

## COMMISSIONING

### *God Commissions Us*

The Lord's Commission *Matthew 28:18-20*

Jesus declares, *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and disciple all the nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, by teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Pastor: Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord!

**People: Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. Psalm 145:21**

**AMEN!**

Closing Hymn: Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken,  
pg. 304

**People: Amen!**

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

Three-Fold Amen

*Pastor: Go in Peace to Love and to Serve the Risen Christ!*

**All: Amen!**

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**DEACON ORDINATION  
SERVICE  
LARS ANDERSON  
KEVIN HEIFNER**

**13 OCTOBER**

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
2013**

## CALL OF THE ORDINANDS, PRAYER

*All standing*

*Pastor Stout: Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

**People:** And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen!

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

**Scripture Reading: I Timothy 3:8-13**

*Celebrant:* This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*Head Deacon, Ron Smith:* Let us pray.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably upon Your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery and by the effectual working of Your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by Him through whom all things were made, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## CONSECRATION AND COMMUNION

Sermon: Pastor Uri Brito

Text: Philippians 2:19-24

Title: Journey into Joy: "We need Timothies!"

Offertory: (Ex. 23:15; 34:20; Dt. 16:16)

Let us worship God with our tithes and offerings.

*(Please Stand)*

Hymn: *Cantus*, Be Thou My Vision, pg. 342

**People: Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

### *God Communes With Us*

Observance of Holy Communion

*(Please be seated)*

Passing of the Bread

*("The Lord be with you" "The Lord bless you")*

Passing of the Wine (

*"The Peace of Christ be with you" "And also with you")*

Congregational Response

*Gloria Patri*

*(Please Stand with Hands Raised)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

## CONSECRATION

Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Sung Lord's Prayer  
(see hymnal back cover)

### Reading of God's Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:19-24

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Luke 10:25-42

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Faith: Psalm 110, Jehovah to My Lord has Said,  
pg. 150  
**People: Amen!**

## THE CHARGE, HOMILY AND VOWS

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*Pastor Brito:* Diakonia: Active Compassion Through Service

### VOWS

[The Celebrant addresses the Ordinands.]

*Celebrant* Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

**Ordinands We do.**

*Celebrant* Do you sincerely receive and adopt the doctrinal standards of this church, being set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith as amended and explained in our Constitution, as your own confession of faith, and as a faithful statement of the doctrine taught in the Scriptures?

**Ordinands We do.**

*Celebrant* If at any time you find yourself out of accord with any point in our Constitution or Confession, will you, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of these vows?

**Ordinands We will.**

*Celebrant* Will you be diligent, with God's help, to frame and fashion yourself and your household, according to the Doctrine of Christ; and to make both yourself and your household wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

**Ordinands We will.**

## V O W S

*Celebrant* Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of this church, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?

**Ordinands**     **We do.**

*Celebrant* Do you accept the office of deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the church of which God has made you an officer?

**Ordinands**     **We do.**

*Celebrant* Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?

**Ordinands**     **We do.**

*Celebrant* Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the church?

**Ordinands**     **We do.**

[The Celebrant addresses the congregation]

*Celebrant* Do you, the people of the Lord, receive Lars Anderson and Kevin Heifner as deacons in this church?

**People**     **We do, God helping us.**

*Celebrant* Will you uphold them in their ministry and submit to their leadership in the Lord?

**People**     **We will, God helping us.**

## C O N S E C R A T I O N

And gathered from the lands,

**From east and from west, from north and from the south.**

They wandered in a wilderness, in a desert region;

**A city of habitation they have not found.**

Hungry and thirsty,

**Their soul within them became feeble.**

Then they cried unto Yahweh in their adversity,

**From their distress he delivered them,**

And caused them to tread in a right way,

**To go into a city of habitation.**

Let them give thanks to Yahweh for his lovingkindness,

**And for his wonders to the sons of Adam!**

For he satisfies a longing soul,

**And a hungry soul he has filled with goodness.**

**All: Amen! Yes, Amen!**

Confession of the Nicene Creed (*Please be seated*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND CONSECRATION

Pastor: Eternal God,

**People:** In whom we live and move and have our being, our heavenly Father, your face is hidden from us because of our sins. Cleanse us, we pray, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that we may, in lowliness and meekness, draw near to you. Confessing our faults and confiding in your grace, we look for your grace and mercy through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*(Continue Kneeling for Silent Confession)*

Assurance of Pardon:

*(Rise and Hear the Good News of God's Forgiveness)*

Pastor: Know surely, your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord (Acts 13:38).

