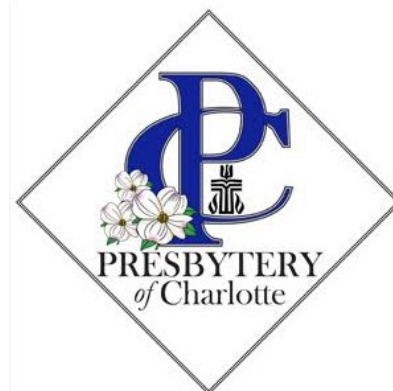


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RE Barbara Wilson
RE Luke Governale
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**Service of Ordination to the
Ministry of Word and Sacrament**

September 20, 2026 | 3:00 PM



PRELUDE	This is My Father’s World	Arr. By Mark Hayes
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION		Rev. Ellen Crawford-True
†CALL TO WORSHIP (Ephesians 4:8, 11-16))		RE Connie Ensley
Leader	When Jesus ascended into heaven, he made captivity itself a captive; and in his wake, he gave gifts to his people, the church.	
People	And the gifts Christ gave are these-apostles, and prophets, evangelists, and pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.	
Leader	These gifts are all ours to have and use, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.	
People	We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming;	
Leader	But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into Christ who is the head of the body.	
People	From him the whole body is joined and knit together. Through him, when each part is working properly, the body grows and builds itself up in love.	

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION		Candidate Rich Lambert
†SONG:	Christ, the Glorious Groom	
CALL TO CONFESSION		Rev. Hunter Roddey
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Rev. Hunter Roddey
	Gracioius and merciful God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear. Left to us our sins are sentences, judgments, condemnations; left to you they are trophies of grace. Set us free from a past we cannot change; set us upon a future in which we shall be changed; and grant to us favor to grow more and more in your beauty, likeness, and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen	

ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Rev. Hunter Roddey
SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST		
†DOXOLOGY		
SCRIPTURE LESSON	2 Corinthians 4:1-12	Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller
SERMON	The Who, The What and The Where	Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller
STATEMENT ON ORDINATION		Rev. Ellen Crawford-True
CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO ORDINAND		Rev. Ellen Crawford-True

- a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God’s Word to you?
- c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e. Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?
- f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Will you be a faithful minister of the Word and Sacrament†, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller
DECLARATION OF ORDINATION		Rev. Ellen Crawford-True
CHARGE TO THE MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT		Rev. Joel Lynn
CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION		RE Keri Wass
SONG:	Jesus Strong and Kind	
INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE		Rev. Ryan Atkinson
PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING		Rev. Ryan Atkinson
	Leader	Lift up your hearts.
	People	We lift them up to the Lord.
	Leader	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
	People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

With joy we give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, Source of all life and love, that we live in your world, that you are always creating and sustaining it by your power, and that you have so made us that we can know and love you, trust and serve you.

We give you thanks that you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him may not die but have eternal life.

We thank you that Jesus was born among us; that he lived our common life on earth; that he suffered and died for us; that he rose again; and that he is always present in the Holy Spirit.

We thank you that we can live in the faith that your kingdom will come, and that in life, in death, and beyond death you are with us. Therefore with all the company of heaven, and with all your people, of all places and times, we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy Lord God, by what we do here in remembrance of Christ we celebrate his perfect sacrifice on the cross and his glorious resurrection and ascension; we declare that he is Lord of all; and we prepare for his coming in his kingdom.

We pray that through your Holy Spirit this bread may be for us the body of Christ and this wine the blood of Christ. Accept our sacrifice of praise; and as we eat and drink at his command unite us to Christ as one body in him, and give us strength to serve you in the world. And to you, one holy and eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we give praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. Rich Lambert
SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP		
PRAYER		Rev. Rich Lambert
SONG:	My Worth is Not in What I Own <i>Candle Lighting</i>	
BENEDICTION		Rev. Rich Lambert

✠ All who are able are invited to stand.