

**A Service of Installation
for
Reverend Greg Allen-Pickett**



CENTRAL NEBRASKA PRESBYTERY

First Presbyterian Church

Hastings, Nebraska

Four o'clock in the afternoon

Sunday, May 7, 2017

A Service of Installation for Reverend Greg Allen-Pickett

Prelude *Fanfare* Nicholas Jacques Lemmens
Organist Linda Vollweiler

Introit *Here in this Place (Gather Us In)* Marty Haugen
Chancel Choir and Celebrate Band

THE GREETING Pastor Joyce Dean

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Grace and peace to all who have gathered here in the name of Jesus. God has promised,
“Where two or three are gathered in my name, I’m there with you.”

Let us worship and praise the living God!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Will You Come and Follow Me* 726

*CALL TO WORSHIP Stephanie Brader

Our help is in the name of the Lord

who made heaven and earth.

Lead a life worthy of your vocation to which you have been called, with all humility,
gentleness, and patience,

***bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the
unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.***

Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gifts.

***Some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors
and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for the
building up of the body of Christ.***

Through our worship here today, through this act of installation, and through our lives,
may we all exercise these gifts to the glory of God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Jill Boyd

***Almighty God, by water and your Holy Spirit you baptized us to be your
own and called the church into being.***

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed.

We have not always loved you with our whole heart.

We have not always loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have often held back the love of your Spirit among us.

We have not always listened for your word of grace.

We don’t always live as a people made one in Christ.

Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be.

Help us to confirm your will and walk in your ways.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Jill Boyd

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loved us, even when we were dead through our sin, made us alive together with Christ and raised us up with him. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. The waters of baptism are a reminder of that grace for all of us. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

Alleluia! Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

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***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen. Amen!***

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

Please greet one another by exchanging the Peace of Christ.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. David Boyd

***Overwhelm us with your Holy Spirit, O God, that the words we hear will
speak to our hearts as your Word, made known to us in Jesus Christ the
Lord. Amen.***

FIRST LESSON

John 21:15-19

Rev. David Boyd

ANTHEM

As a Chalice Cast of Gold
Chancel Choir, Dr. Robin R. Koozer, Director

Walter L. Pelz

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:1-18

Elder Darnice Nyce

SERMON

Rev. Chris Chakoian

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – From “A Brief Statement of Faith” of the PC(USA)

***In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we
trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we
worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver
and re-newer of life.***

***The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept
ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all
believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.***

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*HYMN

Here I am Lord

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The Celebrate Band will sing the verses; all gathered will sing the chorus.

INSTALLATION

A LITANY OF GIFTS

Kili Wenburg

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

If your gift is to hear God's Word,

speak it out in faith.

If your gift is service,

live to serve others.

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,

teach what is true.

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,

serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

STATEMENT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Elder Chuck Sparks

We are called out by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together, we are to display the new reality that sin is forgiven, reconciliation accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down.

As the living body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives, and to demonstrate Christ's love in service to the world.

We are called to undertake this mission even at the risk of life, trusting God in all things. In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our time, a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work. Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

***The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
The maintenance of divine worship;
The preservation of the truth;
The promotion of social righteousness; and
The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.***

STATEMENT ON THE PARTICULAR CALL TO MINISTRY

Pastor Joyce Dean

The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ.

The particular responsibility of the ministry of the Word and Sacrament is to build up the church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly celebrated.

The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by the candidate, and approved by the presbytery.

Therefore the Presbytery of Central Nebraska, by means of this commission, now installs Greg Allen-Pickett as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

In his baptism, Greg was clothed with Christ. He was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Denver, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our brother, to serve among us as pastor.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE

Pastor Joyce Dean

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 be a minister of the Word and Sacrament in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and continually guided by the 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 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.*

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Elder Chris Junker

Do we, the members of the church, accept Greg as our 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 promise to pay him fairly, and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble, and share his joy? 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 AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

Bryce Wiebe

Lord God of our salvation, by your Word, you called creation into being and made us in your image to love and serve you. By your saving love you sent Jesus Christ to live among us, to redeem your people and establish your peace. By your Holy Spirit, you shower gifts on your children, opening hearts and worlds to your grace, empowering us to live holy and joyful lives.

We praise you, eternal God, for the church throughout the world, born of your love, saved by your grace, and sustained by your Holy Spirit. Make us the community you have called us to be, your very own people, gifted to proclaim your marvelous love.

Gracious God, we praise you that you have chosen servants in every age to speak your Word and lead your loyal people. We give you thanks for your servant Greg, and for the ministry to which you have called him. Give Greg a full measure of the gifts of your Holy Spirit both in the walk of faith and for the work of ministry. Anoint Greg with power to proclaim the gospel in Word and Sacrament, in witness and in service, in truth and in love, for the building up of the people of God and for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Generous God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon this congregation and all its people, that, baptized into your service and united in Christ's love, they may serve you with joy and faithfulness until all things are made new. Let the word they proclaim be your Word of truth. Let the compassion they show to the world be your love in Christ. Let their common life as pastor and people together, be holy, peaceable, and glad in your Spirit. Gracious God, accept all that we are and have in the service of Jesus Christ, and strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Pastor Joyce Dean

Greg, as a minister of the Word and Sacrament in the church of Jesus Christ, you are now installed as pastor of this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

*HYMN

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLIC GIFTS FOR THE OFFICE OF MINISTRY

<u>Gift</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Bible	Minister of Word	Chris Junker
Cup and Plate	Minister of Sacraments	Jim Duval and Jeni Howard
Book of Order and Gavel	Moderator	Chad Murrell and Joan Shaw
Stole	Yoke of ministry	Jessica and Esther Allen-Pickett
Shepherd's Staff	Pastor	Pastor Emeritus Bill Nottage-Tacey

THE OFFERING (For Presbytery Scholarships for students going to seminary)

OFFERTORY

For Everyone Born (A Place at the Table)

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Bryce Wiebe and Greg Allen-Pickett will sing the verses.

The congregation is invited to sing the chorus.

*DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Joyce Dean

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Bryce Wiebe

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR

Elder Chuck Sparks

*HYMN

Come, Labor On

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*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Chancel Choir

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A reception of celebration for First Presbyterian Church and Pastor Greg will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings and Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett would like to express appreciation to the following:

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jim Duval
Jeni Howard
Chris Junker
Mike Karloff
Pamela Lay
Chad Murrell
Joan Shaw

PRESBYTERY OF CENTRAL NEBRASKA
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Teaching Elder: David Boyd - *First Presbyterian Church, Gothenburg*
Teaching Elder: Jill Boyd - *First Presbyterian Church, Cozad*
Ruling Elder: Darnice Nyce - *Second Presbyterian Church, Hastings*
Ruling Elder: Chris Junker - *First Presbyterian Church, Hastings*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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PREACHER Rev. Dr. Christine Chakoian, Pastor, Friend of Greg

LITURGIST / CHARGE TO CONGREGATION Bryce Wiebe, Friend of FPC Hastings, Friend of Greg

LITURGIST / CHARGE TO PASTOR Chuck Sparks, Genesis Presbyterian Church, Littleton, CO

Gratitude is also expressed to the Chancel Choir, Celebrate Band, Organist Linda Vollweiler, and all of those who participated in preparing and serving at the reception.

The Allen-Pickett family would like to thank the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings community for the warm welcome that has been extended to us.