

+PRESBYTERY SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

(A service of installation shall be held by the presbytery within whose bounds the candidate has been called to minister. The presbytery or commission appointed for this purpose shall call the congregation gathered to worship. The service shall focus upon Christ and the joy and responsibility of the mission and ministry of the Church.)

NOTE: + indicates elements required by the Book Of Order

PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI or HYMN OF PRAISE

+SCRIPTURE READING(S)

+SERMON

(A sermon appropriate to the occasion shall be preached.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

+OFFERING

(Offerings are given to the presbytery to be used for the Candidates Scholarship Fund under the supervision of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.)

+SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

+OPENING COMMENTS

(The Presbytery Moderator or appointee shall briefly state the proceedings of the presbytery preparatory to the installation and shall point out its nature and importance.)

+PRESENTATION OF THE PASTOR-ELECT

(An elder from the calling church shall ordinarily present the candidate.)

+CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

(The Constitutional questions shall be posed by the Presbytery Moderator or appointee.)

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I DO

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church Universal, and God's Word to you?

I DO

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I DO and I WILL

Will you be a minister of the Word and Sacrament in obedience to Jesus Christ under the authority of Scripture, and continually guided by our confessions?

I WILL

Will you be governed by your church's polity and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among our colleagues in ministry, working with them subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I WILL

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I WILL

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I WILL

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

I WILL

Will you be a faithful minister, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the governing bodies of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I WILL

+INSTALLATION QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

(Following the affirmative answers by the person being installed, an elder shall face the congregation along with the pastor-elect and shall ask them to answer the following questions:)

Do we, the members of the church, accept _____, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

WE DO

Do we agree to encourage her(him), to respect her(his) decisions, and to follow as she(he) guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the Head of the Church?

WE DO

Do we promise to pay her(him) fairly and provide for her(his) welfare as she(he) works among us; to stand by her(him) in trouble and share her(his) joys? Will we listen to the word she(he) preaches, welcome her(his) pastoral care, and honor her(his) authority as she(he) seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ?

WE DO AND WE WILL

+CIRCLE OF PRAYER

(The person being installed ordinarily shall stand, if able. The presbytery shall with prayer install the pastor-elect.)

+ DECLARATION

(The Presbytery Moderator or appointee shall say:)

_____ ,you are now a minister of the Word and Sacrament in and for this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.

+WELCOME

(The members of the presbytery commission, and others as may be appropriate, shall welcome the newly installed minister into their fellowship in the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.)

CHARGE TO THE MINISTER

(A person chosen by the pastor-elect may give a brief charge.)

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

(A person chosen by the pastor-elect may give a brief charge to the congregation to be, with their new pastor, faithful in their relationship and in their reciprocal responsibilities.)

+BENEDICTION

(At the conclusion of the ordination service, the newly installed minister may make a brief statement and shall pronounce the benediction.)

POSTLUDE