

INVESTITURE CEREMONY
JOHN A. FRY
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY'S
15TH PRESIDENT

Front photo: Masonry detail of Temple University's Sullivan Hall, 1935. W.H. Lee, Architect.



*Stained glass window,
Mitten Hall Great Court*

JOHN A. FRY

John A. Fry took office as Temple University's 15th president on Nov. 1, 2024, having established a reputation as both a civic leader in Philadelphia and national leader in higher education.

In the few months since President Fry began his tenure as Temple's president, the university has achieved several significant milestones under his leadership. In February, Temple launched Temple Future Scholars, a college pipeline program that will support low-income, first-generation-to-college students in Philadelphia public middle schools.

This winter, the university also acquired Terra Hall, the former main academic building for the University of the Arts. With this acquisition, Temple will now have a prominent and permanent presence in the heart of Philadelphia, as the building will be the home for Temple's Center City campus. Then, in March, Temple joined the distinguished University Innovation Alliance (UIA) as its Pennsylvania institution. The UIA is a leading national coalition of public research universities committed to increasing the number of college graduates in the United States, and Temple is one of just 18 universities who have joined the prestigious organization.

Prior to his arrival at Temple, President Fry served as president of Drexel University from 2010 to 2024, where he elevated the university's global presence through academic and research partnerships, major National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation research programs, as well as hubs for innovation and collaboration. Under his leadership, Drexel set a national example for the successful execution of public-private partnerships and became a powerful force for economic development in the Greater Philadelphia region. He championed major neighborhood revitalization initiatives, including the creation of a multifaceted university extension center in Mantua—the Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships—extensive economic development efforts and significant partnerships to support local neighborhood public schools.

In 2019, Drexel and Tower Health acquired St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, thereby ensuring that St. Christopher's will remain a source of health and healing, medical education and research, and jobs and economic benefit for its North Philadelphia neighborhood and the broader region. President Fry spurred the creation of Schuylkill Yards, a \$3.5-billion mixed-use development on Drexel's campus, and he also oversaw historic mergers with Salus University and the Academy of Natural Sciences.

Before joining Drexel, he served as president of Franklin & Marshall College from 2002 to 2010 and executive vice president of the University of Pennsylvania from 1995 to 2002. A native of Brooklyn, New York, Fry graduated from Lafayette College and earned a master's degree in business administration from the New York University Stern School of Business.

Fry and his wife Cara, an art historian, have three children. Mia, an attorney at the Center for Public Representation in Massachusetts, and her husband, Professor Evan Dethier, are parents to baby Grey. Nat runs his own business making fine furniture for residences and commercial establishments, and Phoebe is a videographer, musician and model.

PROGRAM

PRELUDE

Investiture Orchestra

Concerto Grosso Op. 6, No. 1 in G Major (HWV 319)–A tempo giusto; Allegro
George Frideric Handel

Concerto Grosso Op. 3, No 11 in D Minor (RV 565)–Allegro
Antonio Vivaldi

Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G Major (BWV 1048)–Allegro
Johann Sebastian Bach

PROCESSIONAL

Investiture Orchestra

Patience
Jeremiah Fraites/Wesley Schultz

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Investiture Choir

The Star-Spangled Banner
Francis Scott Key

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Valerie I. Harrison, CLA '07, '15
Vice President for Community Impact and Civic Engagement

INVOCATION

Keith Leaphart
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GREETINGS FROM THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

