

Kershaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church Preach the Word, Teach the Word, Live the Word, Spread the Word March 12, 2023

## Kershaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church Installation Service for Kevin Hartley Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 3:00 PM

Prelude: Crown Him With Many Crowns

Scriptural Call to Worship Ken Hicks

\*Hymn of Praise: How Firm a Foundation No.275

\*Invocation Ken Hicks
Welcome and Introduction of the Commission Ken Hicks

TE Ken Hicks-Retired Bethlehem P.C.-Anderson, SC

TE Paul Rankin-Walkersville EPC-Waxhaw, NC

RE Terry Clyburn-Kershaw EPC-Kershaw, SC

RE Scott Croxton-Kershaw EPC-Kershaw, SC

RE Butch Hill-Siler P.C.-Matthews, NC

Scripture: Acts 8:26-40

Sermon: "What are you doing here?" Paul Rankin

Explanation of the Office of Teaching Elder

Questions of Installation

Questions to the Congregation

Terry Clyburn

The Act of Installation

Butch Hill

Declaration of Installation

Ken Hicks

Charge to the Paster

Charge to the Pastor Scott Croxton
Charge to the Congregation Terry Clyburn

\*Closing Hymn: Come, Thou Fount No.2

Appreciation and Dismissal of the Search Committee Ken Hicks Benediction Kevin Hartley

<sup>\*</sup>All who are able are invited to stand

Kevin and Onedia have been married for 39 years. They have four children, all grown; Jackie Kennedy-(38) Married to Ryan, children Sam (7) and Emma (2), lives in Purcellville, VA, Silas Hartley-(32) Married to MJ, children Michelle (3), and Grace(6mo). Lives in Charlottesville, VA, Hannah Hartley-(27) a nurse who lives in Richmond, VA, and Faith Hartley (25), who lives in Granada, Spain, as a mission apprentice with Serge. They also have four grandchildren, Sam, Emma, Michelle, and Grace.

Oneida was raised in Middletown, MD. Kevin was from a Navy family and lived in various places, including Japan for 5 years. Kevin and Onedia met at the end of high school. He went into the Navy shortly after high school, and they married shortly after that. He served for 6 years in the Navy, stationed in VA. They have been Christians all their marriage. While in the military he earned his BA. Once leaving the military, he worked as a systems engineer for a time.

While he was not raised in a Christian home (his mom was a professing believer), he can recall reading the Bible as early as 7. Kevin always had a desire to read and learn about God. He has been a believer from his earliest recollections, and while having no knowledge of the church or church history, he was Reformed in doctrine simply through the reading of scripture and God's grace.

Kevin began working in ministry in his early twenties, teaching and serving as an area director for Prison Fellowship and as a chaplain in local rescue missions. He began seminary in 1990 simply to study scripture for his own benefit. Shortly thereafter, he began a prayer group with two other men, meeting daily, seeking the Lord's direction. Within six months, the Lord had called them to begin a church. He had never considered the idea of pastoral ministry, but as he had been to seminary, he then took the position with a new effort. The church grew and was blessed by the Lord for the next 16 years, 1992-2008. During this time, Kevin completed an MA in Religious Studies and his MDiv in Theology from Chesapeake Theological Seminary (now a part of Reformed Theological Seminary). He also attended Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in the early 2000s pursuing his PhD in Systematic Theology. He was also awarded a ThD in Historical Theology from a seminary in Franklin, TN.

His studies led him to seek presbyterian affiliation and he left the first work to seek ordination in the PCA/OPC. He served a Korean OPC congregation in 2008-2009. He worked with Reformed Theological Seminary in Mississippi from 2010-2012. Afterward, he accepted a call in Phoenix, AZ with a new presbyterian work from 2013-2015. In 2016, Kevin was called to serve as senior pastor at Good Shepherd EPC and was ordained in the EPC and have served that church for the last 7 years. In the interim, he has also served in the role as professor both at the University of Phoenix and the College of Theology at Grand Canyon University. From 1997-2015 he also served as professor and president of Grace Biblical Institute and Seminary of the Caribbean, spending much time in missions in both Africa and the Caribbean. As a member of the EPC, he presently serves on the world outreach committee of the Presbytery of the West. He has also served as an editor and writer for a publication, Sound of Grace, from 1995-2005, and presently has a book in print (Revelation Understanding the Age).

Kevin's post graduate studies have been in Reformation history, focusing on the English Reformation, and early colonial American religious history. He is a full subscriptionist to the Westminster Confession of Faith and believe it to be the fullest explication of our faith.