

# PUBLIC RECEPTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS OF FPCD ON JULY 28, 2024

## PRESENTATION

**PASTOR:** Hear the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus:

*All authority in heaven & on earth has been given to me. Therefore go & make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit, & teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Mt. 28:18-20)*

**ELDER:** Having been examined and received into covenant partnership by the session of FPCD, **Mariela Artiga and Joshua Osborne** are presented by the session for public reaffirmation of faith.

**PASTOR:** We rejoice that you now desire to declare your faith and to share with us in our common ministry as a covenant partner of FPCD.

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Eph. 4:4-6)*

Through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, sin's power was broken and God's kingdom entered our world. In baptism you were set free, cleansed from sin, made citizens of God's kingdom and connected to His Body. As you profess your faith, you reaffirm your baptism.

*As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are in Christ Jesus. (Gal 3:27, 28)*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**PASTOR:** Now as you publicly declare your faith I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, in which you were baptized.

*Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?*

**NEW COVENANT PARTNER: I do**

**PASTOR:** *Who is your Lord and Savior?*

**NEW COVENANT PARTNER: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

**PASTOR:** *Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?*

**NEW COVENANT PARTNER: I will with God's help.**

**PASTOR:** *With the whole church let us confess our faith:*

**ALL:** 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 into hell. 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.

**PASTOR:** *Will you be a faithful covenant partner of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry, through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?*

**NEW COVENANT PARTNER: I will with God's help.**

**PASTOR:** *Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?*

**NEW COVENANT PARTNER: I will with God's help.**

**PASTOR:** *You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light. (1 Pt 2:9)*

**PASTOR:** Let us pray.

## WELCOME

**PASTOR:** By publicly professing their faith, **Mariela Artiga and Joshua Osborne** have covenanted to live and serve in covenant partnership in Christ with us here at the First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen. Let us welcome them together.

**ALL:** In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you **Mariela and Josh**, as Covenant Partners of the First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen to share in the Lord's ministry in this congregation. We stand in covenant partnership with you before the Lord, for we are all one in him. May the Lord bless you and keep you.