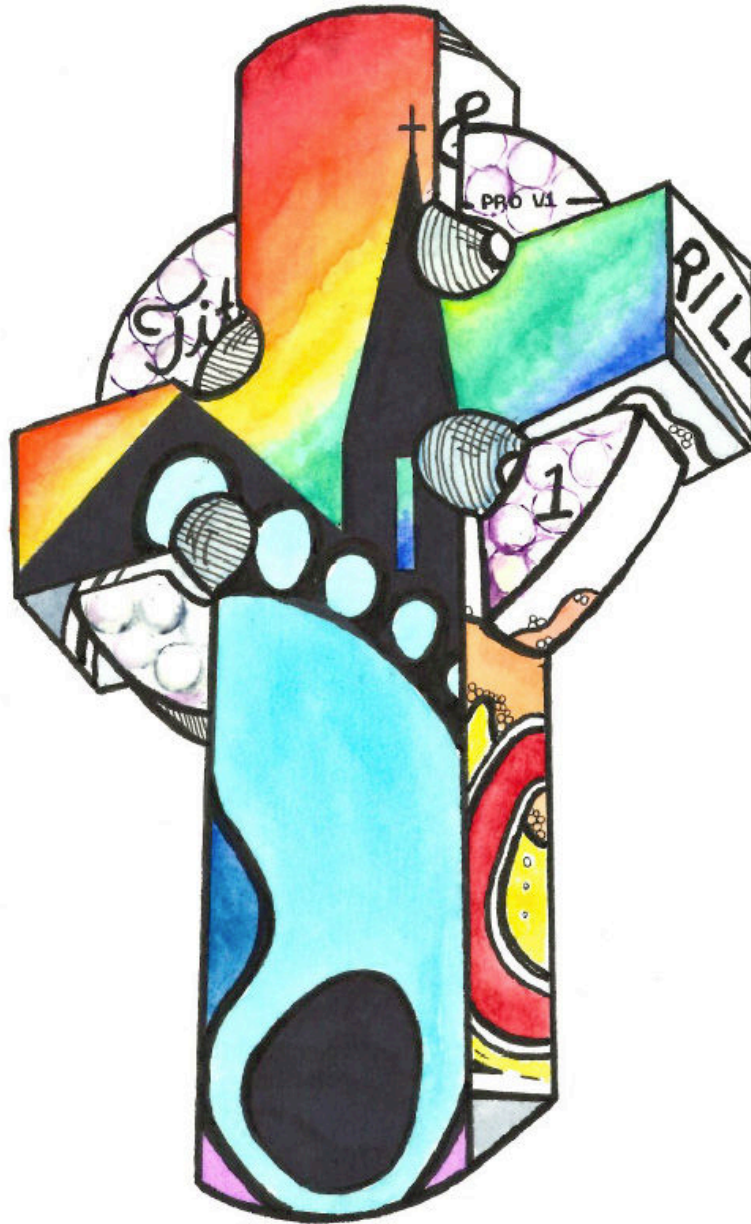




A Service of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
hosted by Central Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 15, 2026
2:00 p.m.

The Ordination of
Kimberly J. Parker
to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament



Called in Full by Rev. Blake Traynham

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Prelude on 'Slane'
Don Papenbrock, organ

Healey Willan

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

- ✦ Call to Worship and Opening Prayer Ellen Dunn, Susie Gentry, and Rev. Lesley Brogan
ABINGDON WORSHIP ANNUAL 2023 (ADAPTED)
What does the Lord require of us?
To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.
With what shall we come before the Lord?
With speech that is gentle, and words that build up.
How shall we live our faith?
With hearts that are open and hold welcome for all, with actions that bring peace, and works that lift up those in need.
Come now, precious children of God to worship God in spirit and in truth.
We come to this service of ordination with hearts filled with joy and thanksgiving to celebrate God's affirming YES! Amen.

- ✦ Hymn 20 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

- ✦ Call to Confession Rev. Susan B. Landrum

- ✦ Prayer of Confession
PRAYER WRITTEN BY REV. ANNA GEORGE TRAYNHAM
O Lord, you have called us to serve your Word with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. Too often we let our energy drain or our intelligence waste. We convince ourselves that we do not have the time for imagination or that we do not have the patience for love. Your hope is abundant and your truth steadfast, and yet we cannot trust the depth of your grace. Forgive us, God of mercy, and through your forgiveness move us to know the goodness of your reign.... (Silent Confession) Amen.

- ✦ Assurance of Grace
Friends, because God loves us, we lack for nothing; because God surrounds us with siblings in Christ, we do not journey alone. Committing to listen to God's call on our lives and trusting in the One who redeems us, we live on as God's faithful and forgiven people.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are made whole, and freed for the journey!

- ✦ Passing of the Peace

- ✦ Hymn 582 *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination Jeff Hilimire

First Lesson Psalm 40:1-10 Melanie Bliss

Second Lesson John 21:15-19 Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Sermon

Responding to the Word

- ✦ Hymn 315 *In The Midst of New Dimensions* NEW DIMENSIONS

Offertory Sentence Ann Hunter

The offering is being collected for the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta's fund for financial assistance for those preparing for ministry.

Music at the Offertory

Covenant Prayer

Karen Marroll

Central Chancel Choir, Don Papenbrock, piano

Creator, we belong to You, and You dwell within our hearts.
Though the road be rough, we will follow You
with the strength Your grace imparts.
Though we be brought high, though we be brought low,
though we journey far from home,
let us always seek to grow in love, no matter where we roam.

