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The Presidential Inauguration and Installation of
The Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III
“WHOSOEVER: A DIVINE INVITATION”

Friday, April 26, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Frank H. and Fannie W. Caldwell Chapel

Pre-Service Music

The Beechmont Presbyterian Church Drummers
Alonzo Johnson, Director

Processional

Praise God with Drums and Cymbals
Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Louie Bailey, organ; Israel Cuenca, percussion

Order of the Processional
Crucifer
Viisha P. Souza
The Marshal
Amy Plantinga Pauw
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Choral Introit
We Offer Praise
Rodnie Bryant
Peace Presbyterian Mass Choir
Sheila O’Bannon, Director

Call to Worship
William E. Mullins

One: God be with you.
Many: And also with you.
One: Raise a song! Sound the Drum!
Many: Make music to our God!
One: The one in whom we live, and move, and have our being has called us here,
Many: For we are all God’s children.
One: From north, south, east, and west,
Many: Our footsteps have brought us to this place – to sit together in the Kin-dom of God.
One: Responding to the rhythm of God’s grace, we pray:
Many: O God, may our hearts beat in time with yours;
One: May we welcome all as you welcome all;
Many: May we love all as you love all.
One: Come, let the divine invitation echo in all that we do and say;
Many: Come, let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn

There is a Dream That Fills God’s Heart

Please sing hymn text and music on page 6.

Prayer of Adoration

Viisha P. Souza

O Source of life,
you called creation out of chaos,
making a home for all that lives;
you spoke into being schools of fish,
murmurations of starlings,
families of otters,
communities of people—
you called them all good.

O Holy One,
from the family of a wandering Aramean,
you gathered to yourself twelve tribes.
From those twelve, you extended,
to all who could hear it,
a glad word of welcome.
To the outcasts and strangers, you said:
“My house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples,”

O Divine Host,
you welcomed all to your table:
zealot, sinner, broken, bruised,
tax collector, fisherman, midwife, friend,
eunuch, dye-maker, grandparent, child.
You continue to welcome all—
even those for whom our doors have been closed.

Knowing that we stand in this place
only through your abundant grace,
we give you thanks that you have welcomed us,
gathered us, and called us here today. Amen.

From Genesis 1; Deuteronomy 26; Isaiah 56
Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,  
in your gracious presence  
we confess what you already know:  
we are a broken community  
with each shard nursing its own wounds  
and speaking its own truth.  
We conflate our way with your will;  
we confuse our desires with the wisdom of the whole;  
we often speak before we listen and plan before we pray;  
we do not honor the gifts of one another as we  
labor to accomplish your mission;  
we attempt to move forward, but our actions  
are encumbered by an unexamined past.

Ever-present God, may your Spirit—moving among us  
and within the hearts and minds of all in this community—  
give us the deep desire to be more than we have been,  
more than we presently are,  
and everything you call us to be.  
In the strong name of Jesus.  Amen
Welcome

Lant B. Davis

Presentation of Alton B. Pollard, III
To the Trustees as President

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To the Trustees as Professor of Religion and Culture

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Act of Installation

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Action of the Board of Trustees
Declaration of Purpose
Administration of Inaugural Oath
Robing and Presentation of the Seminary Medallion

Inaugural Prayer

A. Brooks Pollard, IV

Anthem

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Peace Presbyterian Mass Choir

Charge to the LPTS Community

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Charge to the President

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*Hymn

Every Planet, Star and Stone
GROSSER GOTT WIR LOBEN DICH

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Prayer for Illumination

Debra J. Mumford

Scripture Reading

Debra J. Mumford

Inaugural Address

Whosoever: A Divine Invitation

Alton B. Pollard, III
*Closing Hymn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Benediction

Alton B. Pollard, III

Recessional

Toccata from Symphonie No. 5

Charles Marie Widor

The Beechmont Presbyterian Church Drummers

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The Peace Presbyterian Church Mass Choir
Directed by Sister Sheila O’Bannon

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The Louisville Seminary Choir
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Directed by The Rev. Dr. Louie Bailey

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Israel Cuenca

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In celebration of 150 years of building up the body of Christ

There Is a Dream That Thrills God's Heart

Thomas Troeger, 2002
Based on Ephesians 4

BRAY from Kentucky Harmony, 1816
Harmonized by Bruce Neswick, 2002

1. There is a dream that thrills God’s heart and draws our hearts to see Christ, through us, would be link each part of blend out varied gifts to fill God’s unity.
2. God dreams that as a body knit with purpose, beauty, skill, we shall as one to gather fit and e very nation, soul, and race to know and live God’s grace.
3. One faith, one Lord, one God of all, one great, divine embrace, one church rejoicing at the call for act to bring that dream to be for all the world to see.
4. Equipping, O God, your saints to do the work ofmini er.
5. Draw forth from us and from our past the good and not the wrong, and help us dream your dream anew and and strengthen us to be at last, through faith and love, through prayer and song, the church for which you long.

