



Special Meeting  
of the Presbytery of Arkansas  
Sunday, August 11, 2019  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**PACKET**



## PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS

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July 8, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

At the June 8, 2019 meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas the following motion was approved:

Motion to call a special meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas for the purpose of examining and ordaining Candidate Max Hill at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 11, at Second Presbyterian Church, pending successful completion of his examination by the COM's Examinations Subcommittee.

According to the Presbytery of Arkansas' Ministry Manual Part I: Organization and Structure, 3) Meetings of Presbytery, C) Special Meetings – "Special, Called, or Adjourned meetings should be held on a Saturday. Only those ministers and elder commissioners within a 75-mile radius of the place of meeting shall be expected to attend a special meeting." The meeting was proposed to be on a Sunday afternoon because ordination or installation worship services are ordinarily scheduled on Sunday afternoons, and this meeting is called for the sole purpose of examining and ordaining a Candidate under care of our presbytery.

Although only those within a 75-mile radius of Little Rock are expected to attend, which means that only those within that 75-mile radius are required to ask for excused absences if unable to attend. But all are encouraged to worship with us and celebrate the ordination of Max Hill!

Blessings,

Rev. Leslie Belden  
Stated Clerk  
Presbytery of Arkansas

J. Stewart Smith  
General Presbyter

Kenneth Rich  
Director of Mission Support

Leslie Belden  
Stated Clerk

## Docket

Sunday, August 11, 2019

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### We Gather in God's Name

- 2:00 am. Registration in the Narthex  
3:00 pm Call to Order in the Sanctuary  
Opening Prayer  
Report of Enrollment and Declaration of Quorum  
Adoption of the Docket  
Seating of Corresponding Members, Granting of Privilege of the Floor/Voice  
Appointment of Leaves of Absence Committee and Tellers  
Welcome from Host

### We Encounter God's Word

- 3:10 pm Call to Worship in the Sanctuary  
The offering recipient is designated as the United Campus Ministry Center at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

### We Respond to God's Call

- 3:50 pm Report of the Committee on Ministry – Report A  
Examination of Candidate Max Hill – Max's Statement of Faith is Attached as Report A - Exhibit I  
Ordination of Candidate Max Hill – “if the way be clear” (if the examination is sustained)  
Report of the Leaves of Absence Committee

### We Are Sent in God's Service

- Closing Prayer and Benediction  
5:00 pm Adjournment

**Childcare Reservation Form for Presbytery Meeting  
Sunday, August 11, 2019**

*Reservation deadline is Monday, August 5th*

You may make your reservation by mail, e-mail, telephone or fax

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Name of Child

Age of Child

**Directions to Second Presbyterian Church – Little Rock  
600 Pleasant Valley Drive  
Intersection of I-430, Cantrell Road and Pleasant Valley Drive**

**From points East, West and North of Interstate 40**

Make your way to Interstate 40; go east or west-bound toward Little Rock

Take I-430 southbound (exit 147)

Cross Arkansas River

Take Exit 9 (Cantrell Road, Downtown)

Bear to the left; then merge right and go under the over pass

Keeping right, go over the overpass and you will be on Cantrell Road eastbound

Merge left to go through the stoplight

Turn right onto Pleasant Valley Drive

**From points East, West and South of Interstate 40**

Make your way to Interstate 30 if south of Pulaski County

Take I-430 northbound (exit 128)

Go through I-430/630 interchange

Take Exit 9 (Cantrell Road, Downtown)

Bear to the right; the back of the church is in the curve of the exit

Merge onto Cantrell Road and turn right onto Pleasant Valley Drive

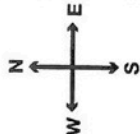
Please turn into the first driveway and park in front of the church or on the **north side of the building, where there are several designated handicap spaces and barrier-free entry into the building.**

Registration is in the narthex at the front of the building and is easily accessible from the front or side doors.

