

## **The Presbytery of Donegal**

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## Outline for Service of Ordination/ Installation (basic)

### *Gathering*

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Opening Song/ Hymn  
Prayer of Confession  
Words of Assurance  
[Song of Response]  
[Sharing the Peace of Christ]

### *The Word*

[Prayer for Illumination]  
Scripture Reading(s)  
Sermon  
[Anthem or Song/ Hymn]

### *Responding to the Word*

[Affirmation of Faith]  
Offering  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Ordination/ Installation  
    Statement of Ordination/ Installation  
    Constitutional Questions  
        Questions to the Candidate  
        Questions to the Congregation  
    Prayer of Ordination  
    Laying on of Hands  
    Declaration of Ordination/ Installation  
    Welcome  
    [Presentation of Symbols of Ministry/ Gifts]  
Charge to those Ordained/ Installed  
Charge to the Congregation (if being installed to/ serving the congregation hosting the service)

### *Sending*

Song/ Hymn  
Benediction (by the newly ordained/ installed)  
Postlude

*[Brackets] indicate optional parts of the service*

## Outline for Service of Ordination/ Installation (With Reaffirmation of Baptism\*)

### *Gathering*

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Opening Song/ Hymn  
Prayer of Confession  
Words of Assurance  
[Song of Response]  
[Sharing the Peace of Christ]

### *The Word*

[Prayer for Illumination]  
Scripture Reading(s)  
Sermon  
[Anthem or Song/ Hymn]

### *Responding to the Word*

[Affirmation of Faith]  
Offering  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Ordination/ Installation  
    Statement of Ordination/ Installation  
    Reaffirmation of Baptism\*  
    Constitutional Questions  
        Questions to the Candidate  
        Questions to the Congregation  
    Prayer of Ordination  
    Laying on of Hands  
    Declaration of Ordination/ Installation  
    Welcome  
    [Presentation of Symbols of Ministry/ Gifts]  
Charge to those Ordained/ Installed  
Charge to the Congregation (if being installed to/ serving the congregation hosting the service)

### *Sending*

Song/ Hymn  
Benediction (by the newly ordained/ installed)  
Postlude

*[Brackets] indicate optional parts of the service*

## Outline for Service of Ordination/ Installation (with Communion)

### *Gathering*

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Opening Song/ Hymn  
Prayer of Confession  
Words of Assurance  
[Song of Response]  
[Sharing the Peace of Christ]

### *The Word*

[Prayer for Illumination]  
Scripture Reading(s)  
Sermon  
[Anthem or Song/ Hymn]

### *Responding to the Word*

[Affirmation of Faith]  
Offering  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Ordination/ Installation  
    Statement of Ordination/ Installation  
    Constitutional Questions  
        Questions to the Candidate  
        Questions to the Congregation  
    Prayer of Ordination  
    Laying on of Hands  
    Declaration of Ordination/ Installation  
    Welcome  
    [Presentation of Symbols of Ministry/ Gifts]  
Charge to those Ordained/ Installed  
Charge to the Congregation (if being installed to/ serving the congregation hosting the service)  
Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion  
    Invitation to the Table  
    Prayer of Thanksgiving/ Words of Institution  
    Sharing the Sacrament  
    Prayer

### *Sending*

Song/ Hymn  
Benediction (by the newly ordained/ installed)  
Postlude

*[Brackets] indicate optional parts of the service*

HYMNS FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES  
*updated from resources on the PC(USA) Website*

