

COMMISSION OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS

Minister: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

All: The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world.

Minister: The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

The grace bestowed on you in Baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ. Christian Education teachers and leaders, God has called you to particular service. Show your purpose by answering these questions:

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Teachers: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Minister: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Teachers: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

Teachers: I do.

Minister: Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Teachers: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Do we, members of Independent Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our sisters and brothers to labor with us in the service of Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Minister: Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

Congregation: We will.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER (*minister*)

FOURTH & FIFTH GRADERS RECEIVING BIBLES TODAY

Our current 4th and 5th graders will be recognized during the 11 am worship service for receiving their Bibles. At both morning services, we will recognize the teachers and leaders at IPC who are instrumental in our faith formation.

Olivia Thompson Allen
Cecilia Ann Allen
Ben Bearden
Hayes Bearden
Boyd Wright Beck
Grace Carolyn Bittick
Vivian Blalock
Maxwell Banks Brown
Charlotte Ann Chambliss
John Wesley Clark IV
Braylon James Cooley
Wilson Timberlake Cooper
Jacob Kent Falls
Cooper Austin Falls
Kathryn Laurel Falls
Mabel Anne Fleenor
Augustus Massebeau Glass
William Palmer Gregg
Caroline Frances Hill
Hannah Story Hughes
Joe Allen Jones IV
Alice Brooks Lane
Samuel Towns Lassiter

Caroline Clark Liles
Charles Andrew Long
Griffin Henry Mather
Carly Sanders Mauldin
Eliza Murphy McLemore
Elizabeth Layton Meriwether
Katherine Blackwell Miles
Alexander L. Pledger
Miles E. Pledger
Lucy Jane Polson
William Robert Pringle, Jr.
Campbell Prum
Margaret Leary Ray
Helen Marchard Ray
Lorol Elizabeth Rediker
Pamela Grace Rediker
Caroline Reid Samuels
Caleb Francis Siegel
Harrison Smith
Bennett Pierce Steiner
Will Stiles
Evans Lawson White
Elizabeth Magee Williams