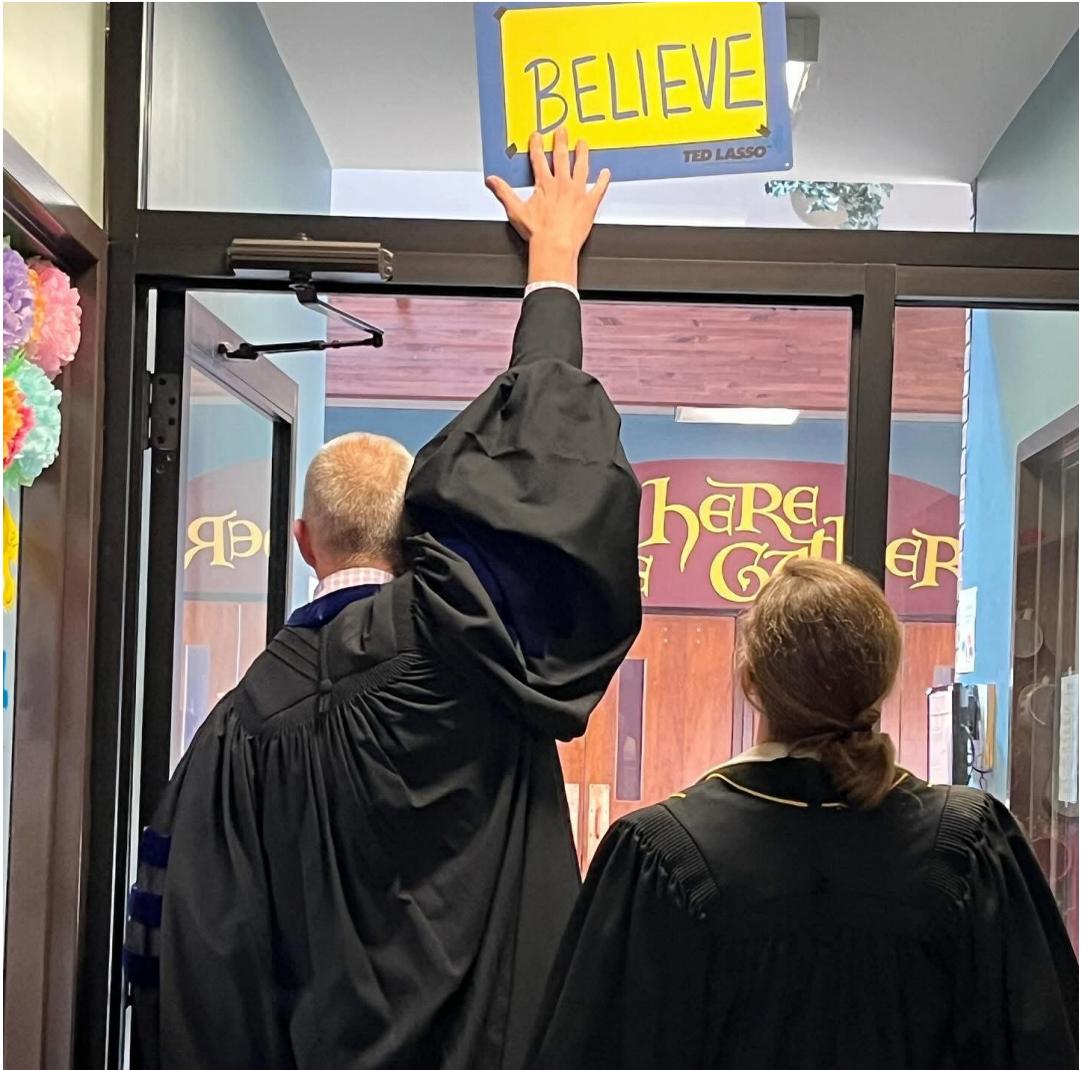


Service of Ordination



Daniel C. Johnson

March 1, 2026

3:00 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, March 1, 2026

3:00 p.m.

