Service of Worship and Spiritual Shepherd Ordination

Purposes of this service:

1. Profess that Christ is head of this congregation and appoints leaders for His church
2. Petition God for His blessing on this new relationship of leadership/servanthood and submission to His will
3. Proclaim our hope in growing and moving forward under our new spiritual leadership

Order of Service

Welcome/Call to Worship Craig B

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23 Jason H

*We Praise Thee, O God* Lorenzo G

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple* Lorenzo G

Scripture Reading: John 13:1-17 Tom L

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 5:1-7 Mark O

Prayer Wayne S

*He Leadeth Me*  Lorenzo G

*A Common Love* Lorenzo G

Commitment of New Elders – A Pledge of Servant Leadership Rob A

God has spoken graciously through His Word to His church and called you to tend His sheep. You are being asked to take on the responsibility and work of elder, overseer, and shepherd.

* Will you serve Jesus Christ as your Lord?
* Will you teach and model the gospel of Christ?
* Will you ensure the healthy teaching that strengthens the Lord’s people?
* Will you guide us patiently and prayerfully?
* Will you lean on the Spirit of God as you equip the church for acts of faithfulness?
* Will you mentor and shepherd the other leaders God gives to this church?
* Will you lead us rather than appease us, resolving to keep us focused on God’s purposes?
* Will you pray for us when we are sick, minister to us when we are hurting, and rejoice with us when we are blessed?
* Will you work in harmony with your fellow shepherds and with the church?
* Will you be great among us by serving as Christ did?

Response from Chuck and Craig: *“With God’s help we will”*

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:17 Ryan S

Commitment of the Congregation – A Pledge of Support Howard P

Church, our worship today confesses our belief that God has called these men to shepherd our congregation. Our actions from this point forward ought to reflect that belief and it requires commitment on our part.

* Will you follow these men in service for the sake of Christ?
* Will you be respectful of their leadership and imitate their faith?
* Will you support them in prayer and serve them in peace?
* Will you “lift up their arms” even as they care for our souls?
* Will you do all of this knowing that it pleases the Lord and shows the world the perfection of his ways?

If you so agree and pledge, then I ask you to affirm by saying: *“With God’s help we will!”*

Prayer of blessing on His church Steve C

*Shield About Me* Lorenzo G

Prayer, blessing and encouragement Phil Y

As a reminder of the Lord’s example of servant leadership, we offer you this small symbolic token of this day for your encouragement. This is a towel embroidered with the words of Jesus from John 13:1-17. We hope it serves as a reminder of Christ’s grace to you, your commitment before God and our support of your oversight.

All Men are encouraged to come up and join us as we pray over and lay hands on our newly appointed elders.