

**The Installation of the Rev. Dr. Stephen J. Price-Gibson
as Designated Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Kearney
by the Presbytery of Central Nebraska
4:00 p.m. – September 25, 2011**

Order of Worship

PRELUDE	“Praise to the Lord”	arr. Gordon Young
WELCOME		Bill Nottage-Tacey
INTROIT	“God, We Honor You”	James E. Clemens
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Psalm 34: 1-5a	Ken Shaffer
I will bless the Lord at all times, whose praise shall ever be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt the name of the Lord together. I sought the Lord, who answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look upon the Lord, and be radiant		
*HYMN	“Be Thou My Vision”	Insert
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.		
SCRIPTURE READINGS		
	Exodus 13:17-22 Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Mary Crumbliss Don Canady
SOLO	“The Call” Clayton Moyer, soloist	R. Vaughan Williams
SERMON	“ <i>THE Y/S ROOT</i> ”	Elaine Besthorn
*HYMN	“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”	No. 281

THE INSTALLATION OF THE DESIGNATED PASTOR

Statement on the nature and purpose of the occasion

There are different gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through different men in different ways,
but it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.
Each one is given a gift by the Spirit
to use it for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of him.
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 teaching elders, ruling elders, or “deacons”. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said:
Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant,
and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your servant;
**just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life a ransom for many.”**

Presentation

Ken Shaffer

Mr. Moderator, speaking for the people of the church, I bring Stephen Price-Gibson to be installed as Designated Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Kearney.

Constitutional Questions to the Pastor

Bill Nottage-Tacey

Stephen, God has called you to be 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.

- a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledging him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- b. 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?

- c. 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?
- d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e. 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?
- f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- i. 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?

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Ken Shaffer

- a. Do we, the members of the church, accept Stephen Price-Gibson as our Designated Pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?
- b. Do we agree to pray for him, to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?
- c. 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?

Laying on of Hands and Prayer of Installation

Bill Nottage-Tacey

Statement to the Pastor

Stephen Price-Gibson, you are now a teaching elder in and for this congregation. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen

Welcome

[Members of the presbytery and others shall welcome the newly installed teaching elder into their fellowship.]

OFFERING

The Johnson Scholarship Fund

OFFERTORY

“Simple Gifts”

arr. John Purifoy

Sandy McKirahan, Flute; Sharon Rees, Piano

CHARGE TO THE CANDIDATE

Mary Crumbliss

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Don Canady

SIGNS OF THE MINISTRY

Stephen, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

Amen.

Stephen, take this water, and baptize in obedience to our Lord.

Amen.

Stephen, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and minister.

Amen.

Stephen, receive these cranes, and be among us a man of prayer.

Amen.

Stephen, take this calendar, and bring your insight and passion to our meetings and programs.

Amen.

Stephen, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

Amen.

Stephen, accept this Book of Order, and be among us to share in the councils of this Presbytery.

Amen.

Stephen, take this plate and cup, and be among us to serve at the Lord's Table.

Amen.

Stephen, let all these be signs of the ministry which is yours in this place.

Amen.

*HYMN

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

No. 446

*CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Stephen Price-Gibson

*CHORAL BLESSING

“Amen”

Dale Wood

POSTLUDE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

arr. Benjamin Culli

All are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Family Life Center at the conclusion of the Service, hosted by the Evangelism Committee.

The Commission to Install, Presbytery of Central Nebraska

The Rev. Elaine Besthorn	Teaching Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Cozad Member, Committee On Ministry
The Rev. Don Canady	Teaching Elder, Church of the Plains, Edgar Member, Committee On Ministry
Mrs. Mary Crumbliss	Ruling Elder, Church of the Plains, Edgar Member, Committee On Ministry
The Rev. Dr. William Nottage-Tacey	Vice-Moderator, Presbytery of Central Nebraska Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Hastings
Dr. Kenton Shaffer	Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Kearney Chair, Pastor Nominating Committee

Thanks to:

Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Sandy McKirahan
Accompanist: Mrs. Sharon Rees
Soloist: Mr. Clayton Moyer
Sound: Mr. John McKirahan
The Chancel Choir
Presenters of Signs: Mr. Richard Elliott, Mr. Scott Matteson, Mrs. Orlena Moyer,
Mrs. Barb Friskopp, Mrs. Lynnda Shaffer, Mr. Stephen Miller, Mrs. Beverly Pickens
Greeter: Mrs. Mary Jo Morrow
Ushers: Mr. Phil Feese, Mrs. Fia Feese, Mr. Dean Gaeth, Mrs. Alma Gaeth, Mr. Alan Oldfather
The Evangelism Committee
Mrs. Rose Miller, Office Administrator
The Rev. Dr. Robert Houser, General Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Central Nebraska

And most thanks go to:

The Rev. Caroline Price-Gibson, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Grand Island
“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our
souls blossom.”
—Marcel Proust