

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
For Ruling Elders at Celebration Presbyterian Church
February 2, 2020

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Cecilia Evans, Clerk of Session

We are called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to particular service as Ruling Elders and as Teaching Elders/Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering sacraments.

Representing the one, holy catholic, and apostolic church, the session of Celebration Presbyterian Church now ordains **Sara Bamrick, Wayne Harms and Anthony Tiani** to the office of Ruling Elder and installs them to active service on the Session of our church.

The session also installs to active service on the session of Celebration Presbyterian Church those who have been previously ordained: Ruling Elder **Terry Pettijohn**.

Ordination calls the whole church to renewed commitment and reminds us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given to each of us in the covenant of baptism.

(B.O.O.) W. 4.4003 -- (Tom Dendy) The moderator of the Celebration Session of those to be ordained, installed, shall ask them to stand before the body of membership and to answer the following questions: **Sara Bamrick, Wayne Harms, Anthony Tiani and Terry Pettijohn**.

- a. Do you trust in 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.)**
- 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? **(I do.)**
- 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? **(I do and I will.)**
- d. Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **(I will.)**
- 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? **(I will.)**
- 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? **(I will.)**
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **(I do.)**
- h. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **(I will.)**

i. 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 governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **(I will.)**

At the service of installation of Ruling Elders:

a. The elders-elect having answered in the affirmative, elder (Cecilia Evans) shall stand with them before the congregation and ask the congregation to answer the following questions:

(* indicates elders-elect for ordination)

(1) Do we, the members of the church, accept *Sara Bamrick, *Wayne Harms, *Anthony Tiani and Terry Pettijohn as Ruling Elders chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **(We do.)**

(2) Do we agree 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.)**

b. The current Session and all Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders present, shall gather and lay hands on the newly ordained elders who will kneel, if possible. Session moderator (Tom Dendy) shall offer the prayer of ordination/installation.

c. The moderator (Tom Dendy) shall charge those who have been ordained/installed: ***You are now elders in the Church of Jesus Christ 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.***

d. Then the members of the session, and others as may be appropriate, shall welcome the newly installed elders into their fellowship in ministry.

e. After the service, it is appropriate for the members of the congregation to greet their new elders, showing affection and support.

**Thank you to the outgoing elders Priscilla Mulligan, Nancy Resnick
and Rick Thornburgh!**

Celebration Session 2020

Session Class of 2020

RULING ELDERS: Jeanne Bredbeck, Cecilia Evans, Ken Krenzer, Terry Pettijohn

Class of 2021

Myra Burrows, Kathy Wechter, Katrena White

Class of 2022

Sara Bamrick, Wayne Harms, Anthony Tiani

TREASURER 2020 Nanette Kelly

TEACHING ELDER Tom Dendy – Pastor/Moderator CLERK 2020 Cecilia Evans