REVEREND ELISABETH A. GARVIN, CHAPLAIN AND MINISTER TO THE UNIVERSITY

The Rev. Lisa Garvin is SMU’s chaplain and minister to the University. As chaplain, she leads religious and spiritual life on campus and serves on the leadership team for the vice president of Student Affairs. With the staff of the Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life and the Center for Faith and Learning, she provides ethical leadership to the SMU community, cultivates multi-religious community and mentors students in integrating faith and learning.

Garvin is an ordained deacon in The United Methodist Church and connects the church to the world through ministries of justice and compassion. She seeks to create space for authenticity and exploration – where students, faculty and staff come together for sacred encounters that nourish the soul and inspire faithful engagement.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in European studies from Millsaps College, a Master of Divinity from Emory University’s Candler School of Theology and a Juris Master in human rights from Emory School of Law.

Before coming to SMU in October 2020, she served as the associate dean of the chapel and religious life at Emory University for eight years, college chaplain at Millsaps College for three years and held two appointments on the staff of the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church.

A native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Garvin serves on Millsaps College Board of Trustees, The United Methodist Church’s General Board of Church and Society and the Mississippi Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. She previously served on the Georgia Prison Ministry Board and the local advisory board for AID Atlanta.

THE SMU MCKENZIE BIBLE

The McKenzie Bible was printed in 1856 and once was the property of J.W.P. McKenzie, a pioneer in Methodist education in Texas. It was used continually by McKenzie, who established McKenzie College at Clarksville, once the largest institution of higher learning in Texas. This historic Bible was presented to SMU in 1916 by Mrs. Milton Ragsdale of Dallas, a niece of McKenzie.

The McKenzie Bible was first used at SMU's 1916 Commencement Convocation, and the University is proud to use it at tonight’s Baccalaureate Service.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding: R. Gerald Turner, President of the University
Speaking: Elisabeth A. Garvin, Chaplain and Minister to the University
Liturgist: Elisabeth A. Garvin, Chaplain and Minister to the University
Readers: Paige Edwards, Candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts, Film and Media Arts
Nathan Pupko Ginsberg, Candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration

Musicians: Imperial Brass

Meadows School of the Arts Vocal Performance Graduates:
Ella Dabney ’24, Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance and Bachelor of Science in Health and Society
Macaela Gross ’24, Bachelor of Music in Music Education
Nickolas Jones ’24, Bachelor of Music in Music Education

GUILD OF MARSHALS

Thomas Osang, Chief Marshal
Thomas Fomby, Procession Marshal
Jill DeTemple, Platform Marshal

BACCALAUREATE MARSHALS

Robert Harrod
Roy L. Heller
Maribeth Kuenzi
Monnie McGee
Meredith Richards
David Sedman

For more information about tomorrow’s Commencement activities, please refer to smu.edu/maycommencement.
As we strive to do what creation demands.
It calls out and molds us, sustains and enfolds us
Rings forth through the ages and into all lands.
Divine song ever rising in descants surprising
And beckons as we follow light into light.
God's fire goes before us, God's voice leads our chorus
Through struggle and trial, against all denial,
Praise God, who has lighted our paths in all ways.
All slumber and sadness cast off, and with gladness
To know more the Source and the End of our days.
Come all who love learning, whose hearts still are yearning
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