

INSTALLATION OF Rev Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett

The assembly stands. The pastor being installed and a representative of the calling body come before the presiding minister and the assembly.

P: Having been authorized by the Church to install Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett, our co-worker in the Gospel, as Pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

A representative of the church, Ellie Helgeson, comes forward with the pastor being installed and addresses the Bishop:

After prayerful deliberation, we, of First English Lutheran Church, after prayerful deliberation, have called Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett to be Pastor. I present her for installation.

Representative returns to seat and congregation is seated.

The Bishop addresses the pastor being installed:

P: A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of Scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

The Bishop questions the pastor being installed:

P: Cheryl, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that comes from God through the call of the church?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and with the Confessions of the Lutheran Church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Trusting in God's care, will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

ALL: Amen

Please stand as you are able.

The Bishop addresses the congregation:

P: People of God, will you receive Cheryl as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of Christ?

ALL: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: Will you pray for her, help and honor her in carrying out this ministry, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

ALL: We will, and we ask God to help us.

The Bishop addresses the pastor being installed:

P: Cheryl the office of Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory forever and ever. **ALL: Amen.**

The Bishop escorts the pastor to the Baptismal font, where a representative of the congregation, Archer Dorry, says:

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

They proceed to the pulpit, where a representative of the congregation, Jyla Dahle, says:

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

They proceed to the altar, where a representative of the congregation, Darin Ehrenberg, says:

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

P: People of God, I present to you Cheryl, your Pastor. Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.

Welcome Pastor Cheryl