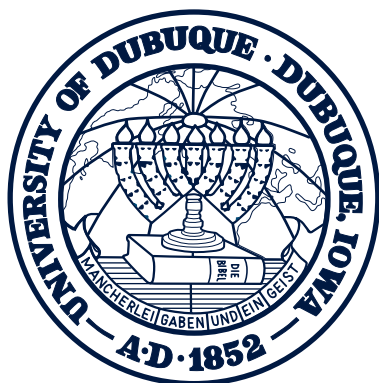




OPENING CONVOCATION

Thursday, September 10, 2026
10:45 a.m.

JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL
HERITAGE CENTER

PROGRAM

PRELUDE

Charles Barland, DMA, *University Organist and Professor of Music*

SYMBOLS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The academic procession represents the *Mission* of the University of Dubuque. The Celtic cross symbolizes the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God, who calls people of all nations to follow Him. The bagpipes are a symbol of the school's Presbyterian heritage and the spiritual freedom we receive through Jesus Christ. The banner of the Presbyterian Church (USA) indicates our covenant relationship with the religious denomination with which we are affiliated. The University banner contains the University seal and the motto "Many gifts, one Spirit," and reminds us of the German Reformed pioneers who founded the University in 1852. The national flags represent the countries of the world from which our students have come. The gowns and hoods worn by the faculty differ in color to represent the various institutions and academic disciplines that contribute to the teaching mission of the University.

*PROCESSIONAL

Highland Cathedral

Derek Grant, *Bagpiper*

Professor Barland

Kenadi Sovey, *Crucifer, Student Government Association President*

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Cross

The University Faculty

The Platform Party

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. James D. Gunn, PhD, *Dean of Chapel and Edward B. Lindsay Chaplain*

INTROIT

Many Gifts, One Spirit

by Allen Pote

University of Dubuque Concert Choir

Kristen Eby, *Director of Choral Activities and Head of the*

Department of Fine and Performing Arts, Conductor

Jill Klinebriel, *Accompanist*

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11-14

Alexander Sogavo (C'29)

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Rev. Gunn

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

The Tale of Ten Cities

Genesis 14:17-24

Rev. Jerry Andrews, PhD, *Senior Pastor Emeritus, First Presbyterian Church, San Diego, California, and Affiliate Faculty, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary*

ANTHEM

Our Hearts are Restless

by Professor Eby

University of Dubuque Concert Choir

Nicholas Elder, PhD, *Professor of New Testament and*

Rev. Krista Denne, MDiv, *Director of Seminary Admission, readers*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BLESSING

Rev. Beth McCaw, DMin, *Vice President of the University and Dean of the Seminary*

SONG OF RESPONSE AND DEDICATION

Abide

by Aaron Keyes and Aaron Michael Williams

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BENEDICTION

Travis L. Frampton, PhD, *President of the University*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

by Peter C. Lutkin

University of Dubuque Concert Choir

Professor Eby

*RECESSIONAL

Derek Grant

POSTLUDE

Professor Barland

CONVOCATION GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Jerry Andrews, PhD

*Senior Pastor Emeritus, First Presbyterian Church, San Diego, California,
and Affiliate Faculty, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary*



The Reverend Jerry Andrews epitomizes the zeal for life-long learning and service that the University is committed to through our *Mission*. Born in Detroit, Michigan, he received a bachelor of arts from William Tyndale College, a master of divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, a master of theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, a master of arts in classics from the University of Pittsburgh, and a doctor of philosophy in the Ancient Mediterranean World from the University of Chicago. Jerry's service to God's church in the world has been manifold. He is now senior pastor emeritus of First Presbyterian Church, San Diego, California, having served as senior pastor there for 14 years. Previously, Jerry pastored other congregations, both in Pennsylvania and in the Chicago areas, most notably First Presbyterian Church of Glen Ellyn for 17 years.

Jerry has devoted his time, energy, and talents to God's church beyond the local congregation. Three times he was elected to serve as a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and Jerry has been an active member of the presbyteries where he has pastored, most notably being selected as co-moderator of the Peace, Unity, and Purity Task Force of the Chicago Presbytery. He is a current director on the board for *Theology Matters* and a former board member of *The Presbyterian Outlook*. Additionally, he has held a variety of leadership roles with many groups and fellowships, including the Genevans, Presbyterian Coalition, and The Fellowship Community of Presbyterians. Jerry co-authored *A Pastoral Rule for Today: Reviving an Ancient Practice*, and his caring side is manifested in "Given Into Each Other's Care," one of his several articles appearing in *The Presbyterian Outlook*. Jerry has served our *Mission* and continues to do so by teaching courses for the master of arts in Reformed Theology and as a former member of the seminary council of advisors.

Jerry and his wife Lois, a former principal and assistant superintendent of schools, live in downtown San Diego, California, and love visits with their three children and five grandchildren.

FLAGS

Barbados	Mexico
Canada	Myanmar
China	Netherlands
Colombia	Panama
Dominican Republic	Peru
Germany	Singapore
Ghana	South Korea
Haiti	Sweden
Hungary	Switzerland
Ireland	Thailand
Israel	Uganda
Italy	United States of America

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE MISSION

The University of Dubuque is a private university offering undergraduate, graduate, and theological seminary degrees, and other educational opportunities with the intention of educating and forming the whole person. The University is comprised of individuals from the region, our nation, and the world.

As a community, the University practices its Christian commitments by educating students, pursuing excellence in scholarship, challenging students to live lives of worth and purpose, and preparing students for service to the church and the world. Therefore, the University of Dubuque is committed to:

- *A hospitable Christian environment which respects other faith traditions,*
- *Relationships which encourage intellectual, spiritual, and moral development,*
- *Excellence in academic inquiry and professional preparation,*
- *A diverse and equitable community where Christian love is practiced,*
- *Stewardship of all God's human and natural resources,*
- *Zeal for lifelong learning and service.*