Tolling of the Hour

Doris-Ann Vosseler and Anne Barbin, handbells

Processional

R. Lau

Festival Prelude

Words of Welcome

On behalf of the Congregation

Bryan Vosseler

On behalf of TABCOM

Mary Day Hamel

Call to Worship and Statement of Purpose

Ashlee Wiest-Laird

*Hymn 24

LEONI

The God of Abraham Praise

Invocation

Gary McClethen

Covenant of Ordination

...with the family

Susan Johnson

Daniel, your family rejoices with you this day. We have known the blessing of growing up in a family that worked to nurture and raise us in the Christian faith. In our own ways, we seek to live out common commitments to understand who created us and for what ends, and we seek to put those understandings into practice. Today, you are ordained to ministry in the faith that we share, and we recognize and encourage you in your calling. We stand with you, beside you, and behind you, and we assure you of our earnest affirmation, our prayerful support, and our love.

Response: *I covenant with you, my family, to honor the legacies we inherit, to merit the confidence you place in me, to cherish each of you for who you are and are becoming, to foster a loving and supportive environment, and to fulfill my responsibilities to you and to whomever else you may bring into our family.*

...with colleagues

Esther Chang

Daniel, we who share ministry with you have appreciated your presence and your unique contributions to our common ministry. We offer you our mutual assistance and love as together we seek to equip God's beloved people for their ministry in the world.

Response: *I covenant with you, my colleagues in ministry, to undergird you with my labors, my gifts, and my prayers.*

...with clergy across faith traditions

Alison Adler

Daniel, we who lead communities of faith across various traditions recognize and value your desire to pursue mutual understanding and respect, to create spaces of welcome and safety, to seek common cause, and to work together to build Shalom. We welcome you into the fellowship of ordained clergy and extend to you our blessings and encouragement as you engage the work that you have been given to do, both in your congregation and in the broader world that we share.

Response: *I covenant with you, my fellow clergy of many faiths, to uphold you in your own ministries and to labor with you in efforts to establish a beloved community of peace, justice, compassion, and care.*

...with the church family

Lauren Costa

Daniel, we the members of the First Baptist family have been enriched by your presence among us. We wholeheartedly affirm your call to ministry and pray that you have felt our caring support throughout the ordination process. As you begin your ordained ministry, we promise to provide an environment where we can give and receive care, where we are free to ask hard questions of faith, and where we will work together as we seek to serve God and one another.

Response: *I covenant with you, my church family, to be an active participant in the life of this congregation. I pledge you my energies, my skills, and my love.*

...with yourself and God

Bernadette Hickman-Maynard

Daniel, this afternoon is the culmination of many years of preparation and an answer to many fervent prayers. You have heard God's calling and are finding your place in Christian ministry. I challenge you now to grow in faith and to seek diligently God's guidance for your life.

Response: *I covenant with God, and all others who have believed in me and shared in my faith journey, to continue searching and growing in my understanding of God and of what it means to follow in the way of Jesus.*

Unison Prayer

O God, without whose blessing and assistance no ministry is possible and no service worthwhile, grant us your presence and power, your guidance and blessing, that we might boldly do your will. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Anthem

A.L. Page

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past. O God, our hope for years to come. God, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same. A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day. O God, our help in ages past, O God, our hope for years to come, from everlasting, thou art God to endless years the same! Alleluia!

Scripture Readings

Exodus 3:1-12

Cheryl McDevitt
Pew Bible pg. O.T. 39

Matthew 5:1-10

Liliana Ames
Pew Bible pg. N.T. 3

Sermon

Bob Barnett

“Sacred Canopies and Stuffed Tigers: A Call to Build a World of Wonder”

***Hymn 526**

GIFT OF LOVE

The Gift of Love

Challenge to the Candidate

Greg Carmer

Challenge to the Church

Manny Faria

Sanctus No. 3

*Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth; pleni sunt coeli et terra, gloria ejus.
(Holy art thou, O Lord of Hosts; heaven and earth are filled with thy glory.)*

Ordination Vows

Ashlee Wiest-Laird and Julie Flowers

Ashlee: *Daniel, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ in serving God the Creator of the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood. You are called to serve all people, particularly the weak, the poor, the sick, the marginalized, the oppressed, and the voiceless.*

