

AN ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF A
PASTORAL APPOINTMENT

Leader: Dear friends, today we welcome the *Reverend Dr. Patricia Spicer (Pastor Pat)*, who *has* been appointed to serve as our pastor. We believe that she is well qualified and *has* been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, Dr. Larry Goodpaster.

Leader to Pastor: *Pat*, you have been sent to live among us as a *bearer* of the Word of God; *a minister* of the Sacraments; and *a sustainer* of the love, order, and discipleship of the people of God.

Pastor: *Today I affirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.*

Leader to congregation: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service; will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Pastor Pat in these ministries?

Congregation: *We affirm our commitment to support her with our prayers, presence, gifts, and service.*

Leader: Let us pray.
Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together with Pat as our pastor. Give her and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Today we are delighted to welcome the Rev. Dr. Patricia Spicer (Pat). Dr. Spicer comes to us with a rich background in church ministry and education. For over forty years she served in public education as a teacher, counselor, principal of elementary, middle, and high schools, assistant superintendent, and consultant. During that time she consistently maintained part-time positions of ministry within the church, including fifteen years as an organist/minister of music, Sunday School teacher, member of the Administrative Board, Lay Leader, Certified Lay Speaker, Member of Staff Parish Relations and Finance committees and chair of the Spiritual Formation and Evangelism committees.

Five years ago Pat began serving in formal ministry on the staff of West Market Street United Methodist Church in Greensboro and was appointed as an associate pastor there in 2010, where she has served as the Pastor of Discipleship.

Joining Pat in her move to SHUMC is her husband Charles Wesley Spicer (Chuck). Chuck worked in public education as a band director for 33 years. Pat and Chuck will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in December. They have one daughter, Elizabeth, who lives in Greensboro and teaches English at Page High School. In addition, Pat and Chuck have two dogs, Wesley and JB and a grand-dog, Grace.

The Spicers' hobbies and interests include reading, music, dancing, travel and golf. They love working together in ministry.