

# Hope

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (OPC)



*Pastoral Installation Service*  
*November 8, 2019*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. — *1 Peter 1:3*

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# *Installation Service – 7:00pm*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. —*Titus 2:11–14*

## *Quiet Meditation in Preparation for Worship*

### **God Greets and Calls Us To Worship**

Apostolic Salutation

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1–3

### **We Respond to God's Call**

\*Hymn of Praise

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

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\*Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise

*Rejoice, The Lord Is King*

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### **God Speaks to Us from His Word**

Scripture Reading

*Provided Bible, p. 981*

Philippians 3

Sermon

*Unity Through Heavenly-Mindedness*

Rev. Dr. Marcus Mininger

\*Hymn

*How Beautiful the Sight*

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\* *Please stand*

# *Installation Service – 7:00pm*

## **Installation of Rev. York as Pastor**

Purpose of the Meeting

Rev. Brian De Jong

Questions to the Pastor

Questions to the Congregation

(1) Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Rev. Adam York, whom you have called to be your minister?

(2) Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?

(3) Do you promise to encourage him in his arduous labor and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

(4) And do you promise to continue to him, while he is your pastor, that worldly maintenance which you have promised, and whatever else you may see needful for the honor of religion and his comfort among you?

Installation

## **Charge to the Minister**

Scripture Reading

*Provided Bible, p. 900*

John 13:1–20

Charge to the Minister

Rev. Dr. Alan Strange

\*Hymn

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

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## **Charge to the Congregation**

Scripture Reading

*Provided Bible, p. 1009*

Hebrews 13:7–16

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Dr. Camden Bucey

\*Hymn

*The Church's One Foundation*

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## **God Blesses Us**

\*Benediction

Rev. Adam York

*\* Please stand*

## *The Office of Minister*

The Word of God clearly teaches that the office of minister was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul declares that our Lord “gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ.”

The duties of the minister of Christ may briefly be set forth under the following heads: the faithful exposition of the Word of God and its application to the needs of the hearers, in order that the unconverted may be reconciled to God and that the saints may be built up in their most holy faith; the offering of prayer to the Lord on behalf of the congregation; the administration of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord’s Supper; and the exercise, in conjunction with the ruling elders, of the government and discipline of the church.

The office of the minister is first in the church for dignity and usefulness, for, by our God’s sovereign design, the ministry of the Word is the primary instrument in our Lord’s gathering and perfecting of his church. The person who fills this office is designated in Scripture by different names expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed bishop. As he feeds them with spiritual food, he is termed pastor and teacher. As he serves Christ in his church, he is termed minister. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, and an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house of God, he is termed presbyter or elder. As he is sent to declare the will of God to sinners, and to beseech them to be reconciled to God through Christ, he is termed ambassador. As he is commanded to warn the house of Israel against the enemies of God and his Word, he is termed watchman. And, as he dispenses the manifold grace of God and the ordinances instituted by Christ, he is termed steward of the mysteries of God.

—*Form of Government* XXIII.8

Christ’s undershepherd in a local congregation of God’s people, who joins with the ruling elders in governing the congregation, is called a pastor. It is his charge to feed and tend the flock as Christ’s minister and with the other elders to lead them in all the service of Christ. It is his task to conduct the public worship of God; to pray for and with Christ’s flock as the mouth of the people unto God; to feed the flock by the public reading and preaching of the Word of God, according to which he is to teach, convince, reprove, exhort, comfort, and evangelize, expounding and applying the truth of Scripture with ministerial authority, as a diligent workman approved by God; to administer the sacraments; to bless the people from God; to shepherd the flock and minister the Word according to the particular needs of groups, families, and individuals in the congregation, catechizing by teaching plainly the first principles of the oracles of God to the baptized youth and to adults who are yet babes in Christ, visiting in the homes of the people, instructing and counseling individuals, and training them to be faithful servants of Christ; to minister to the poor, the sick, the afflicted, and the dying; and to make known the gospel to the lost.

—*Form of Government* VIII

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### *Ministers*

Rev. Adam York (pastor elect)

Rev. Dr. Camden Bucey

Rev. Brandon Wilkins

### *Elders*

Henk Blom ('21)

Carl Gobelman ('20)

Randy Lee ('22)

Bernie Winter

### *Deacons*

Ed De Boer ('20)

Ken Janka ('20)

Ryan Noha ('21)

Bryan Winter ('22)