

## Installation Service of Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

### **Welcome and Introduction – Pastor or board member**

Inform the church what this service is all about

Introduce the entire family by name

### **Call to Worship –**

Our blessed Lord, when He had been brought before Pilate and was questioned, said: “To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.” Having faithfully testified, even unto the laying down of His life, He committed to His disciples the work of spreading abroad the truth to which He had borne witness. This work has been committed to us as God’s church in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Opening Prayer** – prayer for the service and the entire family (especially wife).

**Congregational Hymn** “Channels Only”

**Offering** – Offertory by \_\_\_\_\_

### **CHARGE to the CONGREGATION**

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ has been legally chosen to serve as pastor of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, all of us know that the success of his ministry here will not depend upon this legal appointment, but rather on how faithfully those of us who regularly worship in this church cooperate with Christ’s work in this place, support the pastor, and pray for him.

Therefore in installing this pastor, our first act will be to pray for him that God’s blessing may be upon his life and ministry in this place.

### **PREPARATION for PRAYER**

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ shall proceed with the board to the altar, and Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ kneels, surrounded by the board members who shall remain standing. Then \_\_\_\_\_ says, "It is the intent of the Board of this church to dedicate itself, together with the new pastor, at the altar of prayer; and to pray God's richest blessing upon the ministry of Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ and his family. Please join us in dedicating this pastor and his ministry to the Lord."

**Prayers are offered by two Board Members and concluded by Pastor**

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**New Pastor stands up with the board members beside him – facing the pulpit.**

A board member takes the communion table Bible to the pulpit and reads the following scriptures:

**Acts 20:27-28** -- "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

**2 Timothy 4:1-2** – "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine."

**1 Timothy 4:13,16** – "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

**1 Timothy 6:11-14** – " But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a

good confession; That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ”

**1 Peter 5:2-4** – “Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.”

**CHALLENGE to the CONGREGATION:** congregation stands

**Hebrews 13:7, 17** – “Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

NOTE: Board member closes the Bible and returns it to the communion table.

Board members return to the pews.

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** “Dare to Stand”

**COVENANT for PASTOR’S INSTALLATION**

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_, believing that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, and the infallible rule of faith and conduct, holding to the statement of fundamental truths of this church, do you solemnly covenant, in the presence of these witnesses, that, by God’s grace and help, you will preach the full counsel of the Word of God?

Do you promise to give yourself faithfully to the ministry of the Word and to prayer? To be a faithful shepherd of this flock of God? To minister to all alike? To evangelize and disciple? To mature believers and send out workers for God’s kingdom work?

If you are willing to assume this great responsibility and privilege, then answer with one heart, I do.

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_, I want to remind you of what the Apostle Paul said about assuming this great work: “And I thank Christ Jesus, our Lord, who hath enabled me, in that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry” (1 Timothy 1:12).

### **ASSUMPTION of OFFICE**

New Pastor makes brief comments of appreciation.

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMN “I Will Follow”**

**Message for the Congregation and New Pastor by Pastor \_\_\_\_\_**

### **Closing Invitation and Prayer**

Dismissal for reception and meal honoring the new pastor and his family.