



Installation Service *for*
DR. GEORGE W. ROBERTSON
as Senior Pastor

October 15, 2017 · 6:00 p.m.

Second Presbyterian Church · Memphis, Tennessee
Central South Presbytery

Preparation *for* Worship

The purpose of our gathering this evening is to worship God by installing George Robertson as the sixteenth Senior Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church. This ceremony itself does not confer any special power upon him, but it simply gives public recognition to God's calling on his life.

We model what we do after the early church in Acts 13 which reads: "While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went..." (vv. 2-4).

Below is a prayer adapted from Martin Luther that reflects our pastor's heart. Please use it as a guide to pray for him in the days ahead!

A Prayer for the Installation of A Minister

O Lord God,
You have made me a pastor and teacher in Your Church.
You see how unfit I am to administer rightly this great and responsible office;
and, had I been without Your aid and counsel,
I would surely have ruined it all long ago.
Therefore, I invoke Your Spirit to empower me.
How gladly I desire to yield and consecrate my heart and mouth to this ministry!
I desire to teach Your congregation.
I desire to learn and keep Your Word as my constant companion,
and to meditate upon it earnestly.
Use me as Your instrument in Your service,
Only do not forsake me, for if I am left to myself,
I will certainly bring it all to destruction. Amen.

Adapted from Martin Luther

In preparation for worship, please silence all mobile devices.

‡Indicates congregation standing.

Order for the PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

PRELUDE: "Music for the Royal Fireworks" G. F. Handel; arr. Biggs

INTROIT: "I Was Glad" C. Hubert Parry

I was glad, glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. (*Psalm 122:1-2*)

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. D. Todd Erickson

✠HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

1. The church-'s one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won:

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

✦INVOCATION (*please lift hands*)

GREETINGS FROM MEMPHIS CLERGY..... Bishop Edward Stephens

GREETINGS FROM FORMER SENIOR PASTORDr. Sanders L. Willson

✦HYMN: “Come People of the Risen King/Rejoice the Lord is King!”Keith Getty, John Wesley
arr. Larson

**Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain***

**Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing — shore to shore we hear them call:
The Truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all.” *Refrain***

THE INSTALLATION

Presbytery of Central South Installation Commission: Timothy L. Russell, Richard G. Cain, Glennbruce Campbell, Britt Summers, Robert Coleman, Patrick L. Nelson, and Ben J. Scott

MINISTERIAL VOWS

Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior?

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?

Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

Do you affirm and adopt the “Essentials of Our Faith” without exception?

Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?

Do you promise subjection to your fellow Presbyters in the Lord?

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy Ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

Are you now willing to take the charge of this Church, agreeable to your declaration when accepting their call? And do you, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties of a Pastor?

CONGREGATIONAL VOWS

Are you, the members of this congregation ready to receive George Robertson as your Pastor?

Do you promise to submit to him in matters of spiritual discipline, and to receive with humility and love the Word of truth?

Do you promise to support him with your prayers, to give encouragement in his work, and to assist him in every way as he seeks to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God in this place?

Do you recommit yourselves to fulfill the terms of the call you have extended and to make provision for his needs that the name of Christ might be glorified?

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION..... Dr. Richard G. Cain

CHARGE TO MINISTER AND CONGREGATION Rev. Timothy L. Russell

CHORAL ANTHEM: “Hallelujah” from *Mount of Olives*.....Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah, hallelujah unto God’s Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.
Man, proclaim His grace and glory,
Hallelujah, hallelujah unto God’s Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord in songs of joy in holy songs of joy.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 23:1 Blanche P. Tosh

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "All You Need to Know" Dr. Paul Koostra

♠HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"..... DIADEMATA

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne:
 2. Crown him the Lord of love: be - hold his hands and side -
 3. Crown him the Lord of life: who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
 4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n: one with the Fa - ther known,

hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 who rose vic - to - rious to the strife for those he came to save.
 one with the Spir - it through him giv'n from yon - der glo - rious throne.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 To thee be end - less praise, for thou for us hast died;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.
 be thou, O Lord, through end - less days a - dored and mag - ni - fied.

♠PRESENTATION Patrick L. Nelson and Kathy B. Hammond
Members of the Pastoral Search Committee

♠BENEDICTION (*please lift hands*) Dr. George W. Robertson

♠POSTLUDE: "Hallelujah" from *Messiah* G. F. Handel; arr. Metzger

Following the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a reception.

Musicians

The Chancel Choir & Westminster Academy Choir

Christy Young, Director

Tim Johnson, Ebony Henderson, and Rachel Harkins, singers

Steve Hancock, violin

Michael Parsons, percussion and guitar

Liz Parsons, piano

Samuel Metzger, organ

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