

FEAST OF BEGINNINGS

Service of Word and Table

Perkins School of Theology
August 24, 2016 11:30 A.M.

Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary and Faculty Processional
Festival Fanfare Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

***Hymn 660 (UMH)** *God Is Here* ABBOT'S LEIGH

***Call to Worship** Evelyn L. Parker

This is a day of new beginnings!

**New friends, new classes,
new challenges await us.**

This is a day of new beginnings!

God is with us; we step out in faith.

This is a day of new beginnings!

Glory to God on high!



***Sung Response** *Gloria a Dios* (Glory to God) Peru
Please sing responsorially upon cue from cantor.

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**
Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Installation of Student Leaders for 2016-2017

President: Matthew Burroughs, Vice-President: Paige Hanks
Secretary: Simon Hill, Treasurer: Cassidy Wohlfarth
Justice in Action Chair: Christian Watkins, Chaplain: Ryan Klinck
*These leaders will come forward, stand and face the congregation.
Other representatives and officers of student organizations
and Perkins student workers are invited to stand where they are.*

Tracy Anne Allred (Director of Student Services):

You have been called by God and chosen by the student body
for leadership at Perkins School of Theology.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility.

It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us.

In love we thank you for accepting your obligation
and challenge you to offer your best to God,
to this community, and to our ministry in this place.
Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

Today we install the student leaders of Perkins School of Theology for the coming
academic year.

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in this community in the coming year?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this community to be a people of compassion and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been
chosen?

I will.

Dean Hill:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants

Who have been given particular ministries in this place.

Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service.

Keep before them the example of Christ,

Who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all.

Let them share Christ's ministry and consecration,

That they may enter into his joy.

Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge

That through them your purposes are accomplished;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Addressing the Perkins community)

Members of the community of Perkins School of Theology,
rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards.

Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities
to which they have been called,
giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

We will.

Welcome to the Perkins Community

Matthew Burroughs

Scripture Lessons

Romans 1:8-15; Acts 28:11-16

Jaime Clark-Soles

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Best Laid Plans

Dean Craig C. Hill

Response

Covenant Prayer
Text: John Wesley
Seminary Singers

Jay D. Locklear

Prayers of the People

Mark W. Stamm

Preparation *Prayer* (1975) Lloyd A. Pfautsch (1921-2003)
Founder of the MSM Program, Professor of Music, Director of Choral Activities (1958-1992)
Seminary Singers

Have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon our efforts
That we before Thee in love and in faith,
Righteousness and humility, may follow Thee
With self denial, steadfastness, and courage
And meet Thee in the silence.

Give us a pure heart that we may see Thee,
A humble heart that we may hear Thee,
A heart of love that we may serve Thee
A heart of faith that we may live Thee.

Thou whom I do not know
But whose I am.

Thou whom I do not comprehend
But who has dedicated me to my fate. Thou . . .

Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961) from *Markings* (1964)

Prayers

Sung Response after the cantor:

Have mercy upon us.

Service of the Table

*Passing the Peace

Procession of the Sacrament *Hallelujah! Pelo Tsa Rona* South African Song
Seminary Singers

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Great Thanksgiving (*UMH*, pp. 9-11) Iona Community Musical Setting
Sing with the choir as directed by the cantor for musical responses.

The Lord's Prayer (intoned)

*Receiving the Bread and Cup

Music during Communion

Taste and See (FWS 2267) James E. Moore, Jr. (b. 1951)
Soloist: Rezolia Johnson-Roberson, MDiv. '13

gently

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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***Hymn 582 (UMH)** *Whom Shall I Send?* DEUS TUORUM MILITIM

***Benediction** Dean Hill

Closing Voluntary and Faculty Processional William Mathias (1934–1992)
Processional

The congregation will please be seated for the faculty processional and the closing voluntary.
*Please rise in body or spirit.

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Worship Leaders

- Elder/Preacher: Craig C. Hill, Dean, Perkins School of Theology
- Liturgists: Evelyn Parker, Susanna Wesley Centennial Professor of Practical Theology
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Tracy Anne Allred, Director of Student Services
Jaime Clark-Soles, Professor of New Testament,
Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor
Mark W. Stamm, Professor Christian Worship, Director of Community Worship
- Choir Seminary Singers,
Simon Hill, MSM2, Ronnie Wilson, MSM2, Jeeyoon Choi, MTS1, assistant directors
- Cantor C. Michael Hawn, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music
Director, Sacred Music Program
- Organist Christopher Anderson, Associate Professor of Sacred Music
- Soloist Rezolia Johnson-Roberson, M.Div. '13, Senior Pastor, Covenant UMC, Arlington
Faculty Marshall Roy L. Heller, Associate Professor of Old Testament,
Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor
- Sacristans Chapel Assistants, Amber Oxley and Deena Marie Hamilton

Perkins Student Association Leaders (2016-2017)

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| Social Life Chair: Courtney Webb | Hannah Sutton, Corey Ryan Hatcher |