



Fairfield Good News

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May 2022

The Order to Commission Eric Farrar

On Tuesday, April 26th, the Classis of Passaic Valley held a Commissioning Service for Eric Farrar on Zoom, Fairfield consistory members were invited to attend. Below are some excerpts from that service.

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President Joan Warner: "Beloved in the Lord, we have come to commission Eric Farrar into a specific form of service within Christ's holy church as a commissioned pastor among the congregations of Hope Reformed Church in Clifton and Fairfield Reformed Church in Fairfield. *Eric*, we welcome you as a person who has come forward to take up the calling of Commissioned Pastor. Commissioned pastors are elders who are trained, commissioned, and supervised by a classis for a specific ministry within a classis.

### Vows

*Eric*, so all may know you are both willing and able to accept this ministry of Christ's church, the classis asks you to speak your vows publicly as you enter this ministry.

Do you confess together with us and the church throughout all ages your faith in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **Yes, truly, with all my heart.**

All joined with Eric, confessing our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe in your heart that you are called by Christ's church, and therefore by God, to this specific form of commissioned service? **Yes, truly, with all my heart.**

Will you strive to fulfill faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully the duties required of you in the work to which you are being commissioned, following our Lord's example of humble service? **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

DECLARATION: *Eric read the Declaration for Commissioned Pastors, then signed the declaration, which will be maintained as a permanent record of the classis.*

I, Eric Farrar, in becoming a commissioned pastor in the Reformed Church in America, within the Passaic Valley Classis, sincerely and gladly declare before God and with you that I believe the gospel of the grace of God in Jesus Christ as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and as expressed in the Standards of the Reformed Church in America. I accept the Scriptures as the only rule of faith and life. I accept the Standards as historic and faithful witnesses to the Word of God. In this commission, I promise to walk in the Spirit of Christ in love and fellowship within the church, seeking the things that make for unity, purity, and peace. I will submit myself to the counsel and admonition of the classis, always ready, with gentleness

*Eric Farrar Commissioning Service cont'd:*

and reverence, to give an account of my understanding of the Christian faith. I will conduct the work of the church in an orderly way and in accordance with the Liturgy and the Book of Church Order. Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I pledge myself in this commission to preach and teach the good news of salvation in Christ, to build up and equip the church for mission in the world, to free the enslaved, to relieve the oppressed, to comfort the afflicted, and to walk humbly with God. I ask God, and you, his servants, to help me so to live until that glorious day when, with joy and gratitude, we stand before our great God and King.

President Joan Warner continued, addressing Hope Reformed and Fairfield Reformed representatives to which Eric was being commissioned.

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, do you receive in the name of the Lord, this servant *Eric Farrar* to be your commissioned pastor? If so, say "We do." **We do.**

Do you promise to honor *his* authority, and welcome *his* service as a representative of Jesus Christ? If so, say "We do." **We do.**

Do you promise to encourage and pray for *him* as you labor together for the welfare of the world? If so, say "We do." **We do.**

Do you promise *him* such financial and personal support that *he* may serve among you with joy and not with grief? If so, say "We do." **We do.**

President Joan Warner:

"In the name and by the authority of the Classis of Passaic Valley, I now declare that Eric Farrar is duly commissioned to service as Commissioned Pastor at Hope Reformed Church and Fairfield Reformed Church. Thanks be to God."

Meeting closed with prayers of intercession with the Lord's Prayer.



May 24 Gayle Lurie



May 21 Jim & Betty Gwinn

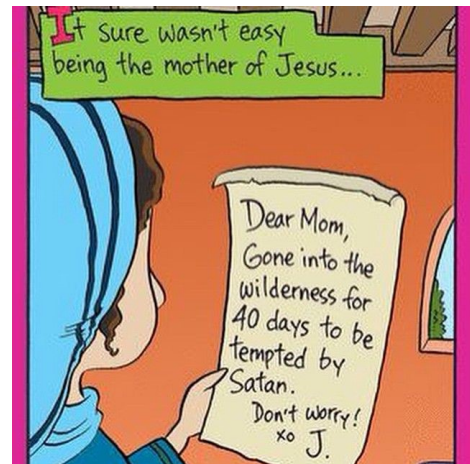


Thursday, May 5

*The entire country is encouraged to unify in prayer for America.*

*Mother's Day  
Sunday, May 8th*

*She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
and the teaching of kindness is on her  
tongue. She looks well to the ways of  
her household and does not eat the  
bread of idleness.*



*WELCOME ERIC AND EULA*

*Special Coffee Hour*

*Sunday, May 15, 12:00 noon*

*You are invited to spend some time at a special coffee hour with Pastor Eric (and Eula) to welcome them to our church as Eric officially fills the position of our Commissioned Pastor. We look forward to great times of service and worship together at Fairfield Reformed.*

Sunday, May 22nd we will be sharing in the sacrament of holy communion during worship service.



*Ascension Day, Thursday, May 26*

According to the New Testament scriptures, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection, speaking to them of things pertaining to the kingdom of God. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven. Ascension Day occurs ten days before Pentecost.

What did the digital clock say to its mother?

Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?

Samaritan's Purse project for hospitals in Ukraine...

Many thanks to all who participated! We collected \$303 to send to Samaritan's Purse to help cover the cost of the hospital and clinics they established in Poland and Ukraine to treat Ukrainian refugees.

Riddle answers:

Because the baby has to play inside.

Look, ma, no hands

# Mother's Day

R I G Y A M C Y N V N H P Z O M K P Q P  
E R I K N R H L G D X G W U M K A F S I  
A F V S K X I X A U I U B Y O R O S W B  
D U I M R J L U P I B A E F E U G Y K L  
I J N I H C D I G U C L A N R U L Y Y W  
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K C V M K U Y X A F M K P A G A R A D Z  
B Z A H F K I T C O Y G F A U W C D Q Z  
K T G Y H B T M M Q M P X G H W P W K O  
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P G Q K U J K I S R E W O L F T Q L Z V



CARING  
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DAUGHTER  
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FRIEND  
FUNNY  
GIVING  
HAPPY  
HUGS

KIND  
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LOVE  
MAY  
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MOTHER  
PARENT  
READ  
SON  
SPECIAL