

Service
of
The Ordination
of

PAULA WILLIS, B.A., M.Div.

Sunday, January 11, 2015

4:30 p.m.



Yorkminster Park
BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes
Minister of the Congregation

The Rev. Dale Rose
Minister of Pastoral Care

The Rev. Deborah Ban
Minister of Discipleship

Mr. William Maddox, BMus., FTCL
Director of Music

Mrs. Miriam Little
Director of Children's Ministries

Mr. Brennan Rabbets
Director of Youth

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Parish Nurse

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Welcome to this service of ordination. It is our hope that visitors will feel welcome in our church, and aided in their spiritual search and devotion through the worship which we offer to God. As well as providing weekly services of worship and prayer, the ministry of the Church includes educational programmes and Bible studies. For further information, please complete one of the visitor cards in the pew and place it on the offering plate.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Chancel today are dedicated to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of

ROSE CROSTHWAITE

By Luis, Sonie and Edward Burgos & Tom and Kay Hayes

It is an honour to welcome the Rev. Joanne Davies to the Yorkminster Park pulpit on the occasion of Paula Willis' ordination. Rev. Davies is a former classmate, longtime friend and together they serve as chaplains at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Next Sunday, January 18

11:00am

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

4:30pm

The Sacrament of Holy Communion – The Rev. Dale Rose

4:14 p.m. – A bell will ring for one minute calling us to worship.

4:15 p.m.

PRELUDES (*The service of worship begins with the music of the organ.*)

Psalm Prelude, Set I, no. I

Herbert Howells

Prière

Denis Bédard

4:29 p.m. – A bell will ring for one minute.

4:30 p.m.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 42 – Holy, holy, holy (Nicea)

(The congregation rises as the organist plays the last line of the hymn.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29)

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendour.

Minister: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

People: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Minister: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

People: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Minister: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

People: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Minister: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

Minister: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

INTROIT – (*congregation seated*)

R. Walker Robson

Thou hast a work for me to do; O Lord show it to me; Thou hast a place for me to fill; give me grace to fill it to Thy Glory; Thou hast given me a soul to make; Make Thou it for me; and build me into Thy spiritual temple for Jesu's sake. Amen.

INVOCATION

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ACT OF ORDINATION OF PAULA WILLIS

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Carol Radford-Grant

We are assembled in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, at the request of this Church, and as representatives of the Toronto Baptist Ministries of Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (CBOQ), in order that we may ordain Paula Willis to the office and work of the Christian Ministry.

Paula has presented herself to an Ordination Examining Council who heard her statement of Christian experience, call to ministry, views of Christian doctrine and her relationship to our denomination.

After examination and deliberation the Council affirmed Paula's call of God to fulfill the duties of the Christian ministry in accordance with New Testament practice.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COUNCIL

Carol Radford-Grant

On November 22, 2014, delegates from this Church and our sister churches of Toronto Baptist Ministries, met together at Blythwood Road Baptist Church to consider the suitability of setting apart Paula Willis to the Christian Ministry. After careful deliberation, the following motion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

"We move this Ordination Examining Council approve the candidate, Paula Willis, for ordination to the Christian Ministry. Moved: Barry Porter, Spring Garden Baptist Church; 2nd: David Russell, Mississauga City Baptist Church; Approved, unanimously."

We are gathered together today in response to that motion to ordain Paula Willis through vows, the laying on of hands and the offering of prayers.

PRESENTATION OF THE ORDINAND

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes

PRESENTATION OF MINISTRY SYMBOLS

PRESENTATION OF A ROBE

The Rev. Dr. J. Peter Holmes and the Rev. Dale Rose

PRESENTATION OF A TOWEL

Kim Aikenhead

PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE

Diane Letsche

PRESENTATION OF A LOAF AND CHALICE

The Rev. Deborah Ban

HOLY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5 (O.T. p.1)

Strachan Bongard

Responsive Psalm 27 (OT p.555-6)

The Rev. Deborah Ban

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.

Mark 1:4-11 (N.T. p.35)

The Rev. Otha Sim

HYMN 561 – Who would true valour see (Monks Gate)

SERMON “The Goodness of the Lord”

The Rev. Joanne Davies

HYMN 596 – May the mind of Christ my Saviour (St. Leonards)

ADDRESS TO THE ORDINAND

The Rev. Jim Sanderson

Paula Willis, we have gladly heard of the Grace of God in your life, and of the desire of this Church to set you apart for the ministry of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as an ordained Christian minister.

We exhort you, therefore, to consider once more the sacredness of this Office to which you are to be set apart, that with sincerity of purpose, integrity and holiness of life, and humble dependence upon God, you may fulfill the same, remembering that our Lord Jesus Christ said: “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

So also the Apostle Paul did say to young pastor Timothy: “In the Presence of God and of Jesus Christ.... I solemnly urge you: proclaim the Word; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince; rebuke; and encourage, with utmost patience in teaching and do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by Him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the Word of Truth.”

And from the Apostle Peter we receive also this commission: “Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it, not for sordid gain, but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock.”

ENQUIRY OF THE ORDINAND

The Rev. Jim Sanderson

Paula, do you affirm your determination to give your life to the ministry of Jesus Christ, in accordance with the principles of ministry set forth in the Word of God?

RESPONSE OF THE ORDINAND

I will endeavor to do so, the Lord being my helper.

ENQUIRY OF THE CONGREGATION

Do you the members of this Church, acknowledge and affirm the gifts and abilities of Paula Willis, to fulfill the ministry to which she has been called?

Are you prepared to set apart Paula Willis to this God honouring ministry?

Do you covenant together with Paula giving her all the honour and support due to her in the Lord?

If you are so willing, will you signify your assent by standing before the Lord with Paula Willis in this moment of consecration and ordination?

(Members of Yorkminster Park Baptist Church will stand)

In keeping with the New Testament practice, the setting apart of Paula Willis for the Christian Ministry will take place by the Laying on of Hands and a prayer of Ordination.

Would those duly assigned please come forward to participate in the Laying on of Hands, and I invite all who are able in the congregation to stand for the prayer.

CHORAL PREPARATION – Come, Holy Ghost *Veni Creator Spiritus*
(See Hymn 226)

As the choir sings, ordained clergy of all Christian traditions are invited to come forward and participate in the Laying on of Hands.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

ORDINATION PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (all stand)
The Rev. Dale Rose

CHORAL RESPONSE *S. Alec Gordon*

Hear my prayer, O Lord my God. Harken to my supplication; be merciful to me, a sinner. Amen.

(all seated)

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP INTO THE ORDAINED MINISTRY AND PRESENTATION **The Rev. Craig Rumble**

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, on behalf of this Congregation of Believers, by the authority of the Ordination Examining Council, and on behalf of Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, I now extend to you the Right Hand of Fellowship into the Christian Ministry.

Receive this ministry of the Gospel and the care and cure of souls, which is both ours and yours.

PRESENTATION BY CBOQ

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries.

Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

ANTHEM – Prayer of St. Richard *L. White, arr. W. Maddox*

O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,

may I know thee more clearly,

love thee more dearly,

and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION **The Rev. Dale Rose**

HYMN 462 – Be Thou my vision (Slane)

BENEDICTION – Choral Amen (*de Séverac in A minor*) **The Rev. Paula Willis**

NUNC DIMITTIS with Antiphon **(Mode III.4, chant C. M. Palmer)**

Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping; that awake we may watch with Thee, and asleep we may rest in peace. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Gloria.

The Memorial Bells will peal for ten minutes following the Recessional.

A reception in Cameron Hall will follow the service and all are invited to bring their greetings and best wishes to the Rev. Paula Willis and her family.