



THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION
AND INSTALLATION OF

THE REV. DR. ANDREW D. POMERVILLE

AS THE *eleventh president* OF
LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Friday, September 6, 2024,
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Frank H. and Fannie W. Caldwell Chapel



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THE REV. DR. ANDREW D. POMERVILLE
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INAUGURATION



Inspired by, and rooted in, the "whosoever" of John 3:16,
we aspire to be welcoming and inclusive,
respecting the gifts and dignity of all.

We are one body in Christ

PROCESSIONAL “Highland Cathedral”

Piper Karen Brumley

Order of the Processional:

Crucifer: Callan Kennedy

The Marshal: Amy Plantinga Pauw

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OPENING SENTENCES

Callan Kennedy

(Based on Romans 12:1-2, NRSVUE and The Message)

Siblings, friends, beloved of God:
with God’s grace echoing through your very being,
take your everyday, ordinary life—
your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, walking-around life—
and place it before God as an offering.
This is worship.

This is worship.

This is worship—
resisting the prevailing patterns
of this time, of this culture, of this society.

**This is worship—
being transformed by the renewing of our minds,
fixing our attention on God,
so that we can discern what God wants us to do,
who God wants us to be.**

This is worship.

This is worship. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLE

Callan Kennedy

As we gather today, we acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of Indigenous peoples. The Osage, the Tsalaguwetiyl (Cherokee, East), the Shawanwaki/Shawnee, the Adena and the Hopewell peoples lived on and cared for this land long before we came.

We acknowledge the lives they lived, in joy and in sorrow, birth and death, illness and health.

We acknowledge the pain caused when this land was taken away from the first people to call this place home.

We also acknowledge that we share this land with other parts of God's good creation: plants, birds, and animals; water, rocks, and dirt. We acknowledge that those who have lived on this land have not always taken good care of it. May we be good neighbors to all of God's creation.

for every soul and race

SEMINARY HYMN:

"There is a Dream that Thrills God's Heart"

Louie Bailey

(See music and lyrics on the adjacent page >)

to know and live God's grace

CALL TO PRAYER

Marcus A. Hong

We come before God to confess and to lament. We come, not out of fear, but with gratitude. We come, not out of shame, but with hope. In hope, God gives us a vision, God's dream for the world as it could be; in lament and confession, we acknowledge that God's vision is not yet a reality. We know that all is not right in the world, that we have sometimes been wronged, and that we have sometimes wronged others. But we know the one to whom we pray. We know God's great love for us. We know that, before the world was made, before our greatest triumphs and our worst mistakes, God knew us and God loved us. We know that death, despair, and sin do not have the last word—not in our lives and not in our world.

So let us bring our hearts and our lives before God.

There Is a Dream that Thrills God's Heart

Thomas Troeger, 2002
Based on Ephesians 4

BRAY from Kentucky Harmony, 1816
Harmonized by Bruce Neswick, 2002

1. There is a dream that thrills God's heart and draws our hearts to
 2. God dreams that as a body knit with purpose, beauty,
 3. One faith, one Lord, one God of all, one great, divine em-
 4. Equip, O God, your saints to do the work of min-istry
 5. Draw forth from us and from our past the good and not the

see how Christ, through us, would link each part of
 skill, we shall as one together fit and
 brace, one church rejoicing at the call for
 stry, and help us dream your dream a new and
 wrong, and streng-then us to be at last, through

all that God has called to be in peace and u-ni-ty.
 blend our varied gifts to fill God's vi-sion - ar-y will!
 e-very na-tion, soul and race to know and live God's grace.
 act to bring that dream to be for all the world to see.
 faith and love, through prayer and song, the church for which you long.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LAMENT:

O God who created us in love, for love,
we lament a society that encourages isolation,
rewards rugged individualism,
applauds alienation.

We lament a culture that tears us asunder
by privileging certain people over others,
based on their race, country of origin,
gender identity and expression, sexuality, wealth,
beliefs, abilities, or age.

We lament that members of this community
at various times in their lives,
have been ignored and pushed aside,
have been oppressed or abused,
have had their work exploited and unacknowledged,
have been unjustly excluded.

O God, we confess that we have benefitted,
in ways both small and large,
from the subjugation of others,
both historical and current.

We confess that we have often turned away,
under pressure from all that weighs down on us,
wrapped in our own legitimate concerns,
when someone has asked for our help,
rejecting solidarity and mutual aid,
ignoring the intersections of our common life.

