

Evangelical Presbyterian Church
of Newark, DE

Pastor Ordination Service

Rev. Graham Guo

The Gospel, Grit, and Glory!

Trials should not surprise us, or cause us to doubt God's faithfulness. Rather, we should actually be glad for them. God sends trials to strengthen our trust in him so that our faith will not fail. Our trials keep us trusting; they burn away our self confidence and drive us to our Savior.

Edmund Clowney

It's easier to go down a hill than up it but the view is much better at the top.

Henry Ward Beecher

ORDER OF WORSHIP | APRIL 28, 2024

The playing of the chimes is a signal that the hour of our corporate worship has begun. During this time, we invite you to silently prepare your hearts to praise our Triune God to whom belongs all glory, power, and majesty.

(Please silence all phones and non-medical electronic devices.)

Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.

Welcome

PASTOR BARBER

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

❖ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship — Psalm 19:1–4, 14 (Pew Bible, p. 578, adap.)

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Christian Teodoro (Tagalog):

Sa bawat araw at gabi, pahayag ay *Day to day pours out speech, and night*
walang patlang, patuloy na *to night reveals knowledge.*
nagbibigay ng dunong at kaalaman.

Riama Ida (Indonesian):

Tidak ada berita dan tidak ada *There is no speech, nor are there words,*
kata, suara mereka tidak terdengar; *whose voice is not heard.*

David Strumbeck (Spanish):

por toda la tierra resuena su eco; *Their voice goes out through all the*
sus palabras llegan hasta los *earth, and their words to the end of the*
confines del mundo. *world.*

Pastor: Let us praise God and declare His glory!

All: O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Hymn (Trinity #296) — All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
 3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
 4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;

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 ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
 go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe.
 and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all;
 we'll join the everlasting song,
 and crown him Lord of all.

❖ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by the Lord's Prayer)**

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 the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up to glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

❖ **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament reading — Lamentations 3:14–26 (Pew Bible, p. 873)

14 I have become the laughingstock of all peoples,
the object of their taunts all day long.

15 He has filled me with bitterness;
he has sated me with wormwood.

16 He has made my teeth grind on gravel,
and made me cower in ashes;

17 my soul is bereft of peace;
I have forgotten what happiness is;

18 so I say, “My endurance has perished;
so has my hope from the LORD.”

19 Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!

20 My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.

21 But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;

23 they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

24 “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

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ELDER BILL
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25 The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
26 It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

Lamentations 3:14–26

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PASTOR BARBER

**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN
(followed by Private Confession of Sin)**

I worry because I forget your wisdom that guides me.
I resent others because I forget the mercy you've given me.
I covet because I forget your beauty that surpasses all things.
I sin because I forget your holiness.
I fear because I forget your sovereign hand that always protects me.
You always remember me. Help me to remember You, and your
great sacrificial love toward me.

Assurance of Pardon

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:15–17 (Pew Bible, p. 1262)

WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



You can also give online on our website, through the app Vanco Mobile, or mail a check to the office (if it is for the Deacons Fund, please note on the memo).

Offertory Response

❖ Hymn (Trinity #164) — O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1–4)

Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years old may go to Beginner Bible in room 100; children 4 years to 2nd grade may depart during the last verse to the Fellowship Hall for Junior Church.

Parents please pick up children after the service.

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Carl G. Gläser

Lyrics by Charles Wesley, 1739, 1961, alt.

Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;
5. He speaks and, list - 'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

The Gospel, Grit, and Glory! — 2 Corinthians 4:1–18 (Pew Bible, p. 1227)

PASTOR GRAY

¹ Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:1–18

Ordination of Graham Guo

Questions for Ordination

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the *Confession of Faith* and the *Catechisms* of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?
7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

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8. Are you now willing to take the charge of the Reformed University Fellowship ministry at University of Delaware agreeable to your declaration when accepting our call? And do you, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties of a pastor?

Questions to RUF Committee and Presbytery

1. Do you, members of the Presbytery and its Reformed University Fellowship Committee, continue to profess your readiness to receive Graham, whom you have called to serve as the Reformed University Fellowship campus minister at University of Delaware?
2. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for the instruction and spiritual edification of students at University of Delaware?
3. Do you engage to continue to him, while he is serving in this role, that competent worldly maintenance which you have approved, and to assist in furnishing him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort?

DOUG PERKINS,
DARYL WATTLEY,
CHAD BARBER

Prayer of Ordination

Right Hand of Fellowship

Pronouncement of Ordination

PASTOR BARBER

Charge to Pastor Guo

PASTOR POST

Charge to the RUF Committee and the Presbytery

PASTOR PERKINS

❖ Hymn (Trinity #455) — And Can It Be That I Should Gain
(music next pages)

❖ **GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING**

PASTOR GUO

LIFE ON BROADWAY III — 6PM. Free event, for our church and community. Childcare provided.

We are scheduled to celebrate the Lord's Supper next Lord's Day during the morning worship service. Let us therefore follow Paul's admonition in 1 Corinthians 11:27–29 to partake of the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner by examining ourselves before the Lord. The Westminster Shorter Catechism states, "It is required of those who would receive rightly the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves as to their knowledge of the meaning and object of this sacrament, their faith to feed upon Christ, and their repentance, love and new obedience; for coming in an unworthy manner would bring judgement on themselves" (Answer 97).

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

G A7 D G C

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth adore, let an - gel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

D G REFRAIN D D7

die for me?
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 • found out me.
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How
 Christ, my own.

G F C G Am/C G/D D7 G 7

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,

Charles Wesley, 1738
 Alt. 1990

SAGINA L.M.D.
 Thomas Campbell, 1825



OUR MISSION We exist to change lives through sharing Christ.
We carry out this mission in three ways:

GATHER — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP—10:45AM

SPRING WORK DAY—Saturday, May 4, 8-1am. Great time of fellowship while working!

DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP—Wednesday at 9:15-11:30AM

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Thursdays from 8:00–9:00AM in Room B202 and online. “Sojourners and Exiles” by Sinclair Ferguson.

SEND — we are all Christ’s ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES—Rob & Jenny Ilderton - MTW: England (see our Missionary Highlight in this week’s online EPiC Newsletter)

A DOOR OF HOPE’S BABY BOTTLE BENEFIT—Begins today. See newsletter for more information.

LIFE ON BROADWAY III —Tonight at 6pm. Enjoy an evening of singing with selections from Broadway shows and life lessons.

SOUNDS OF HOPE—May 11, 6pm. A joint concert with choirs from EP and Wilmington Christian School, and chamber orchestra. The concert features Delaware’s premiere of Elaine Hagenberg’s *Illuminare*.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIPS - Deadline to register is **May 12th!** Go to EP website on the youth page for more information and to register.

Attendance and Financial Information for April 14, 2024

SS: 104 - AM: 272 - PM: 85

General Fund

Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 10,332.56
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 22,240.00
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$328,919.01
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$355,841.28
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$327,600.91
Slides & Rides Fundraiser	\$ 32,958.97



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**OUR MISSION IS TO CHANGE LIVES THROUGH SHARING CHRIST
BY GATHERING, DISCIPLING AND SENDING**

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