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MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE

March 19, 2017

10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 6: 1-8

New Testament Lesson:

Mark 2: 1-12

Sermon: "*The Main Thing*"

This week we are very pleased to welcome **Dick Grady** as soloist for our Worship Service. Dick is a good friend of our church and has often enhanced our services with his beautiful voice. Being this close to St. Patrick's Day, we might even anticipate the very familiar Dick Grady version of "Danny Boy."

THE PASTOR'S PAGE:

Dr. Sam Rutland, Temporary Stated Supply Pastor

Beloved Ones of God,

This Sunday we'll take part in a service where God sets apart and empowers elders and deacons called to serve HSCPC. It is Ordination and Installation Sunday. Here is a word on how this Sunday's service changed the country we cherish and call the United States of America.

The word "elder" comes from the New Testament—from the Greek "presbyteros". Presbyteros means "elder". (It also translates from the Hebrew Old

Testament as “gray beard”—or who is “old and gray”, but we are *not* going there!) This is where the name “Presbyterian” came from: we are named and defined by our system of government, churches ruled and governed by presbyters/elders.

When Presbyterian families flocked to the New England, Virginia and Carolina colonies in the 1600 and 1700’s Presbyterians were a dominant presence. The ruling elders (presbyters) who served on Presbyterian sessions were *elected* by fellow church members as representatives of the people. So how did these good Presbyterians react when King George of England ruled over them and taxed them *without any representative voice or consultation*? This was not only offensive. This was war.

Of the representatives who signed the Declaration of Independence thirteen were Presbyterians, and most were elders. The most famous Presbyterian signer was John Witherspoon (think Witherspoon Society), a Presbyterian clergyman, later the President of Princeton University. It was the fire of these Presbyterian elders, who *because of their church’s government* could not and would not live under authoritarian non-representative rule, that the American Revolution was sparked. They were THE leaders of the revolution. They were so troublesome King George had a name for the war. He called it: “The Presbyterian Rebellion”. Imagine! We led the revolt.

After the war the colonies sought a new system of government. Their blueprint? It was, of course, the Presbyterian Church. No king would rule from above. The people elected wise and faithful ones to serve and represent them, just as we today elect elders and deacons to serve the church. Our elected elders then represent our church at the higher presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. Sounds familiar, doesn’t it? Imagine. We Presbyterians set the DNA of the USA.

Beloved, we have a great and Godly tradition. This Sunday the Holy Spirit will set aside for service and leadership the elders and deacon you, the people, chose. You listened to God’s voice. You nominated. You voted. This is going to be a great Sunday. I’ll see you there!

Peace,
Sam

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

As you can see from Dr. Rutland’s above message, this coming Sunday has been set aside as the **Sunday of Ordination and Installation** at HSCPC. At our Annual Meeting in February, new Elders and Deacons were elected by members of the Church.

Before they can assume their duties as elected officers of the church they will be ordained (where appropriate) and installed in the presence of the Church congregation. The Service of Ordination and Installation is described in the Presbyterian Book of Order (G-2.0403) as follows: *“The service of ordination and installation shall focus upon Christ and the joy and responsibility of serving Him through the mission and ministry of the church.”*

Those who have never served in this capacity before have been examined and approved by Session, as required in section G.0402 of the Presbytery Book of

Order. **Roy Hamlin** will be ordained as an Elder, and **Bob Atkisson** will be ordained as a Deacon. The remaining newly elected Elders and Deacons have served in that position previously and thus have previously been ordained.

During this service, all newly elected Elders and Deacons will be installed to their new term of office:

Elders: **Roy Hamlin, Arline Holloway, Roy Kindberg** and **Terry McCloy**.

Deacons: **Bob Atkisson, Judy Doverspike, Connie Frazee, Ingrid Krumdick, Judy McCloy, Madeline Marx, Jan Norrish, Audrey Ruggier, Gail Shriver, Hazel Stackhouse, Carla Tinsley** and **Katie Yuskas**.

On Sunday we will celebrate with them as they prepare to assume their roles as leaders in our Church.

Thank you to the choir, from Worship & Music Committee chairman Becky Boynton.

I would like to say a special "Thank You" to all those who have participated in the choir this season. You have all done a phenomenal job under the direction of Brandon. I know he has enjoyed working with each of you. I hope each of you have been blessed half as much as each of us in the congregation have been blessed by your wonderful singing!

Becky

2017 PIANO EXTRAVAGANZA

Brandon's next big project is as director of the 2017 Piano Extravaganza, which features a dozen talented pianists and six grand pianos on one stage. It is presented by the Faculty, Staff and Students of Hobe Sound Ministries.

It is held on the campus of Hobe Sound Bible College,
11295 S.E. Gomez Ave. Hobe Sound.
Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1,
7 PM, (doors open at 6 PM.)
An offering will be received.

In the past our church has arranged to get reserved seats if enough of our members and friends sign up to attend the event. Sign-up sheets will be available for the next two Sundays.



BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Rutland is will be starting a Bible Study group this month. It will be a study of the book of Philippians. Starting on **Wednesday, March 22nd**, it will meet for 6 weeks on **Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM**.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- March 2** - Ruth LaPrise
- March 5** - Jody Dupuis
- March 6** - Arline Hollowy
- March 7** - Kris Cone
- March 11** - Lilly Rodrigues
- March 14** - Maura Beavers
- March 17** - Gwen Altman
- Jim Wiggin
- March 19** - Pati Higginbotham
- Ethan Rausch
- Stan Ball
- March 27** - Chad Beavers
- March 28** - Brandon Glick
- March 29** - Roy Dupuis
- March 30** - Zachary Anderson

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- March 2** - John and Connie Frazee

(If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so you can be included here for the rest of the month.)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alex Lopez - Estrada
- Patrick Corr
- Angel Nichols
- Joyce Spengler
- Family of Larry Liss
- Werner Jager
- Dawn Brown
- Joyce-Anne Hamlin
- Diane Atkisson
- Jim White
- Deborah Hobson and family
- Jennifer Bellintoni
- Myrna Jubb
- Terry McCloy
- Josephine Scricca
- George Mulleneix
- Alicia
- Sylvia Ryan
- Martha Higgins
- Marjorie and Kent Phillips, and Joshua Phillips

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless a request is made to keep them on. This request can be made to Karen Metzger.

WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST: To request prayers through the Prayer Circle, for yourself or someone else, contact Jan Norrish, 772-486-5514, jannorrish@hotmail.com, To have a prayer request included in the Church Sunday bulletin, fill out the prayer request card found in the Church pews or contact Karen Metzger, 772 220-4678, or kmmetz@bellsouth.net.

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