O Triune God, whose dance of love
models for us that a threefold cord is not quickly broken,
teach us the many ways that two are better than one,
the ways that people in community can lift each other up when they fall,
the ways of being one body, with many members,
thriving because of unity through diversity, without uniformity,
many voices raised in a sacred symphony,
a holy cacophony of gratitude and joy.

two are better than one

ASSURANCE

Marcus A. Hong

Siblings, friends, beloved community,
God's steadfast love and tenacious solidarity
are new every morning.

Every day, every moment, every hour,
God provides us with new opportunities
to build and rebuild our relationships
and strengthen our communities.

The one who called us and who empowers us is faithful. Amen.

strengthen our communities

WELCOME FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Elizabeth Clay

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AS PRESIDENT: Mary Gene Boteler

AS PROFESSOR: Debra Mumford

ACT OF INSTALLATION

Elizabeth Clay, Lisa Allgood

Action of the Board of Trustees

Declaration of Purpose

Administration of Inaugural Oath

Presentation of the Seminary Medallion

SONG OF THANKSGIVING: "Gratitude"

Christella Philippe

by Brandon Lake

GREETINGS FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS

GREETINGS AND WORDS OF BLESSING FROM PCUSA DENOMINATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Stated Clerk Jihyun Oh

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Stated Clerk Jihyun Oh

(based on Romans 12:1-2)

God of abundant grace,
we present to you all that we are and all that we do,
an offering of our lives and our living,
as individuals and as a community gathered in this place,
in this sacred moment.

As we turn to the reading of your word,
and the proclamation that grows out of it,
transform us, renew us, enliven us,
that we might discern your will—
what is good and wonderful and acceptable,
what will lead us into your wholeness and your holiness.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE:

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 | Jerry Walsworth

Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Romans 12:3-8 | Willye Bryan

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

INSPIRATIONAL READING

Dan Michalek

A reading from Willie James Jennings. Willie James Jennings received the Grawemeyer Award in Religion, which is jointly given by the University of Louisville and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He received the award for his book *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*. This reading is from Jennings's recently released book *After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging*, which is a book of reflections about theological education, based on decades of service as both a professor and an administrator in higher education.

Building the New Babel

Let's try this again, but now with noise
A cacophony of voices that none of us can control
We need that destroying God
Who made all of this happen
Threw away our plans and sat down in our midst

You, God, speak to each of us
We can now only speak through You
to one another

and understand
what and how to build
with what stone,
which wood,
whose cloth
whose hand
which eye
whose feet
which arm
every mind
each hope
climbing higher

Nothing will be wasted,
no one will be thrown away

Then we will say to One as one
We have built together only what You wanted
What we desired to see
You in your home

we have built together

CHARGE TO THE LPTS COMMUNITY

Tyler Mayfield

CHARGE TO THE PRESIDENT

Betsy Aho

ANTHEM: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. John Rutter; Sacred Heart Madrigals

INTRODUCTION OF PRESIDENT POMERVILLE

Matt vandenBerg

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Andrew Pomerville

"THEREFORE"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: "Come Thou Fount" (GTG 475)

Tune: NETTLETON; led by Mundo Brew

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

BENEDICTION

(based on Romans 12:9-21; NRSVUE)

Allison (Alli) Muenzer, Nathaniel Fryer, Joe Kennedy, Corbin Lantzer
Ellie Woertz Englehart, Tatt Spaulding

ALL (unison):

**Siblings, Friends, Beloved of God, a charge and a blessing, from
Romans 12.**

ONE: Let your love be genuine;

TWO: Shun what is evil; hold fast to what is good;

THREE and FOUR: Love one another with mutual affection;

FIVE: Outdo one another in showing honor.

SIX: Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit;

ALL (unison):

Serve God.

ONE: Rejoice in hope;

TWO: Be patient in affliction;

THREE: Persevere in prayer.

FOUR: Contribute to the needs of the saints;

FIVE: Pursue hospitality to strangers.

SIX: Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

ALL:

Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

ALL [overlapping, like a canon, over and over]:

Live in harmony with one another...live in harmony with one another

...live in harmony with one another...

ONE: Do not be arrogant, but associate with those who have been brought low

TWO: Do not claim to be wiser than you are.