Cherelle Parker
Mayor, City of Philadelphia

PROVOST REMARKS

Gregory N. Mandel
Senior Vice President and Provost

GREETINGS FROM TEMPLE HEALTH

Michael A. Young
President and CEO, Temple Health

GREETINGS FROM THE FACULTY

Shohreh Amini
President, Faculty Senate

GREETINGS FROM THE STUDENTS

Ray Epstein
President, Temple Student Government

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Investiture Choir

The Gift to be Simple

Traditional Shaker tune, arranged by Bob Chilcott

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT

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**PRESENTATION OF THE MEDALLION
AND CHAIN OF OFFICE**

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John A. Fry

POETRY READING

Mia Fry

Daughter

ALMA MATER

Investiture Choir

Music by C.D. Copes, words by W. St. Clair

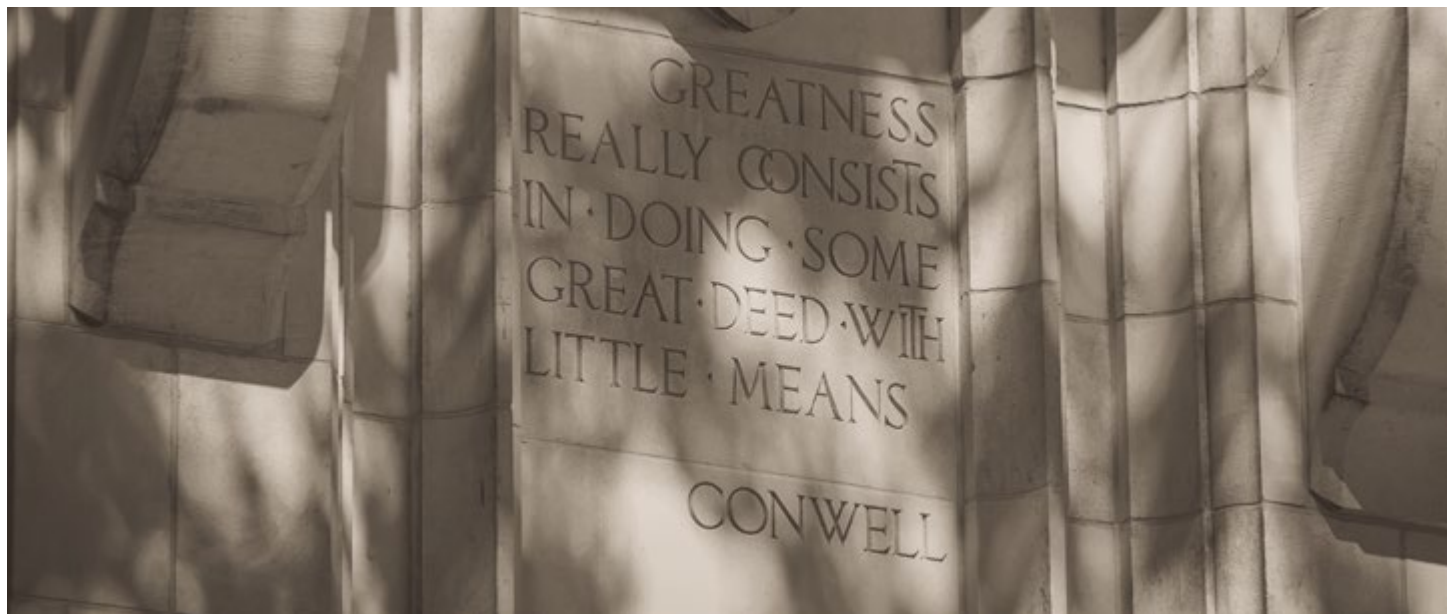
RECESSIONAL

Investiture Orchestra

"Prelude" from Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Masonry detail, Sullivan Hall



PRESENTATION

INVESTITURE ORCHESTRA

Conductor

José Luis Domínguez

Violin I

Alexandr Kislitsyn

Concertmaster

Irina Rostomashvili

Ruslan Dashdamirov

Giorgi Vartanovi

Zi Wang

Sofiya Solomyanskaya

Violin II

Yuan Tian

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Suhan Liang

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Hannah Emtage

Viola

Julia Kuzmina

Principal

Nora Lowther

A.J. Stacy

Madalyn Sadler

Cello

Mima Majstorovic

Principal

Chloe Kranz

Nathan Lavender

Double Bass

Daniel Virgen

Principal

Leia Bruno

Flute

Camille Bachman

Oboe

Sarah Walsh

Trumpet

Noah Gordon

Piano

Margarita Shatilova

INVESTITURE CHOIR

Conductor

Mitos Andaya Hart

Soprano

Ariah “Sucre” Brown

Margaret Cavallo

Finn De Vries

Kayla Elliott

Dillon Ferraro

Victoria Niedermayer

Ananya Ravi

Alto

Tayler Butenschoen

Emily Georgiou

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Tatiana Hayward

Sadie Roser

Angela Thornton

Tenor

Ben Bian

Miles Ellis Novotny

James Hatter

Jaiman Kondisetty

Charles McNeil Jr.