**The following hymns are particularly appropriate for use in services of ordination and installation.**

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)   | <i>PH 220, GtG 385</i> |
| Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks                 | <i>PH 106, GtG 240</i> |
| Be Thou My Vision                               | <i>PH 339, GtG 450</i> |
| Called as Partners in Christ's Service          | <i>GtG 761</i>         |
| Come, Great God of All the Ages                 | <i>PH 132, GtG 309</i> |
| Come! Live in the Light                         | <i>GtG 749</i>         |
| Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether                  | <i>PH 504, GtG 529</i> |
| From All That Dwell Below the Skies (Psalm 117) | <i>PH 229, GtG 327</i> |
| Give Thanks, O Christian People                 | <i>PH 552, GtG 644</i> |
| Go, My Children, with My Blessing               | <i>GtG 547</i>         |
| Go to the World!                                | <i>GtG 295</i>         |
| God Is Here!                                    | <i>PH 461, GtG 409</i> |
| God Is My Strong Salvation (Psalm 27)           | <i>PH 179, GtG 841</i> |
| God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand            | <i>PH 262, GtG 331</i> |
| God of Grace and God of Glory                   | <i>PH 420, GtG 307</i> |
| Great is Thy Faithfulness                       | <i>GtG 39</i>          |
| Guide My Feet                                   | <i>PH 354, GtG 741</i> |
| Here I Am, Lord                                 | <i>PH 525, GtG 69</i>  |
| Here in this Place                              | <i>GtG 401</i>         |
| Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!            | <i>PH 138, GtG 1</i>   |
| Holy God, We Praise Your Name                   | <i>PH 460, GtG 4</i>   |
| How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord                 | <i>PH 419, GtG 432</i> |
| I Come with Joy                                 | <i>PH 507, GtG 515</i> |
| I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art          | <i>PH 457, GtG 624</i> |
| I'll Praise My Maker (Psalm 146)                | <i>PH 253, GtG 806</i> |
| I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me                | <i>GtG 700</i>         |
| Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love              | <i>PH 367, GtG 203</i> |
| Let Us Build a House                            | <i>GtG 301</i>         |
| Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ               | <i>PH 514, GtG 526</i> |
| Lift High the Cross                             | <i>PH 371, GtG 826</i> |
| Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song              | <i>PH 314, GtG 285</i> |
| Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness          | <i>GtG 314</i>         |

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|--|------------------------|
| Lord, You Give the Great Commission        | <i>PH 429, GtG 298</i> |
| Lord, Make Us More Holy                    | <i>PH 536, GtG 313</i> |
| Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore       | <i>GtG 721</i>         |
| Loving Spirit                              | <i>PH 323, GtG 293</i> |
| New Songs of Celebration Render (Psalm 98) | <i>PH 218, GtG 371</i> |
| Now Thank We All Our God                   | <i>PH 555, GtG 643</i> |
| O Come and Sing unto the Lord (Psalm 95)   | <i>PH 214, GtG 638</i> |
| O Day of Radiant Gladness                  | <i>PH 470, GtG 393</i> |
| Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)  | <i>PH 210, GtG 687</i> |
| Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty           | <i>GtG 35</i>          |
| Take My Life                               | <i>PH 391, GtG 697</i> |
| Take, O Take Me as I am                    | <i>GtG 698</i>         |
| The Church of Christ in Every Age          | <i>PH 421, GtG 320</i> |
| The Church's One Foundation                | <i>PH 442, GtG 321</i> |
| Though I May Speak                         | <i>PH 335, GtG 693</i> |
| Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples    | <i>PH 434, GtG 757</i> |
| Together We Serve                          | <i>GtG 767</i>         |
| Una Espiga (Sheaves of Summer)             | <i>PH 518, GtG 532</i> |
| We All Are One in Mission                  | <i>GtG 733</i>         |
| Will You Come and Follow Me?               | <i>GtG 726</i>         |

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF A TEACHING ELDER  
From the PC(USA) Website

The following readings are particularly appropriate for use in the Service of Ordination and Installation of a teaching elder. If this is to be the principal service for the Lord's Day, the readings appointed for that day (BCW pp. 1035–1048) may also be used.

