

Pittsburgh Presbytery Service of Ordination
For Candidates Called to Temporary Pastoral Relationships
or to other Validated Ministries

The Gathering

Presentation of Candidate – Moderator of the Presbytery or designee
Call to Worship
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
Hymn

The Service of Ordination

Statement on Ordination – Presbytery Moderator or designee
Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant and Apostles' Creed
Anointing with oil (optional)
Constitutional Questions to the Candidate – Presbytery Moderator or designee
Prayer of Ordination
Declaration of Ordination – Presbytery Moderator or designee
Welcome by Members of Presbytery
Charge to the Newly Ordained
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 Installed Pastor/Associate Pastor

* * *

Notes

1. The full service of Ordination including texts is found in the [Book of Occasional Services](#), pages 45-80. The outline of the service, including Constitutional questions, is found in *The Book of Order* (W-4.4005)
2. The Service of Ordination 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 Ordination 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.