

## > Invitation to Attend Pastor Rick's "Installation Service," Sunday, Sept. 19, 10:30 a.m.

A grand celebration of our faith will highlight our worship service on Sunday, September 19. A collection of elders and ministers will lead our worship that morning as I am officially installed by the Presbytery of Twin Cities Area. I thought you might like to know something about this service.

The installation of a minister is an official act of the presbytery. Ministers and elders representing our 70 churches will be present to lead our service. I have been installed at my previous congregations and I must say they have all been celebrative occasions.

Special music is being prepared by our sanctuary choir. Our African choir will sing for us. A procession into the sanctuary led by a Scottish bagpiper will begin our ceremony. Banners will welcome each of us and our guests. Colorful red stoles will symbolize this liturgical event recalling the early church's use of red to point to Christ's divinity and royalty.

Eight guests from Presbyterian churches in the Twin Cities and Austin, Texas, will highlight this day. Some you may know. Elders include: Ms. **Sue Rutford**, Clerk of Session, at First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater; Mr. **Ward Sessing**, Elder at Presbyterian Church of the Way in Shoreview; and **Sandra Hawley** from the Plymouth Church.

The ministers are the **Rev. David M. Liddle** from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis; the **Rev. Helen Jo Taliaferro** from Roseville; and our dear friend, the **Rev. Gene Orr**. David and I were pastors in Indiana 25 years ago where he installed me during a service at which he gave the official Charge to the Pastor. I have asked David to do it again this time as it seems to have been successful in 1983. "Jo" and I were seminary classmates in Richmond, Virginia, in 1976. Gene Orr has graciously agreed to give the official Charge to the Congregation – a responsibility which I am sure is near to his heart.

A total of five guests will be visiting with us this day from Austin, Texas. The **Rev. James Lee**, a pastor at a new church being developed in Austin, will preach the sermon. James is the founding pastor of a multi-cultural, racially diverse congregation. James celebrates the eclectic, unifying, and energizing work of the Holy Spirit in his ministry. His philosophy of ministry is birthed from his experiences of worshipping across economic, racial, and denominational lines. We are honored to have him speak to us this day.

**Mary Jo North**, an Elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Austin, has served as the moderator of the Committee on Ministry for her local presbytery. She will bring official greetings from our brothers and sisters down south.

My wife, **Jeanne MacDougall MacArthur**, and son, **Andrew MacDougall MacArthur**, and his fiancée, **Brandi Sellers**, will be guests that weekend, as well.

Our theme that morning is "Unity Amidst Diversity." You may see some Scottish tartans and colors and hear some Scottish music as the day unfolds. Andrew's great-great grandfather was a Presbyterian minister from Scotland.

The purpose of this ceremony is to enable all of us to claim our Christian heritages from whatever special traditions they have evolved. I think this is worth celebrating as we proclaim the work of Christ here on the east side of St. Paul.

One final thought. One of our church members has been writing a new hymn especially for this service. We shall sing this hymn to conclude our worship. I got a sneak peak at these words a few days ago and I can tell you they are quite inspirational. I hope you will allow those words to speak to you that day as you sing them.

In keeping with long standing Presbyterian tradition, a special offering will be taken that morning during the Offertory to assist with the education and training of new clergy preparing for future ministry. All Installation and Ordination services nationwide include this special act of giving.

Immediately following the Sept. 19th Installation service, we will be taking a group photo of all attendees in the parking lot just outside the southern entrance to the church. Chairs are provided for those unable to stand for the photo. Then, we will proceed to the fellowship hall for a meal graciously hosted by the Deacons.

I am grateful to all those who have been hard at work to make this day possible. I'd like to ask you to wear something red or some special garment representing your Christian and family heritage. You may see MacArthur and MacDougall tartans proudly displayed that day.



The MacArthur Clan of Scotland, seen above, has owned a family coat of arms since the 13<sup>th</sup> century.



**PLAN TO ATTEND!**

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**SEPTEMBER 19th, 10:30 a.m.**

**Invite family, friends & neighbors!**  
(wear something red, or some special garment representing your Christian and family heritage)