

Pittsburgh Presbytery Service of Installation
For Pastors and Associate Pastors called to Installed Positions

The Gathering

Call to Worship
Sentences of Scripture
Opening Prayer
Hymn
Confession and Pardon
The Peace of Christ

The Word

Prayer for Illumination
First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
Hymn or Anthem (optional)
Gospel Reading
Sermon
Affirmation of Faith

The Service of Installation

Litany of Gifts
Statement on the Ministry of the Church
Presentation of the Minister and Gathering of the Commission
Statement on Baptism and Ordination – Presbytery Moderator or designee
Constitutional Questions to the Minister – Presbytery Moderator or designee
Constitutional Questions to the Congregation – Ruling Elder of the congregation
Prayer of Installation
Declaration of Installation – Presbytery Moderator or designee
Charge to the Minister
Charge to the Congregation
Presentation of Symbols of Ministry
Hymn

Option A:

Responding to the Word (with the Eucharist)

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Offering
Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution/Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

Option B:

Responding to the Word (without the Eucharist)

Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Sending

Hymn

Charge – a deacon, if available

Blessing – newly Ordained Minister

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Notes

1. The full service of Installation including texts is found in the [Book of Occasional Services](#), pages 83-112. The outline of the service, including Constitutional questions, is found in *The Book of Order* (W-4.4006)
2. The Service of Installation of a Minister of Word and Sacrament is conducted by Pittsburgh Presbytery, and takes place as guided by the *Book of Order*, W-4.4002: "The service of ordination or installation of a teaching elder shall be conducted at a convenient time to enable the substantial participation of the presbytery."
3. Offerings at Services of Installation are designated for the Oldman Fund (a scholarship fund for Inquirers/Candidates of Pittsburgh Presbytery). After the offering has been counted, a check may be sent to the Pittsburgh Presbytery for the same amount.