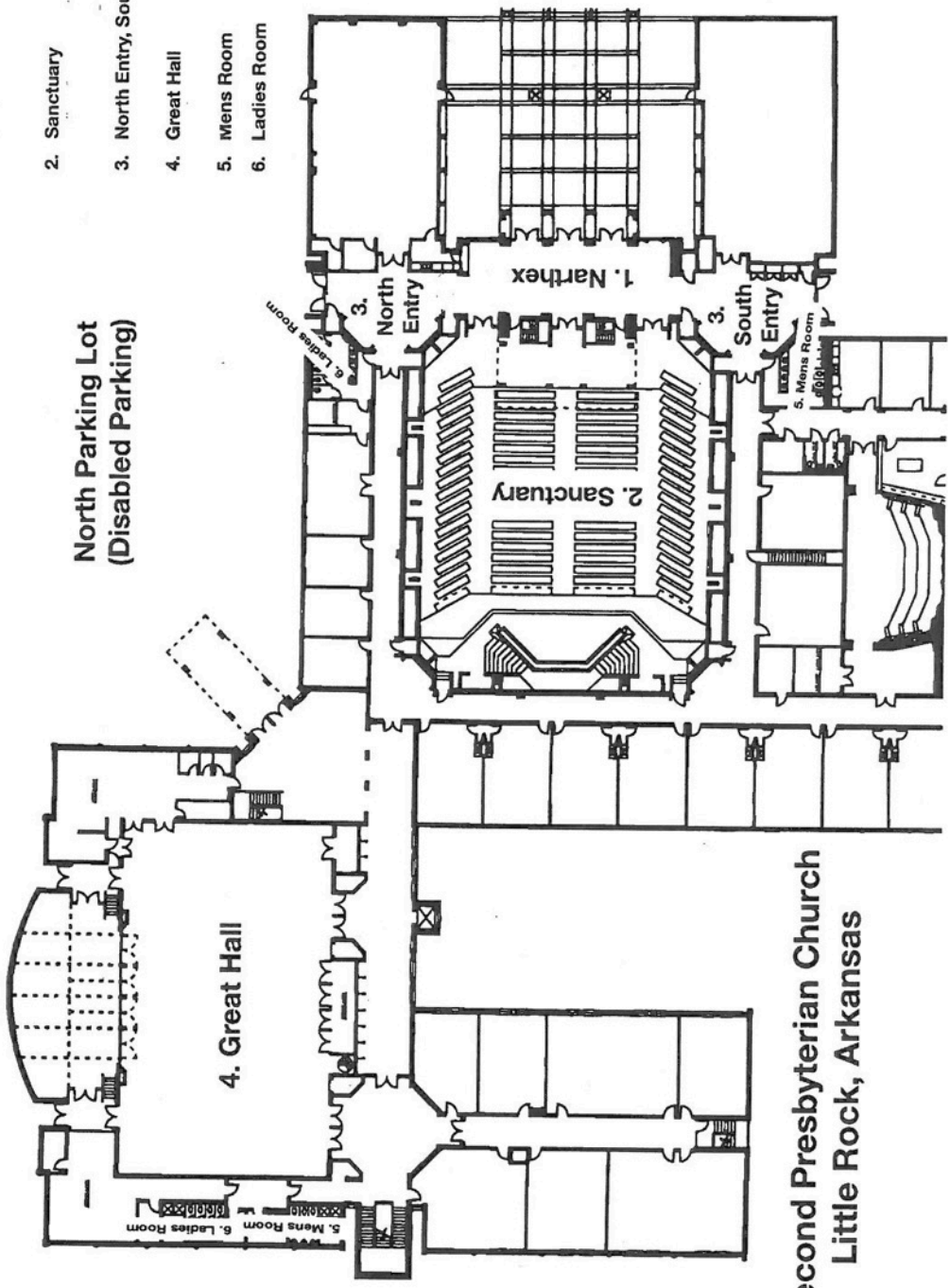
Cantrell Road

Pleasant Valley Drive

Interstate 430



- 1. Narthex
- 2. Sanctuary
- 3. North Entry, South Entry
- 4. Great Hall
- 5. Mens Room
- 6. Ladies Room



East Parking Lot

North Parking Lot (Disabled Parking)

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## Section A

### Report of the Committee on Ministry

RE Cyril Hollingsworth  
Moderator

#### For Action:

- 1. Motion to Examine Candidate Max Hill for ordination, and if the examination is sustained ordain him as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament.**

*Max's Statement of Faith is included as Section A – Exhibit I. In the examination there will be multiple motions to “sustain” specific aspects of the examination, which means to approve that part of the examination prior to voting on approving him for ordination. There will then be a motion to sustain the examination as a whole, which means to approve it. Max has been called as Campus Minister. If the examination is sustained the Presbytery will ordain him at this meeting, so an Administrative Commission and a separate worship service to ordain him is not required.*

*Max has graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity. Max has received a call for a combined campus ministry for Washington University and St. Louis University, both in St. Louis, MO. He is under care of the Presbytery of Arkansas. He will become a member of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy. Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy would normally examine and ordain, however the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy requires a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) to ordain, which Max has not completed. Giddings-Lovejoy does not require a unit of CPE for those ordained by other presbyteries.*

## Section A – Exhibit I

### Candidate Max Hill Statement of Faith

I believe in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit as the Triune God.

I believe that God created the world and became incarnate in Jesus Christ, who was both human and divine in order to save humanity from our sin. Jesus endured and conquered injustice and evil, even to the extent of state brutality and execution. Jesus conquered even this through resurrection. Resurrection shows that nothing can overcome or overpower God's desire to continue to make us all a new creation.

I believe the Holy Spirit acts as our guide as we continue to navigate the injustice of this world. By living Christ's example, being guided by the Holy Spirit, and loved by God divine, we are able to teach, advocate, and love the world. We do this knowing we are all intimately connected as God's creation.

I believe strongly in connecting with God as a lover. As such, I understand that nothing can separate me from the love of God shown in Christ Jesus. No amount of doubt or injustice is strong enough to overcome God's love. God's love was so abundant that it created everything we know. God's love was so plentiful that when God's image became humanity, God wanted so intimately to share life with us and save us from ourselves that God became Jesus Christ.

I believe that scripture is the authoritative revelation of God. This means that scripture is the means through which we share and experience God in our lives. The study of scripture enriches all who seek to follow Christ.

I believe that the church is called to continue the work of Jesus in the world in every age. Jesus' work was that of healing the sick, caring for the poor, the widow, and the orphan. Jesus' healing work uplifts those on the margins. Jesus showed us how we can learn from those that society declares insignificant, silent, unloved, and unworthy. Jesus called the least by name, laid hands on the outcast, and rebuked the power of oppressors.

We proclaim this grace, love, and shared creation in our sacraments. I believe the sacraments are visible signs of invisible grace.

In baptism, we show the invitation of one another into the community of God. We proclaim that we will walk with one another in faith, sharing the liberating love that Jesus showed us.

In communion, we commune with one another in the meal that Jesus shared with his disciples. In this example, Jesus showed us that it is imperative to share our most intimate moments with our friends and our betrayers.

God's invitation and grace is to be shared by all.