

## Induction / Ordination

At a special event in the life of a congregation  
the people gather, and they hear these words  
"Are you now prepared to accept this call?"  
If the response is yes,  
the people sign their names on pieces of paper  
to confirm their decision at this special event.

What is this special event?  
It is the call of a congregation  
to someone they have chosen to be their minister.

Miles away, or close at hand,  
someone waits and waits and waits  
in nervous anticipation  
Will they chose me to be their minister?

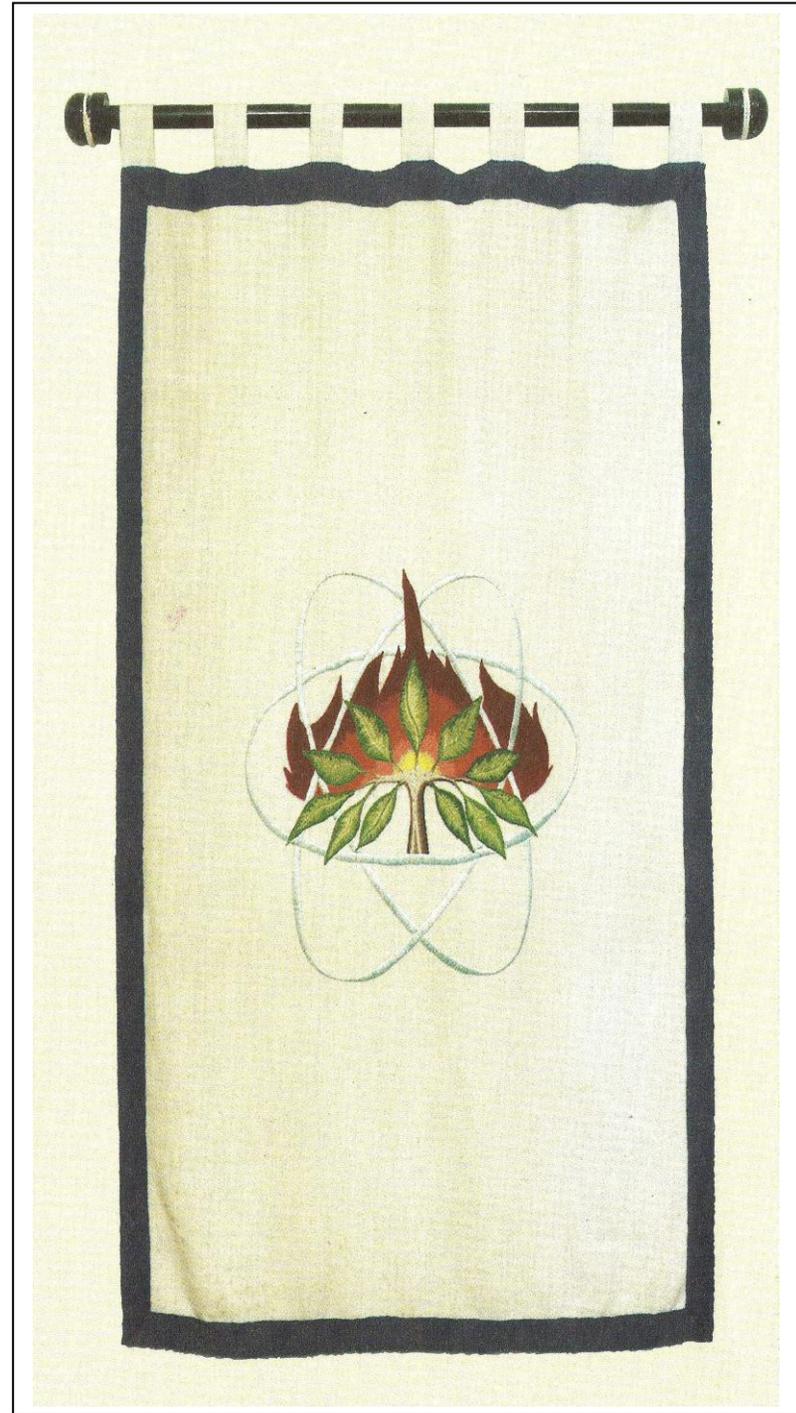
They have studied, they have toiled  
in response to God's personal call  
but that is not enough to be a minister.  
In the Presbyterian Church in Canada  
there is no individual quest.  
The call to ministry involves two parties—  
the minister and the congregation or institution.

