

**Report of the administrative commission for the ordination and installation of Garrett Mostowski into service as the installed Pastor at the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church, Miles City, MT**

Notes for a meeting of the Garrett Mostowski's service of ordination and installation at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Miles City, MT.

The meeting began at 2:30m PM.

Meeting opened with prayer by the commission moderator Susi Ennis.

All in attendance at the organization meeting were introduced.

The following members of the commission where in attendance:

MWS, Susi Ennis

RE. Jim Tarr

RE, Chris Erickson

MWS, George Goodrich

MWS, Kathy Goodrich

RE, Sharla Helland

MWS, Neva Rathbun

MWS, and Corresponding member Robert Drake

**It was voted:**

1. To give voice before and during the worship service to Rev. Jamie Schmeling, Rev. Sherwood McKay, Re Jerry Backlund, RE Denise Hartse, RE Brooke Kmetz, RE Sue Backlund, RE Sharon Sorlien, RE Betty Lou Helland, Mohan Rafferty, RE Gary Schritter, RE Karie Regan, Sherry Taylor all serving as part of the worship service.
2. To give voice to Garrett Mostowski and his parts of the service.
3. To approve the order of worship.
4. To allow Rev. Jamie Schmeling (RCA) to explain the symbols of the church.
5. To approve Jim Tarr as secretary to the commission
6. That this meeting shall conclude after worship and adjourn with Garrett Mostowski rendering the benediction.

The Meeting of the commission ended at 5:00 PM, August 11, 2018

A copy of the worship service bulletin is attached to this report for our permanent records.

Jim Tarr

Secretary of the commission.

**Prelude** Betty Lou Helland & Mohan Rafferty

**Processional** Administrative Commission & Other Robbed Clergy

**Welcome & Announcements** The Reverend Dave Thompson

**Call to Worship** The Reverend Dave Thompson (Revelation 21:1-4)

L: Sisters and brothers, let us rejoice in the vision of John: Look! There! A new heaven and a new earth. And see! The old heaven and the old earth and the sea, they have disappeared.

P: **And there! Look! The holy city, new Jerusalem, descending from God out of heaven.**

L: Listen! Listen! A great voice thundering from heaven: "And See, God is making a home with us, with mortals! God will live with us. We will be God's people.

P: **God will wipe every tear from our eyes. There will be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, or pain. All of this – gone forever!" Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

**Prayer** Ruling Elder Brooke Kmetz

**Almighty God, we are only accepted in this world, and we are only called to your service by your grace: move us by the power of the Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" PH #356

**Invitation to Confession** Ruling Elder Chris Eriksen

Called to follow Christ...we are called to a life of humility...  
But what does that even mean?

Do we seek to exalt ourselves – to be lifted above others?  
Does our sense of success depend on someone else's failure?

Does our love of God entirely guide our relationships?  
Do we twist service into convenience and leisure, ignoring the idea that to serve is to be a servant? ..... Let us pray.

**Prayer of Confession** Ruling Elder Chris Eriksen

**Disturb the habits of our sin, O God. Rouse us from the sleep that cradles sin's embrace. In the name of Jesus, we pray – show us your ways. Highlight what we can change, and change what we cannot.**

**Assurance of Pardon** Ruling Elder Sue Backlund

L: Good friends: God is at work in you! God is alive in us! God lives –

but sin is dead. And our sins are forgiven, through Christ, our Savior.  
P: **Alleluia! Amen.**

**Gloria Patri** Arrangement by Chuck Sawyer

**Praise to God, Creator Mighty, Praise to Christ, God's only Son.  
Praise to God, the Holy Spirit, Praise to God, the Three in One.**

**Passing the Peace**

*Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

**THE WORD**

**The Reading of Isaiah 41:17-20** Ruling Elder Sharla Helland

**The Reading of Luke 18:35-43** Ruling Elder Jim Tarr

**The Reading of Revelation 10:8-11** The Reverend Robert Drake

**Prayer for Illumination** The Reverend Robert Drake

**Sermon** The Reverend Robert Drake

**Hymn** "Lord, When I Came Into This Life" PH #522

**ORDINATION** The Reverend Sherwood McKay

**Sentences of Scripture** L: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.  
P: **There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

L: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

P: **To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

L: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

**Statement of Ordination** The Reverend George Goodrich

**Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant** The Rev George Goodrich

**Profession of Faith** Elder Sharon Sorlien

**I believe in God, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God; from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy**

**Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Constitutional Questions**

The Reverend Susan Ennis

1. 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?
2. 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 by God's Word to you?
3. 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?
4. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?
6. Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's word and Spirit?
7. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbor, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
8. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
9. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?
10. Will you be a faithful minister, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people?
11. Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**Questions to the Congregation**

Ruling Elder Sharla Helland

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

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

L: 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? 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?  
P: We do.

**Prayer of Ordination**

The Reverend George Goodrich

**Laying on of Hands with Prayer in Unison**

**Charge to the Newly Ordained** The Reverend Kathy Goodrich

**Charge to the Congregation** The Reverend Neva Rathbun

**The Presentation of the Gifts & Symbols of Ministry**

**Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" PH #339

**Invitation for Offering** Linda Hofer Education Fund

**Offering** Betty Lou Helland & Mohan Rafferty

**\*Doxology** (Traditional tune)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Invitation for Communion** The Reverend Garrett Mostowski

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Communion by Intinction** Ruling Elder Gary Schritter  
The Reverend Garrett Mostowski

**Post Communion Prayer** Elder Karie Regan

God of bread and blood, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" PH #341

**Benediction** The Reverend Garrett Mostowski