**OLD TESTAMENT**

The psalm listed with each reading is appropriate for use as a response.

|                |                                   |                           |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ex. 3:1–12     | The call of Moses                 | Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45c |
| Ex. 33:7–17    | My presence will go with you      | Psalm 99                  |
| Josh. 1:1–9    | Be strong and courageous          | Psalm 90                  |
| Isa. 6:1–8     | The call of Isaiah                | Psalm 29                  |
| Isa. 40:1–11   | Comfort my people                 | Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13        |
| Isa. 43:1–7    | I have called you by name         | Psalm 29                  |
| Isa. 52:7–12   | How beautiful upon the mountains  | Psalm 98                  |
| Isa. 55:6–11   | My word shall not return empty    | Psalm 119:129–144         |
| Isa. 61:1–3    | The Spirit of the Lord is upon me | Psalm 126                 |
| Jer. 1:4–10    | The call of Jeremiah              | Psalm 71:1–6              |
| Ezek. 34:11–16 | God the true Shepherd             | Psalm 100                 |
| Micah 6:6–8    | What does the Lord require        | Psalm 15                  |

**EPISTLES**

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|-----------------|---|
| Acts 1:6–8      | You will be my witnesses                          |
| Rom. 10:11–17   | Faith comes from hearing                          |
| 1 Cor. 1:18–31  | We preach Christ crucified                        |
| 1 Cor. 3:18–4:2 | It is required that stewards be found trustworthy |
| 1 Cor. 11:23–26 | The institution of the Lord's Supper              |
| 2 Cor. 4:1–7    | We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord                  |
| 2 Cor. 5:14–20  | We are ambassadors for Christ                     |
| Gal. 5:22–26    | The fruit of the Spirit                           |
| Eph. 4:7, 11–13 | Equipping the saints for the work of ministry     |
| Phil. 2:1–11    | Let the same mind be in you                       |
| Heb. 12:1–13    | Run with perseverance the race set before you     |

**GOSPELS**

|                |                                   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Matt. 5:1–12   | The Beatitudes                    |
| Matt. 9:35–38  | The harvest is plentiful          |
| Matt. 11:25–30 | Take my yoke upon you             |
| Matt. 28:16–20 | The Great Commission              |
| Mark 1:16–20   | I will make you fish for people   |
| Mark 10:35–45  | Not to be served but to serve     |
| Luke 4:16–21   | The Spirit of the Lord is upon me |

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|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Luke 22:14–27 | I am among you as one who serves |
| John 12:20–26 | We wish to see Jesus             |
| John 14:15–31 | The Holy Spirit will teach you   |
| John 15:1–17  | I am the vine                    |
| John 21:15–19 | Feed my sheep                    |



The candidate moves to the front of the place of worship to answer the questions required by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The moderator addresses the candidate:

Do you trust in the Lord 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 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 ministry 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 pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

Will you be a faithful teaching elder, 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 councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

A ruling elder of the church addresses the congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept N. as our *pastor/associate 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 pray for *him/her*, encourage *him/her*, to respect *his/her* decisions, and to follow as *he/she* guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Do we promise to pay *him/her* fairly and provide for *his/her* welfare as *he/she* works among us; to stand by *him/her* in trouble and share *his/her* joys?

Will we listen to the word *he/she* preaches, welcome *his/her* pastoral care, and honor *his/her* authority as *he/she* seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We do and we will.**

## **Resources for Ordination/ Installation Liturgy Pieces**

*Below are links to websites with great resources for liturgy that can be used in services. Most can be searched by theme or by scripture:*

<http://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/services-for-ordination-and-installation/>

<http://www.reformedworship.org/article/march-2003/god-called-some-bepastors-service-ordinationinstallation>

<http://www.textweek.com/>

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/>

## **Examples of Complete Ordination/ Installation Services**

Basic Service

*Installation of Rev. Daniel R. Snyder (Donegal Presbytery)*

*Installation of Rev. Matthew D. Randolph (Donegal Presbytery)*

*Ordination of M. Randolph (Salem Presbytery)*

*Installation of Rev. Craig Wiley (Donegal Presbytery)*

*Installation of Co-Pastors Rev. Emily Chudy and Rev. Timothy J. Black*

Contains Communion only

*Ordination of Megan LeCluyse (Grand Canyon Presbytery)*

Contains Remembrance Baptism only

*Ordination of Shelby Etheridge (National Capital Presbytery)*

Contains both remembrance of Baptism and Communion

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/teaching-elderpastor-installation-and-ordination-service/>