Julian Nguyễn

Bass

Dominic Barrell-Kobryn

Bryson Christopher

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Owen Krewson

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Fauzia Sadiq Garcia

Susan Jansen Varnum

ALMA MATER

*Onward with Temple,
Banners all unfurled;
Wide flung our standards,
To the winds they're hurled.
Following our Founder
To immortal fame;
Making true his vision,
Of a deathless name.*

*Hail! Alma Mater,
Honor, praise to Thee;
We pledge our lives,
Our hearts in loyalty.
Wisdom, Truth and Virtue
Built our Temple great;
Perseverance conquers;
Higher to create.*

Sullivan Hall



HISTORY AND TRADITIONS

Beginning in 1884 as a night school for working people, Temple University has grown into one of the country's foremost public four-year universities and a national leader in education, research and healthcare.

Today, Temple enrolls more than 30,000 students and plays a vital role in the Philadelphia region and the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As well, the university maintains a strong global reach, with long-standing and vibrant campuses in Tokyo and Rome, along with more than 370,000 living alumni worldwide.

Perseverantia Vincit, "Perseverance Conquers"—the university's official motto—reflects the drive to succeed and commitment to excellence of its students.



TEMPLE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Opened on March 2, 1891—three years after Temple College was chartered—the Romanesque Revival structure was originally known as the Temple or Grace Baptist Temple and instantly became a landmark in North Philadelphia. Built at the instigation of the university's founding president, Russell H. Conwell, the building was home to Temple's first Commencement in 1892 and used for every graduation ceremony until the early 1930s. Although graduation classes outgrew the facility, Temple University events were held in the building through the 1960s.

Over the years, the structure became a stop for some of the country's most important intellectual and political figures. Martin Luther King Jr. and President Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke there, as did anthropologist Margaret Mead. Anne Sullivan and her famed pupil, Helen Keller, appeared at the Temple, as did Gen. Dwight Eisenhower when he was president of Columbia University.

Temple University acquired the building in 1974, and after significant renovation reopened it in 2010 as a multipurpose performance center.

Masonry detail, Conwell Hall

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The academic procession is a relic of medievalism in modern university life. The somber gowns and colorful hoods are similar to those worn by scholars and religious people as early as the 12th century. The procession comprises university faculty who wish to participate, delegates representing various academic institutions and university leadership.

REGALIA

Gowns representing the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees vary in style. The bachelor's robe has long pointed sleeves; the master's robe, longer and narrow closed sleeves that extend below the knees. The doctoral robe has full, bell-shaped sleeves with three bands of velvet and a front opening faced with wide velvet bands in either black or the color indicating the area of study.

THE MACE

The mace is used for formal academic occasions including Commencement, Convocation, presidential investitures and other special ceremonies. Historically, the use of a mace dates to the Middle Ages and was carried before or placed near a magistrate or other dignitary as a symbol of authority. When the authority or leader is present, the mace is also present.

THE CHAIN OF OFFICE AND THE MEDALLION

The chain of office and medallion, specially created for the investiture of Temple's 10th president, are symbols of the office worn by the president on official and ceremonial occasions. The front of the medallion bears a replica of the official seal of the college, which includes the university's name and date of incorporation, a Greek temple, and the motto *Perseverantia Vincit* (Perseverance Conquers). The back of the medallion bears an image of Temple University founder Russell H. Conwell, along with the words "Knowledge with Honor" and "Wisdom Through Diligence." The chain is imprinted with symbols representing the university's original schools and colleges. During the investiture ceremony, the chair of the university's Board of Trustees presents and places the medallion around the president's neck, recognizing the official transfer of power of leadership. The president will then wear the medallion at all future academic ceremonies, such as Commencement and Convocation.

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Photo on following page: Masonry detail, Temple Performing Arts Center





