

61ST ANNUAL commissioning

WOLFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Friday, May 6, 2022

7:30 p.m.

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Equipping Christians to Serve

ORDER OF *Service*

** Indicates congregation stands if able*

Prelude	DR. HEATHER PRICE <i>Director of Music, Wolfville Baptist Church</i>
* Processional Hymn	‘Crown Him with Many Crowns’ <i>(Lyrics on page 4)</i>
* Call to Worship	REV. DR. ANNA ROBBINS <i>President, Acadia Divinity College</i> <i>Dean of Theology, Acadia University</i>
* Prayer of Invocation	REV. DR. SCOTT KINDRED-BARNES <i>Senior Minister, Wolfville Baptist Church</i>
Acknowledgement of the Land	REV. DR. DANNY ZACHARIAS <i>Associate Professor of New Testament Studies</i>
Welcome	REV. DR. ANNA ROBBINS
Greetings to Leaving Class	DR. PETER J. RICKETTS <i>President and Vice-Chancellor, Acadia University</i>
Scripture Reading <i>Psalms 13</i>	REV. DR. MARJORIE LEWIS <i>Chaplain, Acadia University</i>
Greetings to Leaving Class	REV. DR. PETER REID <i>Executive Minister,</i> <i>Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada</i>
Presentation of Diploma & Certificate	REV. DR. STEPHEN MCMULLIN <i>Academic Dean</i> <i>Sheldon and Marjorie Fountain Professor</i> <i>of Evangelism and Mission</i>
Presentation of President’s Award	REV. DR. ANNA ROBBINS
Presentation of President Emeritus	REV. DR. ANNA ROBBINS

FRIDAY, May 6, 2022

- * Congregational Song** **‘Be Thou My Vision’**
(Lyrics on page 5)
- Scripture Reading** **TOM RICE**
Joshua 1:1-9 Board of Trustees, Acadia Divinity College
- Reflections of a Graduan** **DR. RAPHAEL ILUYOMADE**
Master of Divinity Graduan
- Special Music** **‘Christ You’ve Called Them All to Service’**
SHAWNA PEVERILL, Registrar
and **DR. DANNY ZACHARIAS**
Arrangement by Danny Zacharias
Song by Joy F. Patterson (1931–)
- Scripture Reading** **ERICA CORBIN**
Hebrews 11:1-6 and 12:1-3 Master of Divinity Graduan
- Annual John Gladstone Sermon** **‘Faith for Twenty-First Century Realities’**
REV. DR. STEPHEN MCMULLIN
- The Act of Commissioning** **REV. DR. ANNA ROBBINS**
(Call & Response on page 7)
- Commissioning Prayer** **REV. DR. ANNA ROBBINS**
- * Closing Hymn** **‘By Faith’**
(Lyrics on page 6)
- * Benediction** **REV. DR. STUART BLYTHE**
John Gladstone Professor of Preaching and Worship
- Postlude** **DR. HEATHER PRICE**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Lyrics*

‘Crown Him with Many Crowns’

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

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CONGREGATIONAL SONG *Lyrics*

‘Be Thou My Vision’

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

True Light of heaven, when vict'ry is won
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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CLOSING HYMN *Lyrics*

‘By Faith’

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation’s grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

CHORUS

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul’s reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

CHORUS

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

CHORUS

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul’s reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight
We’ll walk by faith and not by sight

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CALL & Response

The Act of Commissioning

President: You, who have now completed your studies and your time of training at Acadia Divinity College, are about to leave and pursue your Christian ministries in the world. Whether in church or parachurch ministries, chaplaincy, missions, or further studies, you have been called to a noble, holy, and demanding task. This is no easy mission, yet you are assured that through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and by the help of His grace, you will find strength and courage to obey His commission.

To His apostles He gave the promise: "Surely, I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." He offers you a special sense of meaning and purpose in lives lived under His direction. You are to serve Him in the ministry which He has commissioned you to undertake. That you have accepted His commission is attested by this period of training and academic study that you have undergone, and now completed.

Do you now, in the presence of God and this congregation, wish to reaffirm your commitment to Christ as Lord, and to your place in our Lord's service?

Leaving Class: We do wish to reaffirm our commitment.

President: Do you pledge yourselves in your entire ministry to seek first the will of God for your lives, and the sphere of service He appoints?

Leaving Class: We pledge ourselves to serve our Lord in His ministry, in His Church, and to the world, as He directs.

President: In response to the pledge that you have now made, we offer this prayer of commissioning, seeking God's grace which is sufficient for life and ministry.

Leaving Class: We gladly receive this prayer knowing that God's grace is sufficient.

