

# 30 Days of Prayer

## Day 25

### Jeremiah 1:4-9

4 Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
<sup>5</sup>'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you; I  
appointed you a prophet to the nations.'  
<sup>6</sup>Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to  
speak, for I am only a boy.'  
<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy";  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.'  
<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the LORD.'  
<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and  
touched my mouth.

God of callings big and small,

I am blessed to be part of a congregation that values the gifts of those called into Word and Sacrament ministry. I am blessed that these individuals have responded to God's call, and have chosen Shepherd of the Hills as the community of faith where they can learn their crafts and hone their skills. Help me to be supportive of their ministries, praying for them regularly, and offering hospitality and generosity. Grant these servants a deepening faith, confidence in their callings, and joy in their serving... *(take all the time you need to name the seminary students and thank God for the blessing that each of them has been in your life).*

**John Gabrielson**, for his knowledge of the Bible and theology, his passion for ministry, and his commitment to his calling...

**John Klawiter**, for his kindness and generosity, for his dedication to this pursuit, and for the health of his family, especially little Oliver, who is in need of your healing and wholeness, Lord...

**Wade Wacholz**, for his years of service to Shepherd of the Hills, for his willingness to pursue this calling, and his faithfulness to you, Lord.

Pour your blessings upon these servants, and remind me to lift them up regularly. In the name of Christ, Amen.

All followers of Jesus Christ are called to use their gifts for the glory of God. Often when we're called we are afraid and have excuses for why we can't or won't follow God's call. Jeremiah's excuse was that he was not wise and experienced like God's other prophets. But God provides all we need when we are called into his service.

Some have been called into the service of ordained ministry, called to Word and Sacrament ministry. Shepherd of the Hills is blessed to have three seminary students working at Shepherd to learn their craft and to serve in a variety of ways. Today we lift them up in prayer and support them in their unique callings.