Julie: *As a minister in the church, you are to study the Scriptures, to think seriously and deeply about them, to grapple with them honestly and intently, to constantly and consistently seek to grow in understanding, and to model your life on God's Word. You are to be ready to make God known to those among whom you live, work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, the concerns, and the hopes of the world. You are to lead Christians in worship and in the ministrations of the Ordinances. Through your teaching and with your living, you are to show God's people that in serving one another, they are serving Christ himself.*

Ashlee: *Daniel, do you believe in one God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer; and do you affirm anew Jesus Christ as your Savior and acknowledge Christ's presence in all things and in this, his Church, which is Christ's body?*

Daniel: *I do.*

Julie: *Daniel, do you believe that you are truly called of God into this ministry and to the pastoral responsibilities of the church?*

Daniel: *I do.*

Ashlee: *Daniel, do you promise to lead this congregation faithfully in the public worship of God, to instruct it in Christian truth, to watch over its members in Christian love, and to guide the congregation in its corporate life?*

Daniel: *I do.*

Julie: *Daniel, do you promise to be faithful in prayer and in the reading and serious and respectful study and interpretation of the Scriptures, and to lead a life worthy of the calling you have received?*

Daniel: *I do.*

Ashlee: *Daniel, do you promise to lead others into an acceptance of the cost and joy of discipleship, and will you thus live in the spirit of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit?*

Daniel: *I do.*

Julie: *Daniel, do you promise to work diligently for peace on this earth, for the betterment of human society, and for the just stewardship of all God's Creation?*

Daniel: *I do.*

Ashlee: *In light of these vows you have taken, Daniel, by God's grace and sustaining love, may God uphold you in the service that God lays upon you.*

The Laying on of Hands and Ordination Prayer Joel Anderle

Musical Response S.S. Wesley
Lead Me, Lord

Words of Welcome to the Ordained Ministry Julie Flowers

Presentation of Ordination Certificate Mary Day Hamel

***Hymn 453** BEECHER
Called As Partners in Christ's Service

Response and Benediction The Rev. Daniel Johnson

Postlude J.S. Bach
"The Great" Fugue in G minor, BWV 542

Participants

Mr. Bryan Vosseler, member of the First Baptist Church in Beverly and Church Moderator

The Rev. Dr. Mary Day Hamel, Executive Minister of The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM)

The Rev. Ashlee Wiest-Laird, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jamaica Plain

The Rev. Gary McClenthen, Pastor of Maplewood Baptist Church, Malden, and member of the Judson Association Committee on Ministry

Mrs. Susan Johnson, Daniel's wife and member of the First Baptist Church in Beverly

Rabbi Alison Adler, Rabbi of Temple B'nai Abraham, Beverly

Mrs. Lauren Costa, member of the First Baptist Church in Beverly and Elementary Age Christian Educator

The Rev. Bernadette Hickman-Maynard, Deputy Director of the Essex County Community Organization (ECCO)

The Rev. Cheryl McDevitt, Director of Spiritual Care at Beverly Hospital and ACPE Certified Educator

Ms. Liliana Ames, member of the First Baptist Church in Beverly

Mr. Bob Barnett, Director of Family Services & Guest Experiences at Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, TN

The Rev. Dr. Greg Carmer, Pastor of Church in the Cove, Beverly

The Rev. Manny Faria, Episcopal Priest, Diocese of Massachusetts

The Rev. Julie Flowers, Senior Minister at the First Baptist Church in Beverly

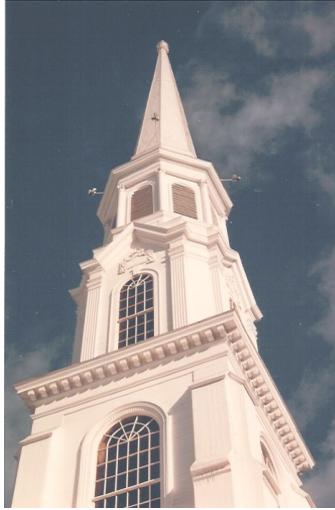
The Rev. Dr. Joel Anderle, former Senior Pastor of Community Covenant Church in West Peabody, now training for the Episcopal priesthood

Musicians

Dr. Esther Chang, Director of Music at the First Baptist Church in Beverly

Sanctuary Choir, the First Baptist Church in Beverly

Celebration Ringers, the First Baptist Church in Beverly



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