No matter where the place  
Small church, large church,  
Suburbs or inner city  
ultimately it is a community of the faithful  
who confirms the call of God to an individual.  
And starts the journey they will travel together.

Jean Armstrong

*B* Induction/Ordination  
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

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## THE PRESBYTERY OF SUPERIOR

Sunday, September 15, 2013 @ 7 pm

A Service of Induction

**The Rev. Susan Mattinson as Minister in  
First Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay**

Please stand at items marked \* if you are able.

Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison

The Rev. J.M. Patterson

Organist - Carol Wehrstedt      Music Director- Kendall House

**EDICT** *Prior to the service, the **clerk** shall read the edict of induction for the final time, bidding any who might have objections to present themselves to the Presbytery Immediately. (The edict shall also have been read from the pulpit of this congregation on 2 preceding Sunday's at worship)*

**PRELUDE** *The service is conducted by the authority of presbytery, the moderator of presbytery presiding.*

**THE NARRATION OF STEPS** *The **clerk** of presbytery will narrate the steps*

### CALLED TO WORSHIP

#### PROCESSION

*The people stand as the presbytery and others who are leading the service enter the church and remain standing until after The Rite of Reconciliation.*

**INTROIT** *“God be in my head”* Choir

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*The presiding **Moderator** (Harold Hunt, Minister at Lakeview) shall say:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.** *Ruth 2:4.*

There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
one God and Father of all.  
But to each of us grace has been given  
according to the measure of Christ's gift.

**BENEDICTIONS** *The Rev. Susan Mattinson*

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

*II Cor. 13:13.*

**RESPONSE** *“Sing Amen”* 264

*Cantor:* Sing Amen!

**People:** **Amen! We praise your name, O God!**

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*Cantor:* Sing Amen!

**People:** **Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!**

**Amen! We praise your name, O God!**



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#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission purpose is to put our faith into action through mission education, community outreach, and personal and financial support both at home and abroad.

## DECLARATION

*The Moderator says:*

Susan Mattinson; in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only king and head of the church, and by the authority of the Presbytery of Superior, I now declare you to have been inducted into your ministry in First Presbyterian Church; and I admit you to all the rights and privileges belonging to this Office.

## RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

As we welcome you to share in ministry in this Presbytery, we extend to you the right hand of fellowship.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*The Moderator, followed by all members of the presbytery will greet the newly inducted minister by extending the right hand of fellowship.*

## SIGNING THE FORMULA

*When members of presbytery have returned to their seats, the Moderator says:*

Susan, in signing The Formula, you testify that you adhere to those things declared and required in the Preamble and Questions at the ordination of a minister.

*The clerk directs the newly inducted minister to the table and book reserved for the purpose.*

## THE DISMISSAL

**\* Hymn: “Be Thou my Vision”**

**#461**

*The Moderator and the newly inducted minister give the charge and benediction.*

## THE CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE *The Moderator*

God has shown you what is good. What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

*Micah 6:8.*

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The gifts Christ gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

**until we all come to the unity of the faith  
and of the knowledge of the Son of God,  
to maturity as a people,  
to the measure of the full stature of Christ.**

*Eph. 4:4,5, 11-13, adapted.*

Let us worship God.

**\* Hymn of praise: “Praise to the Lord, the almighty” #321**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION** *Marion McCreadie, Lay Minister*

O God of infinite possibilities,

**as we ponder what you have done among us,  
we are moved with awe and wonder.**

In your hands

**a lump of clay became a human person,  
a barren womb brought forth a child of promise,  
a boy's lunch became a feast for a multitude,  
the confession of an impulsive fisherman became  
the Rock on which you built your church,  
human hands pierced with nails became the sign  
of your saving power.**

Truly, nothing is too difficult for you, Lord God Almighty!  
And now as we gather together in response to your call,

**we place ourselves anew into your hands  
trusting that we too may become  
new creations of your love  
and instruments of your grace,**

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**THE RITE OF RECONCILIATION** *Henry Konrad, Lay Minister*

The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
while we were sinners Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8.  
In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

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God of Mercy:

in Jesus Christ you call us to be your servant people,

**but too often we have gone our own way, hoping to avoid your claim on our lives.**

We have not always trusted your good news to be good for us

**and have resisted the transforming power of your Word.**

We have allowed the empty distractions of this world

**to draw us from our true vocation and to block us from giving faithful witness to your grace.**

Have mercy on us, O God. In your love forgive us and set us free

**to respond to your call and to be your faithful people,**

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silence for reflection.*

Hear the good news!

