

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

The Presbytery of Ottawa

**Service of Induction for Elizabeth Chan
to St. Paul's Church, Ottawa**



The Lord's Day, June 22, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

Announcements

Those participating in this evening's service include:

The Rev'd Mr. James E. (Jim) Pot

Interim Moderator, St. Paul's Church, Ottawa

Mrs. Kay Foster

Member, St. Paul's Church, Ottawa

The Rev'd Shahrzad Kandalaft

Family Pastor, St. Paul's Church, Ottawa

The Rev'd Mr. David Whitecross

Minister, Trinity Church, Carp

The Rev'd Mr. James T. Hurd

Clerk, The Presbytery of Ottawa

The Rev'd Mrs. Denise Macartney

Moderator, The Presbytery of Ottawa

The offering from this evening's service is directed
towards the work of the Presbytery of Ottawa.

A reception, hosted by the session of the St. Paul's Church,
Ottawa, will be held in the hall, immediately following the service.
All are invited to welcome Liz and Michael Chan.

Order for the Public Worship of God and the Induction of a Minister

The Reading of the Edict

Prelude - **“Cantilena”**; **“Spirit of God, descend upon my heart”**

Processional Hymn - **“Great is Thy faithfulness”**

Welcome and Announcements (*J. E. Pot*)

Call to Worship

Prayers of Adoration and Confession and The Lord’s Prayer

Praise - **“Your will be done”**

Scripture Reading - Old Testament - **Psalm 19** (*responsively*)

Anthem - “Breathe” (*Choir, St. Paul’s Church*)

Scripture Reading - New Testament - **Matthew 16: 13-20**

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon - “Rock of Ages” (*D. Whitecross*)

Hymn - **“My hope is built on nothing less”**

Prayer

Anthem - “If my people will pray” (*Choir, St. Paul’s Church*)

Offering

Offertory - “Jesus Messiah” (*Worship Team, St. Paul’s Church*)

Doxology - **“Praise God from Whom all blessings flow”**

Prayer of Dedication

Narration of the Steps (*J. T. Hurd*)

The Act of Induction (*D. Allen-Macartney*)

Preamble

Questions to the Minister

Questions to the Congregation

Prayer

The Act of Induction

Welcome and The Right Hand of Fellowship

- Members of Presbytery and Members of Session

The Signing of the Formula

Charge to Minister and Congregation (*J. E. Pot*)

Prayer

Recessional Hymn - **“I, the Lord of sea and sky”**

Benediction (*E. Chan*)

Postlude - **“Praise!”**

Preamble - What the Church confesses concerning ministry

All ministries of the church proceed from and are sustained by the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Prophet, Priest and King, the Minister of the covenant of grace. By the operation of God's Word and Spirit the church is gathered, equipped, and sent out to participate in this ministry. All members of the church are called to share the Gospel with the world, and to offer to the Father the worship and service that are due to the Creator from the creation, through Christ, the only Mediator, until he comes again. That the church may be continually renewed and nurtured for ministry, Christ furnishes the church with pastors and teachers. He requires and enables the church to discern and to confirm by ordination those whom he calls to his pastoral and teaching office. The standards of his church he entrusts in a special degree of responsibility to their care.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is bound only to Jesus Christ, the Church's King and Head. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God, testifying to Christ the living Word, are the canon of all doctrine, by which Christ rules our faith and life. We acknowledge our historic continuity with the Holy Catholic Church and our doctrinal heritage in the ecumenical creeds, and the confessions of the Reformation. Our subordinate standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith as adopted in 1875 and 1889, the Declaration of Faith concerning Church and Nation of 1954, Living Faith (Foi Vivante) as adopted in 1998, and such doctrine as the church, in obedience to Scripture and under the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, may yet confess in the church's continuing function of reformulating the faith.

All these things you have examined and have accepted as a minister of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Being assured of your faith in Christ and your love for people, the presbytery is prepared to induct you as minister of St. Paul's Church, Ottawa. That your faith may appear in the presence of God and the people of God, we now ask you the appointed questions in terms of this preamble:

Questions to the Minister

Do you believe in God the Father, made known in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom the Holy Spirit witnesses in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Do you accept the subordinate standards of this church, promising to uphold its doctrine under the continual illumination and correction of the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures?

Do you accept the government of this church by sessions, presbyteries, synods and General Assemblies, and do you promise to share in and submit yourself to all lawful oversight therein, and to follow no divisive course but to seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the Holy Catholic Church?

Do you promise in the strength and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to conduct yourself in your private and public life as becomes his gospel, and do you give yourself diligently and cheerfully to the service of Christ's word, sacraments and discipline, for the furtherance of his reconciling mission in the world?

Questions for the Congregation at the Induction

The induction of a minister is the beginning of a new partnership in service to God. These questions, therefore, are directed to the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Ottawa:

- 1.** Do you confess anew your faith in one God who is Creator and Ruler of the universe, who came to us in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and who remains present among us through the power of the Holy Spirit? (We do.)
- 2.** Do you receive Elizabeth Chan to be your minister as from Christ? (We do.)
- 3.** Will you give of your substance as the Lord prospers you for the maintenance of the Christian ministry and the furtherance of the gospel in this place and throughout the world? (We will.)
- 4.** Do you pledge yourselves to be co-servants with your minister under Christ, sharing in the worship of the church, offering support through prayers and friendship, announcing the gospel to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit. (We do.)

The Rev'd Elizabeth (Liz) Chan

Liz is a graduate of Tyndale Theological Seminary (2003) with a Master of Divinity, and has a Diploma of Ministry from Presbyterian College, Montreal (2016) and Certification as a Spiritual Director from Tyndale Theological Seminary (2014).

She has personal mission experience for two years in Burkina Faso and two years in Morocco, has participated in other short-term missions and is the chair of the Committee on Mission of the Presbytery of Ottawa. She has teaching experience at a Christian school. She has worked for several years as a spiritual director and in spiritual care for organizations including One Way Ministries and CHEO. She has ministry experience as a pastor in Kortright Presbyterian Church, Sunnyside Wesleyan Church, and most recently at St. Andrew's Church, Kars and Osgoode Church, Vernon.

Liz is married to her husband Michael, and they have one child, Lucas. Some of her personal interests/hobbies include swimming, singing, biking, hiking, reading, and hanging out with family and friends.

She has many gifts to meet the needs of St. Paul's in the coming years, including a sincere faith, leadership skills, relational interpersonal communication, excellent pastoral skills, interest in the inner growth and spiritual development of others. She is a good mentor and will make space for the gifts of others and encourage their development. She is creative and has a vision for St. Paul's which includes community engagement and mission. Her preaching is Biblically sound, practical, uses creative illustrations, demonstrating sensitivity to adjust her message and style to meet congregational needs.

