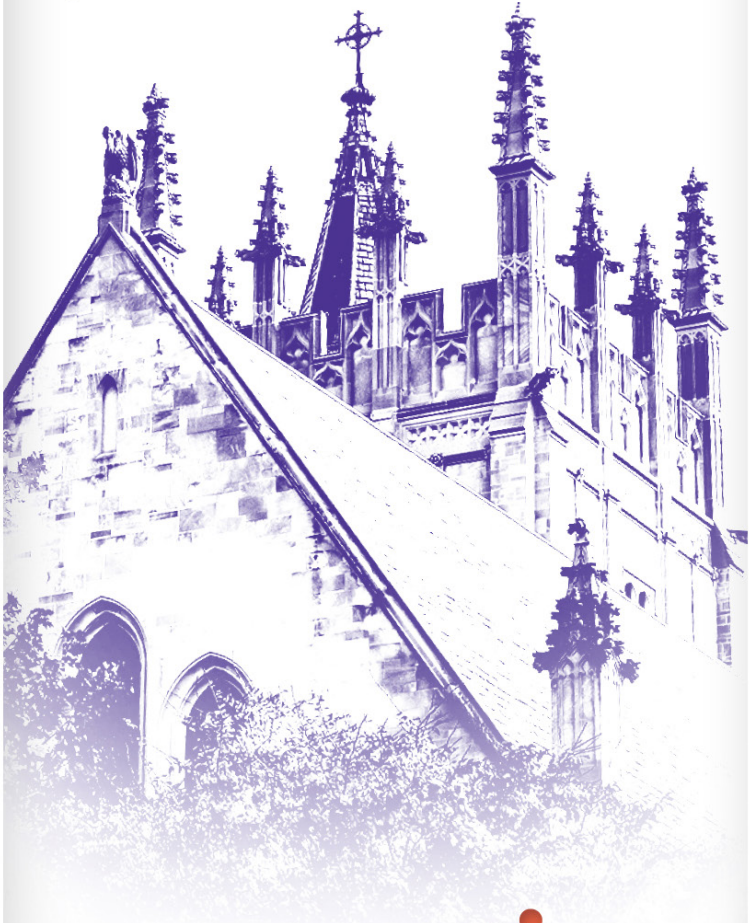




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Opening Convocation

and the Installation of

The Reverend Dr. Jennifer Harvey

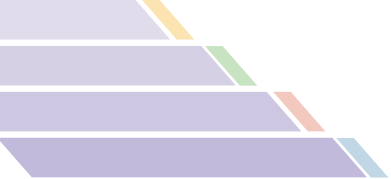
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Vice President for Academic Affairs

&

Academic Dean

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023
CHAPEL OF THE UNNAMED FAITHFUL



At + please stand in body or spirit.

+PRELUDE "Festal Flourish" Dr. Ron Anderson
Gordon Jacob Styberg Professor of Worship

+PROCESSIONAL
"Praise the Source of Faith and Learning" TFWS 2004

- 1. Praise the source of faith and learning that has sparked and stoked the mind with a passion for discerning how the world has been designed. Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray:
- 2. God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art and the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart. Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.
- 3. May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught. May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.
- 4. As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow, till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow, blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course, till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you, the Source.

+OPENING PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Karen Mosby
Dean of Students and Chaplain

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray.

God of all creation, we gather at this time of beginning, in this place that speaks of call and learning and growth, aware of the multiplicity of emotions and expectations, of hopes that struggle to override fears, of anxieties that challenges excitement, but above all assured of your gracious and abiding presence with each and all of us.

Holy One, we offer the thanks and praises of our hearts for the promise of grace that is evident in beauty of the earth, in the witness of the summer days that have already begun to give way to autumn, and in the joy of renewing relationships with those we recognize, and forming a new community as we welcome those who have newly joined us.

Eternal God, as we move from times of leisure to engage tasks of learning for our own growth and for the shaping of this community and the wider Body of Christ, may your Spirit develop in us the knowledge and the wisdom, the welcome and the hospitality, and above all the desire to serve you and all people, through our work and witness in this place, in the wider community and in the world.

In the name and the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our guide.

Amen.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The Reverend Dr. Javier A. Viera
President and Professor of Education and Leadership

To the Returning Garrett-Evangelical Community
Faculty, staff, students

To the 2023 Entering Class
*Presented by The Reverend Scott Ostlund, Vice President
for Enrollment Management*

To the President and Students of Phillips School of Theology
Remarks by The Reverend Dr. Paul Brown, President and Dean

SOLO

“How Great Is Our God”

Joquan Kinsey

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Thehil Russelliah Singh *Psalm 122*

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed
for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.”
For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say,
“Peace be within you.”
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

I do so resolve and commit, with the help of the divine one.

Do you resolve and commit to do your part, along with the faculty to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity and engagement in order to form courageous leaders in the way of Jesus for the thriving of the church and the healing of the world?

I do so resolve and commit, with the help of the divine one.

Do you resolve and commit to work faithfully alongside all the members and groups of the community that comprise this seminary – alums, students, staff, administration, faculty, friends, benefactors, and trustees to honor its heritage and for the advancement of this community now and for future generations?

I do so resolve and commit, with the help of the divine one.