Now let us reach out with loving hands
to accept, affirm, embrace
every child of God throughout the world
and shower them with grace.
And let us reach out with grateful hearts
and praise our God above,
through our acts of light and justice
as we warm the world with love.

Creator, let us understand
that our covenant with You
is a covenant with humankind,
to honor and pursue the road of Christ,
through the rocky fields, to the broken and unshod.
Let us heal with love,
for each soul we meet is a precious child of God.

✠ At the Presentation

Lenten Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

Ann Hunter

Service of Ordination

✠ Sentences of Scripture

Melissa Johnson

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement of Ordination

Rev. Andy James

✠ Profession of Faith

Denise de La Rue

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Denise de La Rue & Rev. O.J. Flowers

Anointing

Rev. O.J. Flowers

Constitutional Questions

Rev. Katie Owen Aumann

Prayer of Ordination

Rev. Shannon J. Kershner

Declaration of Ordination

Rev. Katie Owen Aumann

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry

Rev. Susan B. Landrum & Rev. Shannon Kershner on behalf of the Central staff
Ann Hunter on behalf of the Central congregation
Booth 25 on behalf of Kimberly's friends
Sonja Hodges on behalf of the Central Outreach & Advocacy Center staff
Joel Roberts, Nan & Charles Cantrell on behalf of the Central Outreach & Advocacy Center community
Ellen Dunn on behalf of Kimberly's family

Charge to the Newly Ordained

Rev. Katie Ricks

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. John Semmes

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Kimberly J. Parker

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Kimberly J. Parker and Rev. Lesley Brogan

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Sanctus 552

Holy, Holy, Holy

LAND OF REST

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

... Great is the mystery of faith!

Memorial Acclamation 553

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

LAND OF REST

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

The Lord's Prayer
TRADITIONAL PC (USA)

Rev. Lesley Brogan

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Rev. Kimberly J. Parker

Communion of the People

We will partake communion via intinction. You may proceed to the station closest to you, receive a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, partake of the elements, and return to your seat. If you are unable to come forward, we will serve you while you remain seated.

Communion Music

A selection of music from the Taizé & Iona Communities
Don Papenbrock, piano

Prayer After Communion

Rev. Lee Carroll

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

✠ Hymn 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

✠ Charge and Benediction

Rev. Kimberly J. Parker

Postlude

Postlude on 'Joyful, Joyful'
Don Papenbrock, organ

Brenda Portman

The flowers are given today in honor of the ordination of Kimberly Parker by Ellen Dunn, Butch Parker, and Billy and Becky Dunn. We are all so very proud of you, Kimberly!



Special Participants in Today's Worship

Commission of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

Rev. Katie Owen Aumann, Morningside Presbyterian Church
Rev. Shannon Kershner, Central Presbyterian Church
Rev. O.J. Flowers, Oakhurst Presbyterian Church
Ann Hunter, Ruling Elder, Central Presbyterian Church
Melissa Johnson, Ruling Elder, Shallowford Presbyterian Church

Guests of the Commission

Rev. Katie Ricks, First Presbyterian, Sterling, IL, Blackhawk Presbytery
Rev. Lesley Brogan, Retired, United Church of Christ
Rev. John Semmes, Retired, Presbyterian
Rev. Lee Carroll, Retired, Presbyterian
Rev. Andy James, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta
Rev. Susan B. Landrum, Central Presbyterian Church

Friends of the Commission

Ellen Dunn
Susie Gentry
Denise de La Rue
Melanie Bliss
Jeff Hilimire
Rev. Anna George Traynham, liturgy contributor
Rev. Blake Traynham, art contributor

Participants in the Service

Thom Dixon, Central Presbyterian Church
Don Papenbrock, Central Presbyterian Church
Central Presbyterian Chancel Choir

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A Few of the Saints Who Helped Me Get Here

I can't believe this day is here! I have waited almost 22 years to be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament! It is surreal!

So many people have supported me in this journey. Many of them are here today, participating in this service. Many are sitting in the pews. Some are watching online. Each person means a lot to me. It's interesting to think about the connections I have with each person and I somehow wanted to share that with you.

Fun game: Match the names with the descriptions. Some descriptions may be applicable to more than one person. Enjoy!

Rev. Katie Aumann	Board Chair Who Appointed KP to ED Position
Melanie Bliss	OAC Staff Member
Rev. Lesley Brogan	"Try Ordination Again"
Rev Lee Carroll	OAC Board Chairs
Denise deLaRue	Introduced Ellen and KP
Ellen Dunn	Tarheel Fans
Rev. O.J. Flowers	Booth 25 Family
Susie Gentry	Clinical Pastoral Education Intern Under KP
Jeff Hilimire	Golfing Buddy
Ann Hunter	PUSHY about Ordination
Rev. Andy James	Great Colleagues
Melissa Johnson	CPM Liaison
Rev. Shannon J. Kershner	Attended Seminary Together
Rev. Susan B. Landrum	Former OAC Volunteer
Rev. Katie Ricks	Presbytery Support
Rev. John Semmes	Partner/Wife/KP's Rock

One category that I didn't list is FRIEND and each person who is listed above falls into that category. I am grateful for each and every one of them.

Special thanks to Susan Landrum who helped me bring all of this together at a time when I needed to be in NC with my family. She wrote liturgy. She put all of the information together. She has been a lifesaver. Thank you, Susan!

I want to give a shout out to my dad who is watching online today. Both of my parents supported me throughout my life in every way possible and I am so very grateful! I love you daddy!

Lastly, I would not be here today without Ellen. We have walked this journey together and I could not do all that I do without her! I love you Ellen Dunn!

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