

## **Elder Ordination and Installation This Sunday!**

*“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.... If it is leadership let him/her govern diligently”. Romans 12:8*

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we will ordain and install elders to serve New Wappetaw for the next three years in the class of 2026. For those being ordained, there will be “laying on the hands” time in the service. This is a rite that happens often in scripture and one that is not to be taken lightly. In the Presbyterian church, one is ordained for life, so even after a term of “official” service is completed, a life of service continues.

In our ordination service there are numerous promises made by the candidates and by the congregation. There are nine constitutional questions asked of the candidates. They are all important, but the one that has shaped my own ordination as an elder and then as a minister of word and sacrament is question “h”.... Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with **ENERGY, INTELLIGENCE, IMAGINATION AND LOVE?**

Imagine what the church would look like if EVERYONE would make that promise. I believe our new elders and our entire session will serve us well in this new year. I hope you will be here this Sunday to affirm their call as elders and I encourage you to remember our session and our church in your prayers daily.

Stay warm on this cold Monday morning!

Blessings,  
Mike