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Every Planet, Star and Stone

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Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, c. 1774
Alt. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

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Every planet, star and stone, every atom
But as if our breath and birth and the joy of
Sweeping currents stir and guide and renew our
For each planet, star and stone, for the gift of

charged and spinning, every cell of blood and bone
Simply living were not gifts enough for earth,
Rich tradition through the nurture they provide
Our existence, for your love that we have known

trace to you, God, their beginning.
To exist in
To drink from your Word that
for our church's work and mission.
For our church's work and mission.

as a flowing stream's persistence, we will live and
as a flowing stream's persistence, we will live and

Time and space is it self a gift of grace.
Constant streams, we gain strength to live our dreams.

End our days, every heart beat giving praise!
Alton B. Pollard, III  
*President and Professor of Religion and Culture*

On June 7, 2018, the Louisville Seminary Board of Trustees appointed the Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard III as Louisville Seminary’s tenth president. Pollard formally began his service with Louisville Seminary on September 3, 2018.

A scholar, author, consultant, and speaker on the subject of African American and U.S. religion and culture, Pollard was previously dean of the School of Divinity and professor of Religion and Culture at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Pollard said he was drawn both by the history and the current trajectory of Louisville Seminary.

“Rare is the theological institution today that innovates well in contemporary society, modeling theological education for just inclusivity in an increasingly diverse world,” Pollard said. “As much of our society is focused on division, I will ensure that Louisville Seminary will continue to build bridges between people of different religious, social, and cultural perspectives, through teaching and scholarship, and the preparation of persons for lives of faithful witness and public service.”

Prior to his eleven years at Howard University, Pollard served as director of Black Church Studies and chair of American Religious Cultures at Emory University, and taught at Wake Forest University and St. Olaf College. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Fisk University, his Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School, and his Ph.D. from Duke University.


He serves on the Board of Directors for the In Trust Center for Theological Schools and the Advisory Committee for the Luce Fund for Theological Education. He served on the Board of Commissioners for the Association of Theological Schools from 2010-2016 and was chair from 2014-2016. A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Pollard and his wife, Jessica, have two adult children and one grandson.
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OUR VISION
We Build Bridges.

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Louisville Seminary educates and forms servant leaders for tomorrow's ministries.
We build bridges:

• between sacred texts and human lives;
• between the past and the future;
• among persons of different faiths, Christian denominations, and cultures;

...all in the name of Jesus Christ, the bridge between God and humanity.

HISTORY
Theological education began in the “West” as soon as settlers crossed the Alleghenies and the Smokies in the 1780s. “Father” David Rice was teaching ministers in his Kentucky home as early as the fall of 1783, because the interior of the country required a ministry quite different from that on the Eastern Seaboard. Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary still claims the tradition of those early efforts in education for ministry by apprenticeship.

Louisville Seminary also has a heritage in the earliest “Western” universities—Transylvania and Centre. Both were created to train ministers, and both were related to the Synod of Kentucky.

Louisville Seminary counts its life as an institution from October 1853. Twenty-three students and three professors gathered at Danville, Kentucky, to begin the community that has become Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In May of that year, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Old School) had voted to establish “in the West a theological seminary of the first class.”

The present Seminary represents an unprecedented result of cooperation among Presbyterians in the face of regional tensions and competition. In 1893, Southern Presbyterians in the Synods of Kentucky and Missouri founded a rival seminary in Louisville, but in 1901, under the leadership of Dr. Charles Hemphill, the seminaries in Danville and Louisville were united. They were merged in spite of strong feelings of antipathy between the two denominations spawned by the War Between the States, and their cooperation in founding and then supporting Louisville Seminary was an outstanding example of a unified Presbyterian witness to the American people.

In June 1983, the two churches reunited after 122 years of separation, and Louisville Seminary now rejoices in serving the reunited Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), just as it served the two churches during their separation.

In the summer of 1987, the General Assembly voted to relocate the headquarters of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to Louisville. Students and faculty at Louisville Seminary are benefiting from closer relationships with denominational leaders, as well as with leaders of other communions. In 2003, Louisville Seminary celebrated its 150th anniversary.