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. *II Cor. 5:17.*

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

As sisters and brothers who are reconciled in Christ,

let us offer each other a sign of peace.

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**And with you also.**

\* Hymn: **"Blessed Assurance"**

**#687**

### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

*Lay Readers from First Church*

**Isaiah 25:6-9** *Betty Irving*

**Isaiah 65:17-25** *Laird Morrison*

**Revelation 21:1-6** *Cameron Noy*

**SERMON: "Dare to Dream"** *Jim Patterson, Minister at Geraldton*

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "Come, Follow Me"** *by Don Besig*

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**Members and adherents of First Church** will please stand. The induction of a minister is the beginning of a new partnership in service to God. These questions, therefore, I direct to you so that you may renew your commitment to this shared ministry.

1. Do you confess anew your faith in one God who is creator and ruler of the universe, who came to us in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and who remains present among us through the power of the Holy Spirit?

**We do.**

2. Do you receive Susan to be your minister as from Christ?

**We do.**

3. Will you give of your substance as the Lord prospers you, for the maintenance of the Christian ministry and the furtherance of the gospel in this place and throughout the world?

**We will.**

4. Do you pledge yourselves to be co-servants with your minister under Christ, sharing in the worship of the church, offering support through prayers and friendship, announcing the gospel to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit?

**We do.**

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to fulfill these vows. Amen.

### **THE INDUCTION PRAYER**

*After which the congregation prays in unison:*

**God of grace, you call us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation. Give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.**

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Ken Haggerty, Lay Minister at Calvin  
Living Faith 7.1

### **OFFERINGS**

*For the work of the Presbytery of Superior*

\* **Hymn “Spirit of God, descend”** #382

*During the singing of the hymn, the gifts of money may be brought forward. The people remain standing as the Moderator leads them saying:*

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

**There are varieties of services, but the same Lord;**

**There are varieties of activities, but it is the same**

**God who activates all of them in everyone.**

To 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 it.** *1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27, adapted.*

Though we have different gifts,

**together we are called to be the church with a ministry in the world which is led by the risen Christ.**

*The people may be seated.*

### **THE INDUCTION**

*The person to be inducted is presented to the Moderator by the clerk who says:*

Moderator, I now present to you, The Rev. Susan Mattinson and ask you to proceed with the induction.

*The person to be inducted stands before the Moderator who says:*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, listen now to what The Presbyterian Church in Canada believes concerning Christian ministry.

Susan, it is this to which you give your pledge as a minister of Word and Sacraments.

**THE PREAMBLE** *Approved, 1970 Revised, 1992, 1998.*

### **THE INDUCTION QUESTIONS**

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Susan Mattinson, All these things you have examined and are ready to accept. Being assured of your faith in Christ and your love for people, the Presbytery is prepared to induct you into ministry in this place. That your faith may appear in the presence of God and the people of God, we now ask you the appointed questions in terms of this preamble.

1. Do you believe in God the Father, made known in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom the Holy Spirit witnesses in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

2. Do you accept the subordinate standards of this Church, promising to uphold its doctrine under the continual illumination and correction of the Holy Spirit speaking in Scriptures?

I do.

3. Do you accept the government of this Church by sessions, presbyteries, synods and general assemblies, and do you promise to share in and submit yourself to all lawful oversight therein, and to follow no divisive course but to seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the Holy, Catholic Church?

I do.

4. Do you promise in the strength and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to conduct yourself in your private and public life as becomes his gospel, and do you give yourself diligently and cheerfully to the service of Christ's word, sacraments and discipline, for the furtherance of his reconciling mission in the world?

I do.

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to fulfill these vows.  
Amen.

### **QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION**

*The congregation will stand and the Moderator shall say the following or similar words:*

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