

TOOL 26

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND COMMITMENT

The Service of Praise

Prelude

Call to Worship

Scripture: “I will tend My flock and I will let them lie down. ... I will seek the lost, bring back the strays, bandage the injured, and strengthen the weak” (Ezek. 34:15-16).

Hymn

Invocation

Choir Anthem

The Service of Greeting

Welcome to Guests

Welcome to the Pastor and His Family

- From the community
- From the Baptist association (director of missions)
- From the Baptist state convention

The Service of Commitment

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:11-21

Solo

The Pastor and the Church in Covenant

- Introduction of pastor to the church and visitors
- Pledges of pastor and people

Leader: (To pastor) Having been called to be the pastor of this church, do you take this people to be your people, this field of labor to be your field, without reservation of mind or heart?

Pastor: I do.

Leader: (To pastor) Do you promise to give yourself faithfully to the ministry, to the Word, and to prayer; to be a good shepherd of this flock of God; to minister to the needs of all alike; to be the friend of all who will permit you; to seek the salvation of souls and the nurture of the saved; to put the services of Christ and His kingdom above all else; if wronged, to forgive as you expect to be forgiven; to seek always to keep yourself mentally alert and physically fit; as much as in you lies, to be at peace with all people; and to lead this church in the ways of Christ as the Holy Spirit gives you wisdom and strength?

Pastor: I do.

Leader: (To congregation) Do you promise to hear attentively the preaching of the Word, to participate reverently in the services of worship, to share with this pastor in the responsibilities of teaching and learning, to assume your proportionate part of the church's benevolent ministries, to receive him into your hearts and homes, to counsel with him about the welfare of the church and the winning of souls, to encourage him in his stand for right, to forgive him when he makes mistakes, and to follow his leadership as he follows Christ?

People: We do.

Leader: Let us together reaffirm our high resolution and devotion to preaching the good tidings of salvation.

People: We consecrate our gifts.

Leader: To teaching Jesus' way of life.

People: We consecrate our time.

Leader: To leading children and youth to the knowledge of the love of Christ.

People: We consecrate our talents.

Leader: To healing broken bodies and soothing troubled minds.

People: We consecrate our service.

Leader: To caring for the helpless and providing relief for all those who look to us for help.

People: We consecrate our strength.

Leader: To evangelizing the community and extending the kingdom of God worldwide.

People: We consecrate our wealth, our efforts, and our lives.

Prayer of Consecration

Hymn of Dedication

Example:

- "Come All Christians, Be Committed," *The Baptist Hymnal* (2008), number 371.

Response of the Pastor

Hymn

Examples:

- "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," *The Baptist Hymnal* (2008), number 488.
- "The Church's One Foundation," *The Baptist Hymnal* (2008), number 346.

Benediction

Postlude