

Presentation of the officers to be installed and ordained for the class of _____ :

Elder to be ordained & Installed:

Elders to be installed:

Deacons to be ordained & Installed:

Deacons to be installed:

Let us Renew our Baptismal Vows:

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, and the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Pastor: Will you continue in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in be in prayer?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Pastor: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Pastor: Will you proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Pastor: Will you seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Pastor: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Pastor: Remember Your Baptism and be faithful to your vows

Pastor: There are different Gifts,

People: **But it is the same spirit who gives them.**

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,

People: **But it is the same Lord who is served.**

Pastor: God works through different people in different ways,

People: **But is the same God whose will is brought about through them all.**

Pastor: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: **To use it for the common good.**

Pastor: Together we are the Body of Christ,

People: **And individually members of Christ.**

ALL: **Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation lead by the risen Christ.**

Pastor: I will begin the installation and ordination service by asking the candidates the constitutional questions as prescribed by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church USA

G-14.0207 Constitutional Questions to Officers

The minister shall ask those preparing to be ordained or installed to stand before the congregation and to answer the following questions:

G-14.0207a. 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?

G-14.0207b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

G-14.0207c. 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?

G-14.0207d. Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

G-14.0207e. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

G-14.0207f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

G-14.0207g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

G-14.0207h. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

G-14.0207i. (For elder) Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

G-14.0207j. (For deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

G-14.0208 Constitutional Questions to Congregation by an elder of the congregation

The elders- and deacons-elect having answered in the affirmative, an elder shall stand with them before the congregation and shall ask the congregation to answer the following questions:

G-14.0208a. Do You, the members of _____ Presbyterian Church accept as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead you in the way of Jesus Christ? If so say, We do

Do You, the members of _____ Presbyterian Church accept as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead you in the way of Jesus Christ? If so say, We do.

G-14.0208b. Do You agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide you, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

If so, say we do.

Prayer of Ordination for Deacons -- Laying on of Hands (invite those previously ordained to come forward and lay hands on the candidates: Let us Pray:

Pastor: Now we give you thanks that you have called _____, whom we ordain in your name to be deacons in your church.

Hands are laid on the ordinand's head and the following words are said by the pastor. If there is more than one ordinand, these words are said for each one, hands being laid on that ordinand's head.

Pastor: God of grace, through the Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove, burning as fire, empower your servant, _____ for the office and work of a deacon in the church of God that your people may be strengthened and your holy name be glorified for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Prayer for Ordination of Elders -- Laying on of Hands
Let us Pray:*

Pastor: Now we give you thanks that you have called _____ whom we ordain in your name to be elders in your church.

*Declaration of Installation: Pastor Knudsen
The moderator shall say to those who have thus been ordained and installed:*

Pastor: You are now Deacons and Elders in the Church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation _____ Presbyterian Church. 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.