



# Grove Presbyterian Church

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**INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REV. JASON CLAPPER**  
**GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2019**

**PRELUDE**

**JOY CHRISTIAN, STEPHANIE COONEY**

**GREETING**

**REV. JASON CLAPPER**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**SENIOR CHOIR**

**“This is a Time for Celebration”**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LARRY SOUDER**

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

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
**shout to God with loud songs of joy.**

*Ps. 47:1–2*

For the Most High is awesome,  
**a great sovereign over all the earth.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
**to sing praises to your name, O Most High.**

*Ps. 92:1*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**LAURA SMITH**

**HYMN #15**

**“All Creatures of Our God and King”**

**CALL TO CONFESSION -1 JOHN 1:8, 9**

**MERRY HACKENBERG**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**O Holy One, we call to you and name you as eternal, ever-present, and boundless in love. Yet there are times, O God, when we fail to recognize you in the dailiness of our lives. Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to speak from our strength. Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness, and we degrade our own wisdom.**

**Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak as we have wisdom.**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**MARY ALMY**

Loving God, we know that your love is vast. It is further than the oceans and higher than the sky. You love, you accept, you forgive. In your great mercy, Lord, help me to know that I am loved so that I might know that I am accepted, belong, and can be made whole. Amen.

**THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**CATHY SANDERS**

**READING 1**

**REV. RYAN KRAUS**

**READING 2**

**REV. LISA KRAUS**

**SERMON**

**REV. LINDSAY HATCH**

**HYMN #625**

**“How Great Thou Art”**

**INSTALLATION**

**REV. PAUL SMITH**

**A LITANY OF GIFTS - *Based on Rom. 12:4–8, 11–13***

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function, so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

**We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.**

If your gift is to hear God’s Word,  
**speak it out in faith.**

If your gift is service,  
**live to serve others.**

If your gift is the heart of a teacher,  
**teach what is true.**

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;  
**let officers work diligently for the people, and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.**

Let us not lack for enthusiasm, but be ardent in spirit,  
**serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in suffering, constant in prayer, supporting one another, and welcoming all.**

**STATEMENT ON THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH** - *Book of Order F-1.01, F-1.0304*

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church.

In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ.

Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission.

Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

**The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;  
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;  
the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth;  
the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ.

The particular responsibility of the ministry of a teaching elder is to build up the church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly celebrated.

The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by the candidate, and approved by the presbytery.

Therefore, Northumberland Presbytery, by means of this commission, now installs Rev. Jason Clapper as Pastor of Grove Presbyterian Church.

In his baptism, Jason was clothed with Christ.

He was ordained as a teaching elder by the Presbytery of Northeast Georgia, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation.

**We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our brother, to serve among us as pastor.**

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS -W-4.4003**

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 teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? *I will.*

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? *I will.*

**CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONS**

**BRYAN HOLMES**

Do we, the members of the church, accept Jason as our pastor chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for him, encourage him to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

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 joys? **We do.**

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?  
**We do and we will.**

**PRAYER OF INSTALLATION**

**REV. DOUG ORBAKER**

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.**

We praise you, gracious Lord, for you alone are God.

You have made us, and we are your people, the sheep of your pasture.

You have led us to green meadows by cool waters,  
satisfying our every need with your love.

You have shown us paths that are right.

Through shadowed valleys of despair,  
you have been our comfort and our hope.

Over long generations,  
your presence has sustained your people.

In your good time,  
you sent Jesus, your only Beloved, to be our shepherd.

He knew and loved your own,  
calling all who would hear to follow him.

The Good Shepherd laid down his life for us,  
risking the cross for the hope of resurrection.

By the power of the risen Christ you gathered the church together to live for you in newness of life, a holy nation, a priestly family, a people chosen as your own and called to proclaim your marvelous love.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be faithful as your people and fruitful in the ministries you have given us.

Grant diligence to those who lead, faith to those who teach, truth to all who speak, compassion to all who heal, wisdom to those who counsel, generosity to those who give, and cheerfulness to all who serve.

To your servant Jason, and to all who tend your flock as pastors among your people, give vision and strength, hospitality, humility, and peace.

Bless the common ministry of this pastor and people with joy and power in the gospel.

Strengthen us to live out the grace of our baptism and to serve you with the gifts of your Holy Spirit; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only shepherd and Lord. **Amen.**

**DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION**

**REV. PAUL SMITH**

Jason, as a teaching elder in the church of Jesus Christ, you are now installed as pastor of this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

**WELCOME & PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS**

**REV. STEVE CURETON**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** *John 21:15–19*

**CHARGE TO THE PASTOR**

**REV. JENNIFER BAER**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** *1 Peter 4:8–11*

**CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION**

**DR. RUTH O'DELL**

**PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF MINISTRY**

**BRYAN HOLMES**

**OFFERING**

**SENIOR CHOIR**

**“For Such a Time as This”**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**REV. DR. ELIZABETH MCCORMICK**

O God, by water and the Spirit, you have claimed us as your own, and anointed us for your service. Build up the body of Christ in your love, and equip the church for the work of ministry.

Make us one body in Christ, where each one's gifts are honored and used for the good of all, where all submit to one another in humility and the bond of the Holy Spirit. Send us out into the world to do justice, to show mercy, and to walk humbly with you in trust and faith.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully until that promised day of

resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our father, who is in heaven, hallowed by your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**HYMN #69**

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

**BLESSING**

**REV. JASON CLAPPER**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Alleluia!**

**CHARGE**

**POSTLUDE**

**JOY CHRISTIAN**