To the community gathered here and joining us remotely across the globe:

Do you welcome and receive Dr. Harvey, and do you commit to support her leadership and ministry among us?

We do so resolve and commit, with the help of the divine one.

Dean Harvey, it is my privilege to welcome you and install you as our new Dean and steward of the academic life of this community, with all the rights, responsibilities and privileges appertaining thereto. May God bless your ministry with us, strengthen your leadership among us, and grant you wisdom and perseverance for the work to which you have been called. Welcome.

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Dean Harvey

+HYMN

“Ask the Complicated Questions”

Ask the complicated questions,
do not fear to be found out;
for our God makes strong our weakness,
forging faith in fires of doubt.

Seek the disconcerting answers,
follow where the Spirit blows;
test competing truths for wisdom,
for in tension new life grows.

Knock on doors of new ideas,
test assumptions long grown stale;
for Christ calls from shores of wonder,
daring us to try and fail.

For in struggle we discover
truth both simple and profound;
in the knocking, asking, seeking,
we are opened, answered, found.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Rolf Nolasco
*Rueben P. Job Professor of Spiritual Formation
and Pastoral Theology*

God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Let us ask for God's blessing upon all who seek to learn and upon all who teach in this place.

For our students, as they begin this new academic year, that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom and understanding, curiosity and awe, and deep respect and appreciation for difference in experience and in thought. Let us pray to the Lord.

Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.

For our faculty and all who teach in this place, that they may share their knowledge freely with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students, that they may foster among us all a love of learning and cultivate the life of the mind as food for the soul. Let us pray to the Lord.

Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.

For our staff and senior leadership, that they may approach the administration of this school with great care and humility, always seeking the welfare of all and the fulfillment of our mission as the purpose of their work. Let us pray to the Lord.

Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.

For our Trustees, that they may govern the work of this school with diligence and steward the resources entrusted to their care with prudence, that through their leadership future generations of students and faculty will be formed in the way of Jesus for the healing of the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

Fill us with your wisdom, Lord.

O God of wisdom, we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunity to learn and to wonder and to grow. We pray for the students, faculty, staff, and trustees of this venerable school, that this academic year may be one of promise and transformation. We pray especially for Dean Harvey, that you would bless her and grant her the gifts she needs to lead effectively among us. We also pray for the community of Phillips School of Theology, that during this time of transition and change, they may find a home among us and allow us to learn from them so that together we might be a beacon of hope in a fractured world.

Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure, the expectations we place on ourselves, and the expectations placed on us by others. In all we do, may your calling on our lives never be far from us. May the communities and peoples who sent us here never be far from our thoughts and our aspirations. May the suffering and pain of your people in this community and around the world never be numb to us. May the loftiness of our thoughts and complexity of our words never obscure the purpose of study and service. May the security and comfort of these walls never insulate us from the needs of the most vulnerable—the world's children, the poor, the hungry, the sick, and the othered.

In our work, in our learning, in our teaching may we grow in service to others, may we grow ever in your likeness, and may we grow in love for your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+CLOSING HYMN

“We Are Called”

TFWS 2172



1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be
mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called to be
great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll



light for the king-dom, to live in the free-dom of the
hope for the hope-less so all ha-tred and blind-ness will
walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and broth-ers u -



Refrain

cit - y of God! We are called to act with
be no more! in love!



jus-tice, we are called to love ten-der - ly,



we are called to serve one an - oth - er, to



walk hum - bly with God!

WORDS: David Haas (Mic. 6:8)
MUSIC: David Haas

WE ARE CALLED
Irregular with Refrain

+BENEDICTION

President Viera and Dean Harvey

POSTLUDE

“SORTIE”
Marcel Dupre

DR. RON ANDERSON
Styberg Professor of Worship

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Convocation Speaker

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary is delighted to hear the Reverend Dr. Jennifer Harvey deliver today's convocation address, as well as install her as its vice president for academic affairs and academic dean.

Prior to coming to Garrett, Dr. Harvey served for nearly 20 years at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, first as visiting professor in the university's religion department, eventually achieving full professor status, and then as associate provost for campus equity and inclusion for the past two years. She is ordained in the American Baptist Churches (USA).

Harvey is a writer and educator long engaged in racial justice and white antiracism. Her books include the NYT bestseller *Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in Racially Unjust America* and *Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation*. Her next book, *Antiracism as Daily Practice: Refuse Shame, Change White Communities and Help Create a Just World*, will be out in summer 2024. She has written for the *New York Times* and CNN, appeared on CNN's Town Hall on racism with *Sesame Street*, and been heard on NPR's *All Things Considered* and *It's Been a Minute* with Sam Sanders.

During her tenure at Drake, Harvey helped launch the Crew Scholars program, and for nearly a decade served as its faculty director. This incredibly successful program dramatically reduced racial disparities in Drake's student experience and built a supportive community for students of color who are now graduating from the university at a rate of 90 percent. Under her leadership, the program tripled in size, reaching 75 first-year Crew Scholars in the 2022–23 academic year.

Her dedication, service, and scholarship at Drake earned high praise and recognition, including the Madeline M. Levitt Mentor of the Year award in 2009, Stalnaker Lecturer in 2017, and Centennial Scholar in 2018.

Dr. Harvey earned a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies from Westmont College, and a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Ethics from Union Theological Seminary.