**All:** Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen!

Hymns of Faith: The Church is One Foundation vss. 1-5

**People:** Amen!

*God Consecrates and Raises Up to Heaven*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord!

\*Responsive Psalm

Psalm 107:1-9

Pastor: Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good,

**People:** For everlasting is his loving kindness.

Let the redeemed of Yahweh say;

**Whom he redeemed from the hand of the adversary**

## ORDINATION

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

We praise and glorify You, almighty Father, because in Your infinite love You have formed throughout the world a holy people for Your own possession, a royal priesthood, a universal Church. We praise and glorify You because You sent Your only Son Jesus Christ to take the form of a slave; he humbled himself for our sake, and in obedience accepted death, even death on a cross. We praise and glorify You that raised him from the dead, and in every age You send Your Spirit to fill those whom You have chosen, to equip Your holy people for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ. And now we give You thanks that You have called these your servants, whom we ordain in Your name, to share as deacons in the ministry of the gospel of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS UPON THE ORDINANDS

*Celebrant*

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ Your Son, give Your Holy Spirit to Lars Anderson and Kevin Heifner; fill them with grace and power and make them deacons in Your church.

Through Your Spirit, heavenly Father, give these your servants grace and power to fulfill their ministry. Make them faithful to serve and constant in advancing your gospel in the world. May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son, who washed the feet of his disciples, and set the needs of others before His own. May their lives be disciplined and holy, their words declare your love and their actions reveal Your glory, that Your people may walk with them in the way of truth and be made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; to whom, with You and You Holy Spirit, belong glory and honor, worship and praise, now and forever.

**All: Amen!**

[Right hand of fellowship to the new deacons.]

## BENEDICTION AND GREETING THE DEACONS

### BENEDICTION

*Celebrant* And now may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, abide and rest upon you now and always.

**People: Amen.**

**Hymn of Response:** The Church is One Foundation vss. 1-5

### GREET OUR NEW DEACONS

#### **Lars Anderson (Kelly, Bengt, Hannah and Annika)**

I was blessed to be raised in a family with a history of generations of men and women who sought to serve the Lord. My parents played an integral role in my spiritual development and I 'came to Christ' when I was approximately 5. In addition, Kelly and I began dating in high school and she has been a key spiritual encourager to me since then. During college we both were introduced to reformed thought through two very different PCA churches (due to our geographic separation). Though we are very much reformed in our theology the one thing that has become clear is "in the essentials unity, in the non-essentials liberty, in all things charity." We have been members at Providence for about two and a half years and have been attending for almost three. These past three years have included several big life changes, not the least of which were our failed adoption, a major work change for me and the gift of our third child. In all these things we have been deeply comforted by the community and hospitality of the congregation and we desire to be servants within it in any way we can.

#### **Kevin Heifner (Misty, Joshua, Caleb, and Faith)**

God was kind in blessing me with a Christian home where I grew up in a rural country General Baptist Church. I was baptized the summer between my 3rd and 4th grades. God used various church camps through the summers and personal study to continue my Christian growth. God's providence led me to Southeast Missouri State University where I met my future, beautiful wife. Misty and I married in college and settled in St. Louis, MO where we attended Misty's home Southern Baptist Church: First Baptist Church of Fenton. There I served as a deacon. We moved to Pensacola in 2007 to continue our children's education at Trinitas. We learned about Providence Church through the website, various online sermons, and meeting with the Bryant's and the Stout's. We joined Providence in 2007 shortly after moving to Pensacola.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

# **The Lord's Service**

## **OCTOBER 13TH, 2013**

Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

*God is Renewing Covenant With His People*

*God Calls Us and Cleanses Us*

Prelude

Call to Worship (*Please Stand*)

Pastor: Let us worship God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 18:20; 28:19*

**People: Amen.**

Salutation: **The Lord be with you!** *Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!" *Psalms 122:1-2*

**Our feet are standing within your gates,  
O Jerusalem!**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord. *Psalms 121:1-2*

**Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren... I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Come, let us worship and bow down. *Psalms 95:6*

**All: And kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*(Let all who are able kneel)*