

**The 213th Commencement**  
**of**  
**Pittsburgh Theological Seminary**  
**of the**  
**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**



**Thursday, May 28, 2009**

## COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.  
East Liberty Presbyterian Church  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Rigaudon  
Prelude on "Rhosymedre"  
Prelude on "Old 124th"  
A Medley of Scottish Airs and Hymns  
Joyce MacFarlane McIntosh, *Bagpiper*

*Andre Campra*  
*R. Vaughan Williams*  
*Healey Willan*

### WELCOME AND CALL TO COMMENCEMENT

John S. Isherwood  
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The 213th Commencement of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and  
its predecessor institutions is now in session.

Let us worship God.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN      God of Grace God of Glory      *CWM Rhondda*

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor Thee!  
That we fail not them nor Thee!

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore,  
Serving Thee whom we adore.

### \*INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER (sins)

Charles S. Blackshear  
MDiv Candidate

### INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Rebecca J. Woomer  
MDiv Candidate

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION		Martha Murchison DMin Candidate
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Matthew 14:22-36	Nuhu Siman MA Candidate
SERMON	“Walking into Ministry with Jesus”	Russell E. Richey, Ph.D. Professor of Church History Candler School of Theology, Emory University
ANTHEMS	Set Me as a Seal When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	<i>Rene Clausen</i> <i>Gilbert Martin</i>
RECOGNITION OF FAMILIES		Benjamin R. Graves MDiv Candidate
PRESENTATION OF MUI CERTIFICATES		Ronald E. Peters, Ed.D. Henry L. Hillman Associate Professor of Urban Ministry and Director of the Metro-Urban Institute
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AWARDS		William J. Carl III, Ph.D. President and Professor of Homiletics
CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS		Byron H. Jackson, Ed.D. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Louise and Perry Dick Associate Professor of Church Education
CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES		William J. Carl III, Ph.D.
PRAYER FOR THE GRADUATES		Deirdre King Hainsworth, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics and Director, Center for Business, Religion and Public Life
*BENEDICTION		Donald Dawson, D.Min. Director, World Mission Initiative
*RECESSIONAL HYMN	Lord, You Give the Great Commission	<i>Abbot's Leigh</i>

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”  
Lest the Church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity,  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: “This my body, this my blood.”  
Let us all, for earth’s true glory, daily lift life heavenward,  
Asking that the world around us share your children’s liberty  
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society.  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,  
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Rondo in G Major

*John Bull*

\*Please rise in body or in spirit



Music by the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Choir  
George E. Tutwiler, Organist-Choirmaster and  
Instructor in Church Music and United Methodist Studies

John P. Burgess, Ph.D., Faculty Marshal  
James Henry Snowden Professor of Systematic Theology

It is the policy of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary not to allow flashbulbs during worship services; therefore, flashbulbs are permitted only during the conferring of degrees.

***All faculty, graduates, families, and friends are cordially invited  
to a reception in the Church Social Hall following Commencement.***

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Randi Leigh Henderson

**The Watson Samuel Boyce Music Prize** is to be awarded annually to that member of the senior class who makes the most outstanding contribution to the life of the Seminary in the area of church music.

Suzanne Brown Zampella

**The Brooks Foundation Commencement Prize** is awarded to the graduating senior, whether Master of Divinity or Master of Arts, who has taken his or her full course of study at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and who has the highest standing in the general area of pastoral care.

Rebecca J. Woomer

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Connie Edgar Frierson

**The Paul T. Gerrard Prize in Homiletics and Pastoral Care** is to be awarded to the graduating senior Master of Divinity student judged best by the faculty in homiletics and pastoral care and who shows promise for a future in pastoral ministry.

Ellen Ruth Dawson

**The Jackson Hale Prize in Polity** is awarded to a senior in recognition of his or her academic achievements, especially in church polity.

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**The Thomas Jamison Scholarship** is given every year to the member of the senior class who has the highest average at the beginning of his or her final term of study.

Nadia Buzzelli Mullin

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**The Robert A. Lee Church History Prize** is to be awarded yearly to the students taking first and second rank respectively in the department of church history.

Michael C.T. Ludwig  
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**The Sylvester S. Marvin Fellowship** may be assigned upon graduation to that member of the senior class who is recommended by the faculty as having achieved the highest standard in all departments of the Seminary curriculum. The recipient must pledge himself or herself to a year of postgraduate study at an institution approved by the faculty following his or her graduation.

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Edward Herman Blank

**Middlesex United Presbyterian Church (Presbyterian Church U.S.A.) Memorial Prize in Biblical Studies** is awarded to the graduating senior who, in the judgment of the faculty, is most deserving of this award.

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**The Clara Edna Miller Prize in Pastoral Theology** is awarded to that student in the Master of Divinity program finishing the seventh term, who achieves the highest academic standing in those courses in the curriculum particularly adapted to the practice of ministry, i.e., preaching, worship, education, pastoral care, administration, and leadership development.

Rebecca J. Woomer

**The Richard J. Rapp Memorial Award in Doctor of Ministry Studies** *has been raised by the Covenant Community Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh as a memorial for the Rev. Dr. Richard J. Rapp, first director of the Doctor of Ministry Program. Each year these funds are used to provide copies of one or more outstanding doctoral papers to all A.T.S. seminaries which have a Doctor of Ministry Program.*

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**The John Watson Prize in New Testament Greek** *will be awarded to that member of the senior class who, having elected Greek exegesis, shall submit the best grammatical and exegetical treatment of a portion of the Greek New Testament.*

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**The William B. Watson Prize in Hebrew** *will be awarded to that member of the senior class who, having elected Hebrew exegesis, shall submit the best grammatical and exegetical treatment of a portion of the Hebrew Old Testament.*

Douglas Evans Holmes

**The Calian Award for Campus Community Service** *is given to an exemplary member of the Pittsburgh Seminary community, who demonstrates excellence in carrying out responsibilities and volunteer assignments and also expresses a caring spirit of good will and hope so essential in our life together as a community. The award is in recognition that all members of the community are an important part of the success of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.*

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