RECIPIENTS FOR *Commissioning*

Most recent previous degree shown below name.
Asterisk (*) Indicates Fall 2021 graduate.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

BEDARD, STEPHEN JOHN*	St. Catharines, ON <i>Master of Arts (McMaster Divinity College)</i>
HANCOCK, JOYCE ALMA	Thunder Bay, ON <i>Master of Religious Education (Acadia University)</i>
LEE, SAMUEL SEUNG YEOP	Toronto, ON <i>Master of Divinity (Wycliffe College)</i>
PHILLIPSON, CONNIE	Mulmur, ON <i>Master of Divinity (Wycliffe College)</i>
PITMAN-KNOWLES, MARLENE GAILE	Bedford, NS <i>Master of Theology (Acadia University)</i>
STYLES, PHILLIP J.*	Fort Erie, ON <i>Master of Divinity (McMaster Divinity College)</i>

MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGY)

BENWELL, JULIA LOUISE	Halifax, NS <i>Bachelor of Education (Mount Saint Vincent University)</i>
DARBY, CHARITY HAZEL ELIZABETH	Burin, NL <i>Bachelor of Arts (Tyndale University)</i>
LANGMAID, ROBERT GERALD WILLIAM	Fredericton, NB <i>Master of Ministry (St. Stephen's University)</i>
MACDONALD, BRAEDON PHILLIP	Wolfville, NS <i>Bachelor of Arts (Crandall University)</i>
TOWNSEND, STEVEN RALSTON	Bedeque, PE <i>Bachelor of Theology (Acadia University)</i>
WILLIAMS, GREGORY B.	Canterbury, NB <i>Master of Divinity (Atlantic School of Theology)</i>

RECIPIENTS FOR *Commissioning*

MASTER OF DIVINITY

BARTLETT, B. JOHN	Cornwall, PE <i>Bachelor of Theology (Kingswood University)</i>
BATUMBYA, EMMA	Kigali, Rwanda <i>Bachelor of Arts (Makerere University)</i>
CORBIN, ERICA JOANNE	Sackville, NS <i>Bachelor of Science (University of Prince Edward Island)</i>
ILUYOMADE, DR. RAPHAEL FUNWA	Ondo, Nigeria <i>Doctor of Philosophy (National University of Singapore)</i>
JACKSON, ZACHAEUS DANIEL	Lake Echo, NS <i>Bachelor of Arts (Saint Mary's University)</i>
MCEWEN, NATHAN TIMOTHY	Eldorado, ON <i>Bachelor of Science (Crandall University) and Bachelor of Theology (Acadia University)</i>
PEABODY, ZACHARY STYMIEST	Saint John, NB <i>Bachelor of Arts (University of New Brunswick)</i>
WILMHOFF, VIRGINIA LEE	Cincinnati, Ohio <i>Master of Arts (Atlantic School of Theology)</i>

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

BENT, MATTHEW CHARLES MURRAY	Matamata, New Zealand
BLEWITT, EVAN MICHAEL	Hamilton, ON
CAREY, AZARIA MAEGAN ALICE	Nassau, Bahamas <i>Bachelor of Science (Acadia University)</i>
COOK, JARED WILLIAM	Fredericton, NB
FLOWER, DANIEL J.	Quispamsis, NB
GROVE, ANNA ELSIE LYNN	Douglas, NB
HISEY, ALEX	Moncton, NB
PARR, SIOBHÁN	Kentville, NS

RECIPIENTS FOR *Commissioning*

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

DAWSON, M. BLAKE Moncton, NB
Bachelor of Arts (Crandall University)

CERTIFICATE IN LAY LEADERSHIP

PEALING, VIVIEN MARGARET Greenfield, NS
Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (University of Leeds, UK)

STUDENTS *not in attendance*

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

ROGACZEWSKI, JERZY PAWEL* Katowice, Poland
Master of Divinity (McMaster Divinity College)

MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGY)

DONALDSON, BLAINE DARREN* Spokane, Washington
Master of Divinity (Trinity College & Seminary)

MIREAULT, TERRY LYNN Toronto, ON
Bachelor of Arts (Royal Military College)

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

SMITH, KIRA DAWN Fredericton, NB
Bachelor of Arts (Crandall University)

BIOGRAPHY OF *Speaker*

Rev. Dr. Stephen McMullin

Rev. Dr. Steve McMullin is a graduate of Atlantic Baptist College, Acadia University (B.A. Honours), Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (M.A.T.S.), and the University of New Brunswick (Ph.D.—Sociology). His Ph.D. dissertation about congregational decline focused on ways that churches are affected by and respond to the secularization of society. His research has focused on congregational renewal, the presentation of the gospel in culturally informed and effective ways in an increasingly secular social environment, and the response of congregations to domestic violence. In keeping with his focus on congregational renewal, his recent sociological research focuses on the effects of digital media in congregations.

He has written articles for both scholarly and popular journals and has presented numerous papers at academic conferences. Recent peer-reviewed articles have been published in *Post-Christendom Studies*, *Teaching Theology and Religion*, and *Baptistic Theologies*. He is an Honorary Research Association at the University of New Brunswick, and a member of the Religion and Violence Research Team at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research at UNB.

Dr. McMullin served as pastor of the Waterville and Victoria Baptist Churches (1980 – 1988), the Woodstock Baptist Church (1988 – 1997), and Main Street Baptist Church (now RiverCross Church) in Saint John (1997 – 2007). His ministries have emphasized evangelism and mission as well as the importance of community. He served two terms on the Council of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches (now the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada).

He is married to Rosalie, who retired in 2021 after being an instructor in the Engineering Technologies department at the Saint John campus of the New Brunswick Community College. They have two grown children, Nancy and Kevin, and lone grandson, Theo.

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- Friends of ADC for their presence, prayers, and encouragement

Family and friends are invited to greet students during the reception held in the vestry after the service.

We ask that photographs be taken after the service.

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