

## **+PRESBYTERY SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

(Ordination is an act of the whole church carried out by the presbytery, setting apart a person to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. The service of ordination and installation shall be held by the presbytery within whose bounds the ordinand has been called to minister. It shall be held in the location for the regular worship of that congregation. 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 support of candidates under the care of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.)

## **+SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

### **+OPENING COMMENTS**

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

### **+PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE**

(An elder from the candidate's home church usually presents the candidate to Presbytery.)

### **+CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS**

(The Constitutional questions are 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 our 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 ordained and 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, in who alone is the Head of the Church?***

**WE DO**

