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***-Installation-***

**Sentences of Scripture**

There are varieties of 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.***

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

**Statement on Ordination**

The session *of First Presbyterian Church of Henderson*

installs to active service those who have been previously ordained:

 *ruling elders* Liz Buckner-Cross and Jimmy Chapman.

**\*Profession of Faith**

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism.

Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God’s rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin

and renounce evil and its power in the world?

 ***I do.***

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

***I do.***

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

 ***I will, with God’s help.***

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,***

***he is seated at the right hand of the Father,***

***and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,***

***the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

The Lord be with you. ***And also, with you.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

**Constitutional Questions**

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 ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

 ***I will.***

Do we, the members of the church, accept Jimmy Chapman and Liz Cross as *ruling elders*,

chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

***We do.***

Do we agree to pray for *them*, to encourage *them*, to respect *their* decisions, and to follow as *they* guide us,
serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

 ***We do.***

**Prayer of Ordination and Installation**

**Declaration of Ordination [and Installation]**

**\*Hymn #490 Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters (v.3)**

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