



Presbytery of
Southern Kansas
Service of Commissioning
Kirk Anderson
August 23, 2026

Gathering

Prelude - Kelsey Wise

Welcome / Greetings - Rev. Christina Berry

Opening Scriptures - Rev. Christina Berry

*Call to Worship - Scott Randle, CRE

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

All: Let us join together as we worship God.

*Gathering Prayer - Scott Randle, CRE

*Hymn No. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

Call to Confession - Carolyn Shaw, Elder

Prayer of Confession - Carolyn Shaw, Elder

Merciful and loving God,

you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.

We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world.

By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Pardon - Carolyn Shaw, Elder

*Gloria Patri 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Prayer of Illumination - Catie Harrison, Deacon

First Scripture Reading - Isaiah 55:1-10 - Catie Harrison, Deacon

Anthem

My Jesus, I Love Thee
David, Spencer and Max McIntire

Featherstone/Gordon

Second Scripture Reading - Luke 10:25-37 - Catie Harrison, Deacon

Message

Inn Keeping

Rev. Catherine Neelly Burton

*Hymn **No. 767**

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

Commissioning - Sally Shattuck, Moderator, Elder and Pastor Kevin Ireland

Statement on the Ministry of the Church
Profession of Faith

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving of Baptism
Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Commissioning - Pastor Kevin Ireland

Declaration of Commissioning - Sally Shattuck, Moderator, Elder

Charge to Kirk - Dr. Martin Burch, Elder

Charge to Congregation - Pastor Kevin Ireland

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry - Pastor Kevin Ireland

Offering - Rev. Catherine Neelly Burton

The offering will go to the Presbytery's Inquirer/Candidate fund. Supporting the Presbytery's CRE program.

Offertory – Kelsey Wise

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication - Scott Randle, CRE

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all that we are blessed with. Through your goodness, you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use what we have gathered here today to further Your kingdom through the work of the Presbytery and its churches, supporting those who hear Your call to leadership within our churches, congregations, and communities. Through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

Sending

*Hymn No. 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

*Charge and Benediction - Kirk Anderson, CRE

Postlude - Kelsey Wise

**(Please rise in body or in spirit.)*

Commission Team for Kirk Anderson

Dr. Martin Burch, Elder
Pastor Kevin Ireland, Teaching Elder
Scott Randle, CRE
Sally Shattuck, Ruling Elder
Catherine Neelly Burton, Teaching Elder

Kirk Anderson's Faith Statement

As I walked with my brothers and sisters in Christ of the Diné people of the Black Mesa, Navajo Nation, AZ, I was asked to give a testimony at their church revival. As I was giving my testimony, I remembered how much God has provided for me and how He has shown his love, grace, and direction in my life. Knowing that God is present in my/our lives, in all instances, in life and death, is a foundational part of my faith. Faith is believing in something you may not always see or feel concretely. But I know God has been a consistent presence in my life, even when I was far away from Him and the church.

My baseline faith statement is the Apostles' Creed. And while at first it felt somewhat cliché, I reread it, thought back to the hundreds of times I have recited it, and realized that few statements are more perfect for one's faith than the one we cite as a community of believers on a regular basis.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.

This is a statement of my beliefs. I believe in the Trinity of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I believe in the life of Christ as told to us through the biblical texts. I believe we are all part of a holy universal church, and that through God's grace and forgiveness, not only I but we will have life everlasting.

I have been privileged to see, as I look back over my life, all that believing in the Apostles' Creed means – it is a belief that God is actively working in all lives, and in a world so full of sin in its many forms. Yet God continues to provide, which I am thankful for and humbled by God's undying Grace and love for humanity.

I believe what John 6:35-40 says:

*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. **Whoever** comes to me will never be hungry, and **whoever** believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. **Everything** that the Father gives me will come to me, and **anyone** who comes to me I will never drive away, for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of **all** that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that **all** who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day."*

I believe, from this scripture, that when Jesus says "whoever," "everything," "anyone," and "all," he means everyone. Not the self-chosen, not any particular denomination, or ruling class, but that Salvation for all is by God's grace through our faith in Him and Jesus Christ.

I'll end by saying my faith statement is not done, because my life on this beautiful earth is not finished. But it is an accurate snapshot of where I am today, and I thank God for His constant love, grace, forgiveness, presence, and provision in my life. Amen

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