

The Installation Commission Members

- ◆ Elder Melanie Hancock, Sunrise Presbyterian Church, Salina, Presbytery of Northern Kansas General Presbyter; to lead the Prayer of Confession, Offering Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving.
- ◆ Rev. Phil Price, First Presbyterian Church, Salina, Commission on Ministry representative; to lead the Affirmation of Faith and to charge the pastor.
- ◆ Elder Ken Weaver, Emporia Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of Northern Kansas Moderator; to moderate, welcome the congregation, lead the installation, propound the Constitutional Questions to the Pastor and lead the Prayer of Installation.
- ◆ Rev. Robert Frasier, HR, Presbytery of Northern Kansas Stated Clerk; to lead the Prayer for Illumination, read Scripture and Charge the Congregation.
- ◆ Elder Linda Brungardt, from First Presbyterian Church, Junction City; to ask the Constitutional Questions of the Congregation.

Installation Commission Corresponding Members

The Rev. Dr. William Douglas Hood Jr, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, Presbytery of Tropical Florida; to read the Call to Worship, Scripture, preach the Sermon and offer Prayers of the People.

Chancel Choir Director: Joe Markley
Organist/ Accompanist: Rhoda Frasier
Ushers: Brenda Edleston, Rob Edleston, Susan Erichsen, Randy Heldstab, Jenna Langvardt, and Jim Ray

The offering goes to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the Presbytery of Northern Kansas for scholarships for inquirers and candidates.
Please join us in the Dining Room for a reception following the worship service.

A Service for the Installation the Reverend Nathanael C. Hood as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Junction City October 12, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

*To God Be the Glory...*arr. by Jack Schrader

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT (*please remain seated*)

*Make a Noise...*by Joe Markley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN #327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*THE CALL TO CONFESSION

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father of lights, Mother of all: you created the heavens and earth, making everything good – even glorious. Jesus Christ, Light of the world, our Savior: you have made us your brothers and sisters and commissioned us to bear your name out into the world. Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide: you enlighten us with wisdom to know what is right and humility to make this confession: that we have been poor stewards of the earth, clumsy and spiritless disciples, unjust in our dealings with others, divided in our witness and devotion to you. Forgive us, O God. By your grace and love and fellowship, make of us new creations who are good and pleasing in your sight. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In the grace and love of God, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Gloria Patri

No. 581

*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.*

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

We are gathered here, O God, to see you, to know you, to follow you. We long to understand your ways and to hear clearly your summons to us. Give us the patience we need to let you disclose yourself to us on your terms rather than ours. Enable us to wait for you and allow you to rearrange our expectations of you. Give us the grace to let you be who you are, rather than whom we would like you to be. For you are God and we are not. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name...*by Tom Fettke

THE SERMON TEXT

John 15:1-5

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Bridge to Nowhere”

The Rev. Dr. William Douglas Hood Jr

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

STATEMENT OF MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Leader: We are called out by God to be the Church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of the new life that God intends for all. In our life together we are to display the new reality that sin is forgiven, reconciliation

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

***HYMN #69**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline thine ear to us; And grant us thy peace. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Meditation on Bunessan...*by Edward Broughton

***DOXOLOGY (No. #606)**

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT #744**

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

***BENEDICTION BY NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE #757 (v. 4)**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

May we in service to our God act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

POSTLUDE

*A Joyful Trumpet...*by Patricia Lou Harris

a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
your very own people,
gifted to proclaim your marvelous love.

All: **Gracious God,**
we praise you that you have chosen servants in every age
to speak your Word and lead your loyal people.
We give you thanks for your servant, Nathanael,
and for the ministry to which you have called him.
Give Nathanael a full measure of the gifts of your Holy Spirit,
both in the walk of faith
and for the work of ministry.
Anoint Nathanael with power to proclaim the gospel
in word and sacrament,
in witness and in service,
in truth and in love,
for the building up of the people of God
and for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: Generous God,
pour out your Holy Spirit
upon this congregation and all its people,
that, baptized into your service...
and united in Christ's love,
they may serve you with joy and faithfulness
until all things are made new.
Let the word they proclaim be your Word of truth.
Let the compassion they show to the world
be your love in Christ.
Let their common life be holy, peaceable, and glad in your Spirit.
...Gracious God, accept all that we are and have
in the service of Jesus Christ,
and strengthen us with the power of your Holy Spirit
now and forever. Amen.

STATEMENT OF INSTALLATION

accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility torn down. As the living body of Christ, the church is called to proclaim the good news of salvation, to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives, and to demonstrate Christ's love in service to the world. We are called to undertake this mission even at the risk of life, trusting God in all things. In faith we embrace a new openness to what God is doing in our time, a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ, and a new joy in our common worship and work. Today we reclaim our historic calling and remember the great ends of the church:

All: **The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;**
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Leader: The ministry of the church is shared by pastor and people, so that all together may fulfill the mission to which we are called in Jesus Christ. The particular responsibility of the ministry of the Word and Sacrament is to build up the church and serve the people of God, so that the Word may be rightly proclaimed and the sacraments rightly celebrated. The call to this ministry has been extended by the congregation, accepted by the candidate, and approved by the presbytery. Therefore, the Presbytery of Northern Kansas, by means of this commission, now installs Rev. Nathanael Hood as pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

Leader: In his baptism, Nathanael was clothed with Christ. He was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, and is now called by God through the voice of the church to serve as pastor of this congregation.

All: **We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's call to our brother, Nathanael, to serve among us as pastor.**

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS - PASTOR

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 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 Scriptures 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 continually guided by our confessions?
- 5. Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s Word and Spirit?
- 6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- 7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- 8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- 9. Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

***CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS – CONGREGATION**

- 1. Do we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, accept the Reverend Nathanael Hood as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
Members: We do.

- 2. Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the Head of the Church?
Members: We do.
- 3. Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and to 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?
Members: We do.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also, with you.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: All praise be yours,
Lord God of salvation.
By your Word,
you called creation into being
and made us in your image
to love and serve you...
By your saving love
you sent Jesus Christ to live among us,
to redeem your people
and establish your peace.
By your Holy Spirit,
you shower gifts on your children,
opening hearts and worlds to your grace,
empowering us to live holy and joyful lives.

We praise you, eternal God,
for the church throughout the world,
born of your love,
saved by your grace,
and sustained by your Holy Spirit.
...Make us the community you have called us to be,