



**Presbytery of Genesee Valley
Committee on Ministry**

**Welcomes you to the
Service of Installation for
REV. MICHAEL MCNAMARA**

as Pastor of

First Presbyterian Church in Victor

70 East Main Street
Victor, NY 14564

Installing Commission

Moderator: *Rev. Aaron Neff*

*Rev. Stephanie Sauve
Rev. Louise Armstrong
Rev. Kay Michelinie*

*Elder Marti Mowers
Elder Debbie Carter
Elder Chris Hinds*

Other Participants:

*Rev. Matthew Nickoloff
Rev. Paul Grenier*

Organist: Ayn Patrowicz

Order of Worship **December 17, 2023, 3pm**

**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude “Prelude in Classic Style” by Gordon Young

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

As many of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

Gathering Prayer

We thank you for the blessing of bringing us together, as we gather today as Congregation and Minister. We are blessed both by your presence in our lives and your guidance given to those charged with seeking the Minister we celebrate today. We gather in celebration of this calling; you were always gently in our ears, though we struggled at times to trust ourselves to hear you. We give thanks for the watchful eye of our new pastor and his ability to see you bend near the earth to bring us together. Help us move forward in this new relationship, watchful for your guidance and following your teaching. You lead us by Love; help us to follow and discover roads that lead to doing your desire. Let us never forget to appreciate your blessings and do your work, as today we celebrate the beginning of a journey together, in Jesus Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***Hymn No. 391**

“Take my Life”

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit.

O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Response in Praise *GTG No. 605* “Praise to God the Father”

Prayer of Illumination

Send us your Holy Spirit, O God, that these words might speak to us your word, and our lives near witness to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings (insert)

Sermon

Matthew Nickoloff

***Hymn** *GTG No. 300* “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Statement on Installation

The Presbytery of Genesee Valley, by the means of this commission, welcomes Michael McNamara as minister of Word and Sacrament and installs him as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Victor.

Profession of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

(cont.)

Profession of Faith (cont.)

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Constitutional Questions

Prayer of Installation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God...

Declaration of Installation

Michael, you are now a minister of Word and Sacrament, in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ. Amen.

Welcome

Charge to the Newly Installed

Rev. Paul Grenier

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Stephanie Sauve

Offering

***Doxology**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 525

“Here I am Lord”

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

“Grand Chorus” by Theodore DuBois

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**First
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Church** IN VICTOR
**WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 29:1-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. It said: Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Acts 2:43-47

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.