

Providence Presbyterian Church

Ordination and Installation of Elders January 6, 2008

Prelude and Acolyte

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 25

Leader: *Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.*

People: **He leads the humble in what is right,**

Leader: *And teaches the humble his way.*

ALL: **All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. Praise the LORD!**

* Hymn 317 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Confession of Sin *(In Unison)*

Merciful God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Give us your Holy Spirit that we may be given all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill! our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.*

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

* Responsive Praise “Seek Ye First” Hymn 349

* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Children’s Message Darren Stuart

Offertory and Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Hymn 34

The Old Testament Isaiah 61:1-7

Anthem “Ring the Bells” Adult Choir

Musical Interlude: Children exit with David and Pam Collier to Children’s Church

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

The New Testament Matthew 4:12-22

Sermon “What’s fishing got to do with following Jesus?” Rev. Jim Davis

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* Hymn of Dedication “Here I am, Lord” Hymn 559

* Acolyte, Benediction and Postlude

** Signifies Congregation to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers: Dick Embrey and Russell Wood
Acolyte and Bell Ringer: Joseph Phillips
Infant Nursery: Kent and Gwen Walton
Toddler Nursery: Courtney and Abbey Walton

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, January 13:

Ushers: Nathan Dry and Heath White
Acolyte/Bell Ringer: Abigail Wood
Children’s Message: Ann Benson
Children’s Church: John and Beth Pickens
Infant Nursery: Mark and Pam Nelms
Toddler Nursery: Melinda Kendall and Kendall Nelms

The Prayer List

Jeff Anderson, Elaine Andrews, Rachel Burnette, Josephine Byrd, Stacy Byrd, Carol Clifton, Sheila Dupree, Bill Embrey, Valerie Ennis, Tim Hudson, Sheila Ivey, Chris Johnson, Lacy and Marilyn Johnson, David Kopanski, Carolyn Lewis, Joan Littleton, Carol Mayben, Carol Nauquin, Jim Parrish, Jenny Parsons, Victor Phillips, Jonathan Pourron, Peyton Rodgers, Larry Ross, Alan Sanders, Alice Stephenson, Jimmy Stephenson, Paul Stephenson, David Stewart, David Stowe, Chris Wade, Christine Wallace, Victoria Whitman, and Rosemond and Ann Woodall.

Today at Providence:

9:45 a.m.: Sunday School Assembly in the Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
11:00 a.m.: Ordination and Installation of Elders during Worship
5:00 p.m.: Pioneer Clubs; 5:30 p.m.: Youth Group

Events for the week:

Tuesday, Jan 8: Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan 9: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events:

January 15. Presbyterian Women Daytime Circle meets at 10:00 a.m., and the Evening Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **There will be no PW Coordinating Team meeting in January.**

January 20. Pioneer Clubs at 5:00 p.m.; Youth Group at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

January 20. Deadline to give articles to DeEtta Wood for the February newsletter.

January 27. Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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Jesus Christ touching lives through us
and growing His church

January Scripture Passage

³ *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* ⁴ *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.* ⁵ *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.* ⁶ *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.* ⁷ *Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.* ⁸ *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.* ⁹ *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.* ¹⁰ *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* ¹¹ *Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.* ¹² *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

(Matthew 5:3-12)

MISSION STATEMENT

We believe God's mission for Providence Presbyterian Church is:

To make new disciples by sharing the gospel through our words and actions,

To nurture existing Christians into a mature faith by worship, fellowship and Christian education,

To serve God by worshiping Him through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,

And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

PRESENTATION

Pastor: There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good, and

ALL: together, we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Pastor: We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to different areas of service in a particular church. In baptism, *Sandra Lordi, Mark Nelms, and Atlee Roberts* were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of grace and service as elders, announcing in word and deed the love of Jesus Christ.

CLERK: Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of Providence Presbyterian Church now ordains *Sandra Lordi, Mark Nelms, and Atlee Roberts* to the office of elder and installs them to active service.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us stand and confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ as 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 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?

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 fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be 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 your 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 do.

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

I will.

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?

I will.

CLERK: Do we, the members of the church, accept *Sandra Lordi, Mark Nelms, and Atlee Roberts* as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

CLERK: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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