

First Presbyterian Church
Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

INSTALLATION

of
The Reverend Vernon W. Towne
as
Pastor
by the
Presbytery of Lackawanna
Sunday, October 3, 1976
7:00 P.M.

Participants:

THE REV. DAVID R. AARONSON, D.D.
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Sparta, NJ
Presbytery of Newton

THE REV. DAVID L. BECK, Ph.D.
Pastor, Green Ridge Presbyterian Church

THE REV. FLOYD W. EWALT, D.D.
Pastor, Falls Church Presbyterian Church, Falls Church, VA
National Capital Union Presbytery

THE REV. HARRY L. FERGUSON
Moderator, Presbytery of Lackawanna

ELDER MRS. WILLARD FRAY
First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

ELDER EDWARD K. KRAYBILL, Ph.D.
First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

ELDER RAYMOND H. MARTSOLF
First Presbyterian Church of Clarks Summit

THE REV. ROBERT R. SMYRL
Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Lackawanna

THE ORDER OF SERVICE
FOR
THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue" Ceasar Franck

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP ELDER MRS. WILLARD FRAY

*HYMN "God of the Prophets" #520

*COLLECT AND LORD'S PRAYER

In every age, O God, you have appointed spokesmen, prophets and ministers to lead your faithful people. May they speak the truth in love, keeping their witness bold and their lives pure. Make them humble and without pretense or pride, who bring light to darkness, showing the way of Jesus Christ, to whom be praise forever, who taught his disciples to pray...Our Father...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for the irrelevance of our faith and the inconsistencies of our lives. Forgive us for easy words without ardent deeds, for glib professions without robust faith, for perfunctory worship without courageous witness. Grant that in our worship we may be real, bringing all we know of ourselves to all we know of yourself, with the sincere resolve to trust, obey, and love you supremely. By your spirit enable us to receive your forgiveness and share your love, beginning this day in this place, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve and to many faithful witnesses.

We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

ANTHEM "Praise the Lord" Adult Choir

WELCOME

OFFERTORY THE REV. DAVID L. BECK

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING ELDER EDWARD K. KRAYBILL
Matthew 4:18-22

ANTHEM "Eternal Life" Adult Choir

SERMON THE REV. DAVID R. AARONSON
"New Pastor - New Commitment"

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION THE REV. HARRY L. FERGUSON

Moderator: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Moderator: There are different ways of serving God,

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

Moderator: God works through different men in different ways,

People: But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

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

People: To use it for the common good.

Moderator: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: And individually members of him.

Moderator: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make his church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ

is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Within our common ministry, some members are chosen for particular work as ministers of the word, ruling elders, or deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said:

Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if he wants to be first among you, he must be the slave of all men!

All: Just as the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE ELDER EDWARD K. KRAYBILL

Mr. Moderator, speaking for the people of the church, I bring Vernon Towne to be installed as Pastor.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS THE REV. HARRY L. FERGUSON

Rev. Towne, God has called you by the voice of the church to serve Jesus Christ in a special way. You know who we are and what we believe, and you understand the work for which you have been chosen.

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of the world 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.

Will you be instructed by the Confessions of our Church, and led by them as you lead the people of God?

I WILL.

Will you be a Pastor in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and continually guided by our Confessions?

I WILL.

Do you indorse our Church's government, and will you honor its discipline? Will you be a friend among your comrades in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's word and Spirit?

I DO AND I WILL.

Will you govern the way you live, by following the Lord Jesus Christ, loving neighbors, and working 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 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 courts of the Church, and, in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I WILL.

CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONS

ELDER EDWARD K. KRAYBILL

Do we, members of this church, accept Vernon Towne as Pastor, 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 him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

WE DO.

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

WE DO AND WE WILL.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION ELDER RAYMOND H. MARTSOLF

PRAYER (In Unison).

God of grace, you called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION THE REV. HARRY L. FERGUSON

CHARGE TO THE INSTALLED THE REV. FLOYD W. EWALT

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION THE REV. ROBERT R. SMYRL

*HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #307

*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

*POSTLUDE "Achieved Is The Glorious" Haydn from "The Creation"

Everyone is invited to a reception in Fellowship Hall following the service to greet Rev. and Mrs. Towne, and to welcome them to this ministry with us.