THREE: Do not repay anyone evil for evil,

FOUR: Take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

FIVE: If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

SIX: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

ONE: And may the God of peace be with you

TWO: And may the God of peace be with you

THREE: And may the God of peace be with you

FOUR: And may the God of peace be with you

FIVE: And may the God of peace be with you

SIX: And may the God of peace be with you

ALL:

From this time on, and forever more.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL: "Ripple"

Mundo Brew

Written by Robert Hunter / Jerome Garcia
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If my words did glow with the gold of sunshine
And my tunes were played on the harp unstrung
Would you hear my voice come through the music?
Would you hold it near as it were your own?

It's a hand-me-down, the thoughts are broken
Perhaps they're better left unsung
I don't know, don't really care
Let there be songs to fill the air

Ripple in still water
When there is no pebble tossed
Nor wind to blow

Reach out your hand, if your cup be empty
If your cup is full, may it be again
Let it be known there is a fountain
That was not made by the hands of men

There is a road, no simple highway
Between the dawn and the dark of night
And if you go, no one may follow
That path is for your steps alone

Ripple in still water
When there is no pebble tossed
Nor wind to blow

You who choose to lead must follow
But if you fall you fall alone
If you should stand then who's to guide you?
If I knew the way I would take you home

ripple in still water

The Rev. Dr. Andrew D. Pomerville

Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2007, Andrew is a graduate of three Presbyterian schools: BA in history and religious studies, Alma College (2001) ; M.Div, Princeton Theological Seminary (2007), and the DMin from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2018), focused on Reformed theology in a joint program with University of Aberdeen. In addition to the ECRF, he holds certificates in Presidential Leadership Development from CREDO, and Adaptive Leadership from Michigan State University's College of Business.

On May 31, 2023, the Louisville Seminary Board of Trustees announced the Rev. Dr. Andrew D. Pomerville as Louisville Seminary's eleventh president. Andrew's first day on campus as president was July 10, 2023.

A Message From Andrew

“The LPTS commitment to be a WHOSOEVER community was the most influential factor in my decision to apply to be your next president.”

Louisville Seminary is the leader in theological education surrounding issues of justice, community, and compassion. Together, we share an enormous responsibility for continuing the transformative “Whosoever” community ethos that permeates through the campus and spills courageously into the world locally, nationally, and abroad.

BOLD AND BRAVE INNOVATION must be deeply rooted in the next chapter of our seminary's institutional saga with an eye toward the future needs of all of God's people.

In order to strengthen the “Whosoever” community, we will listen sincerely to the desires and fears of the campus and create partnerships that commit to sustainable, ongoing relationships built on trust, love, and grace.

LPTS does not exist for itself to self-perpetuate. We must, first and foremost, be guided by the Holy Spirit in the mission, to educate people to proclaim the Gospel, care for all, and work for justice in communities everywhere.

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Led by the Holy Spirit, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary educates people to proclaim the Gospel, to care for all, and to work for justice in communities everywhere

OUR VISION

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary works toward a world where all can flourish, evidenced by the justice and mercy of God, the welcome of Jesus Christ, and the creativity of the Holy Spirit

OUR VALUES

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Celebrates the rich traditions of the Presbyterian Church USA and Reformed Christianity

Achieves excellence through academic rigor, creativity, and critical thinking;

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Models, expects, and promotes gender equity;

Supports the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons;

Embraces diversity of ministries including pastors, chaplains, therapists, community leaders, and more;

Engages our community in action and reflection beyond the classroom;
Respects the dignity and gifts of all;

Creates community for one another in worship, celebration, sorrow, and success;

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PARTICIPANTS

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Rev. Betsy Aho

Pastor of Haslett Community Church, in Haslett, MI; served with Dr. Pomerville at The People's Church of East Lansing

Rev. Dr. Louie Bailey

Caldwell Chapel Organist and Choir Director at Louisville Seminary. He is also Minister of Music at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, and Music Director at The Temple Adath Israel Brith Sholom.

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MUSICIANS PROVIDING SPECIAL MUSIC TODAY

(In alphabetical order by last name.)

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Christella Philippe, soloist

**The Sacred Heart Madrigals,
under the direction of Jill Schurman**

Reese Anderson
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Annie Pilbean
Charlotte Robinson
Claire Sexton
Samantha Snyder
Emily Warren

(Denali Pomerville, Andrew and Rachell's daughter, sang with the Sacred Heart Madrigals her senior year. Denali is currently overseas in her first year of studies at St. Andrews University in Scotland.)

Mundo Brew
is Chris Elwood, John McClure, Brad Wigger, Doug Yeager