 is free. If you would like to go make a reservation with Michelle Hemsath – mhemsath@chpc.org or call 513.541.5676. Payment can be made on the day of the trip.

Resident Camp Counselors - Men Needed! We've had a great response to our call for adults to come to Resident Camp as counselors! At this point we're looking for four more adult men to care for and build relationships with 8-10 kids of a specific age group (finishing 2nd-6th grade) along with at least one other co-counselor. This is a week-long commitment (July 3-9) where you will stay in a cabin with your campers. We offer a stipend of \$350, but also welcome counselors who volunteer their time. Please pray if God wants you to be one of these mentors, and contact Robyn or Andrew if you feel God is saying yes! awells@chpc.org

Do you have the gift of hospitality? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Or is God calling you to a 'Brave' assignment? We have the ministry for you, serving at the Welcome Table. The mission of the Welcome Table Ministry is to greet and assist all those who enter, whether they are a member or a visitor, and to provide information about the church and our ministries. If you are interested to serve in this way contact Pastor Dennis at dhall@chpc.org or 541-5676 x1122.

Summer Nursery Helpers We're looking for adults and teens who want to care for and show God's love to our youngest children (0-4 years old) in the nursery. Please contact Robyn Hubbuch (rhubbuch@chpc.org) if you would like to serve during one of the services (9am, 10:10am, or 11:15am) at least once a month in June, July and August.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

FX Night is this Wednesday, June 1st, 6-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall! FX Night is a great place to invite new families or to meet families who are new to our church community and form relationships with them.

The May BLAST (K-6) Theme is Contentment: "deciding to be happy with what you've got," and our memory verse is Philippians 4:12b: "I have learned the secret of being content no matter what happens. I am content whether I am well fed or hungry. I am content whether I have more than enough or not enough." Please pray this month that our children would be able to trust God to meet their needs and shift their focus toward what God wants them to do with what He's given them. Resources for both parents and kids are available on the BLAST page of the CYF website: <http://chpccyf.weebly.com/blast.html>.

CYF Summer Trips! The following forms for our summer trips are now available on the Summer page of the CYF website: <http://chpccyf.weebly.com/summer-2016.html>:

- Overnight Camp Registration Form (finishing grades 1-2)
- Resident Camp Registration Form (finishing grades 2-6)
- Resident Camp Work Crew Application (finishing grades 7-9)
- Resident Camp Counselor Application (finishing grades 10-12 or adult)
- The Alabama Experiment Application (finishing grades 7-12)

All forms and final payments are due May 31st!

CONGRATULATIONS

to Fran and Jim Kelley who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, yesterday, May 28th.

Prayer Page

"... without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers," Romans 1:9

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Condolences

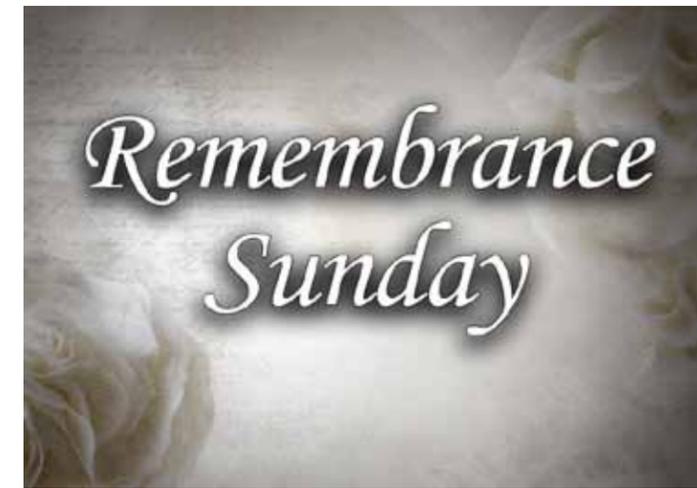
Christian love and sympathy to the family of long time member Dorothy Barnaby, who died on May 24th.

Condolences may be sent to:

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Wheeler
7080 Farm Hill Rd., Brookeville, IN 47012

Christian love and sympathy to the family Susan Bentley on the death her mother. Condolences may be sent to:

Mr. & Mrs. William Bentley
10820 Oakvalley Ct., Loveland, OH 45140



May 29, 2016
Remembrance Sunday
Preaching: Rev. Drew Smtih

Welcome to College Hill Presbyterian Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today. Single, married, with children or not, there are many opportunities for knowing Christ, worshiping, personal growth and discipleship, service and ministry within the church and beyond the walls.

Visitors - Stop by the welcome table or the desk in the Atrium to find out more about College Hill Presbyterian. Return and become part of this dynamic Church Family.

Upcoming Services

June 5 **NEW SERIES BEGINS**
Learning From Jesus Today
Starts Boldly

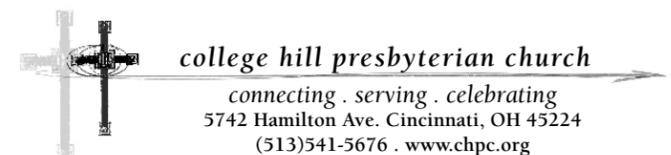
June 12 Learning From Jesus Today
Radical Teaching

Today's Order of Worship

Prelude
Call To Worship & Opening Prayer
Songs of Praise
Time of Confession & Forgiveness
Passing the Peace
Song of Response
Scripture & Sermon
Rose Ceremony
Pastoral Prayer
Offering / Closing Song
Announcements
Charge and Blessing
Postlude

Available Help

Ushers have copies of the song lyrics for the 9am service. Ushers can also provide help with wheelchairs and equipment for hearing assistance. Handicapped accessible restrooms are located off the exit hallway to the right side of the main platform. This exit also leads to handicapped parking spaces.



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