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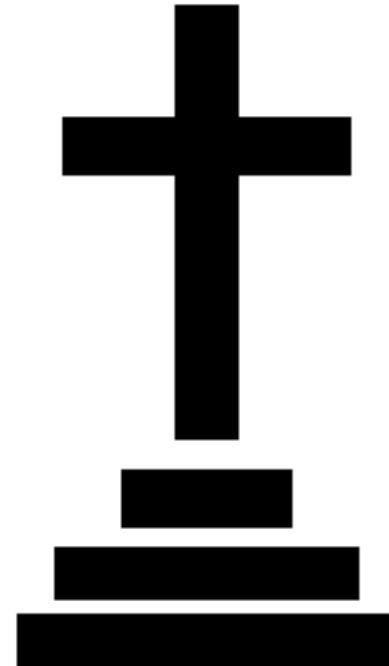
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The Ordination of Timothy Roger LeCroy

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Pentecost Season

August 23, 2009

Welcome

The worship service this evening functions as an official meeting of the Missouri Presbytery for the purpose of ordaining and installing Mr. Timothy LeCroy as Assistant Pastor of Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church. The service will be conducted by a commission of authorized representatives of the presbytery.

The members of the commission are:

Rev. Jeffrey J. Meyers (Chairman) - Providence Presbyterian
Rev. Christopher T. Smith - Providence Presbyterian
Rev. Joshua Anderson - Providence Presbyterian
Rev. Dr. Nelson Jennings - Covenant Theological Seminary
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Ruling Elder John Keane - Providence Presbyterian
Ruling Elder Monte Shields - Providence Presbyterian
Ruling Elder Les Prouty - Twin Oaks Presbyterian

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Rev. Daniel McKinney - West Side Presbyterian (Salt Lake City, Utah)
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Rev. Shane Gibson - Redeemer Presbyterian (New Orleans, LA)

From "The Ordination and Installation of Ministers"

The Book of Church Order of the PCA (Chapter 21-4)

Trials for ordination shall consist of:

- a. A careful examination as to:
 1. his acquaintance with experiential religion, especially his personal character and family management (based on the qualifications set out in 1 Timothy 3:1-7, and Titus 1:6-9),
 2. his knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew languages,
 3. Bible content,
 4. theology,
 5. the Sacraments,
 6. Church history,
 7. the history of the Presbyterian Church in America, and
 8. the principles and rules of the government and discipline of the church.A Presbytery may accept a seminary degree which includes study in the original languages in lieu of an oral examination in the original languages.
- b. He shall prepare a thesis on some theological topic assigned by Presbytery.
- c. The candidate shall prepare an exegesis on an assigned portion of Scripture, requiring the use of the original language or languages.
- d. He shall further be required to preach a sermon before the Presbytery or committee thereof

The Form of Presbyterian Church Government

Agreed upon by the Assembly of Divines at Westminster (1645)

Pastors

The pastor is an ordinary and perpetual officer in the church, prophesying of the time of the gospel. First, it belongs to his office,

- To pray for and with his flock, as the mouth of the people unto God: proved in Acts 6:2, 3, 4, and 20:36, where preaching and prayer are joined as several parts of the same office. The office of the elder (that is, the pastor) is to pray for the sick, even in private, to which a blessing is especially promised; much more therefore ought he to perform this in the public execution of his office, as a part thereof.
- To read the Scriptures publicly; for the proof of which, 1. That the priests and Levites in the Jewish church were trusted with the public reading of the Word is proved. 2. That the ministers of the gospel have as ample a charge and commission to dispense the Word, as well as other ordinances, as the priests and Levites had under the law: proved in Isa. 61: 21. Matt. 23:34, where our Savior entitles the officers of the New Testament, whom he will send forth, by the same names of the teachers of the Old. Which propositions prove, that therefore (the duty being of a moral nature) it follows by just consequence that the public reading of the Scriptures belongs to the pastor's office.
- To feed the flock, by preaching of the word, according to which he is to teach, convince, reprove, exhort, and comfort (1 Tim. 3:2; 2 Tim. 3:16,17; Tit. 1:9).
- To catechize, which is a plain laying down the first principles of the oracles of God, or of the doctrine of Christ, and is a part of preaching (Heb. 5:12).
- To dispense other divine mysteries (1 Cor. 4:1, 2).
- To administer the sacraments (Matt. 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15, 16; 1 Cor. 11:23, 24, 25, compared with 1 Cor. 10:1).
- To bless the people from God (Num. 6:23, 24, 25, 26, compared with Rev. 1:4, 5, where the same blessings, and persons from whom they come, are expressly mentioned; Isa. 61:21, where, under the names of Priests and Levites to be continued under the Gospel, are meant evangelical pastors, who therefore are by office to bless the people (Deut. 10:8; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 1:2).
- To take care of the poor (Acts 11:30; 4:34, 35-37; 6:2-4; 1 Cor. 16:1-4; Gal. 2:9, 10).
- And he has also a ruling power over the flock as a pastor (1 Tim. 5:17; Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Thess. 5:12; Heb. 13:7, 17).

The Ordination Service

The Lord's Day — August 23, 2009

Pentecost Season

Preparation For Worship: Acts 6:1-15

Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Trumpet - Rev. Roger LeCroy; Woodwinds - Mr. Tim Werkema

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeff Meyers

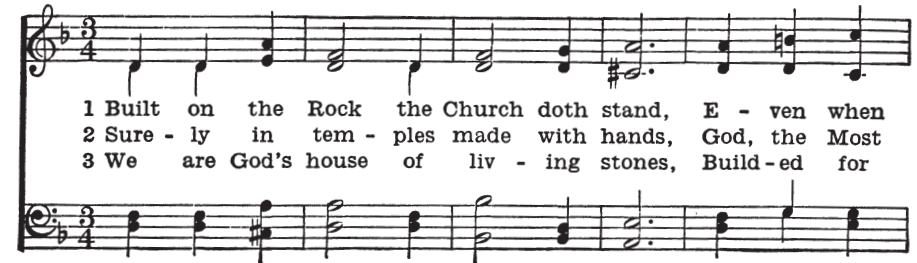
The Entrance

Silent Preparation

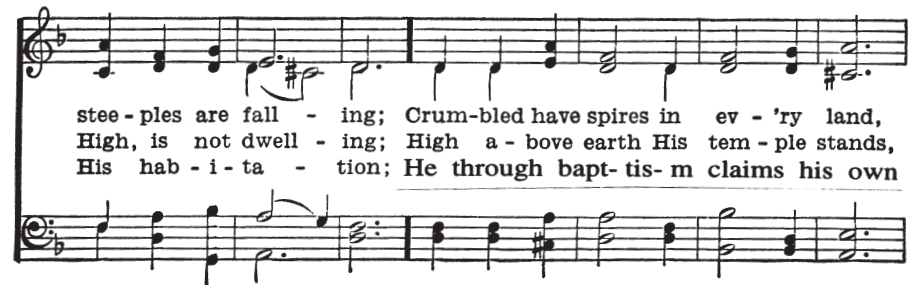
Call to Worship: *Ephesians 2:18-22*

Mr. Brian Steadman

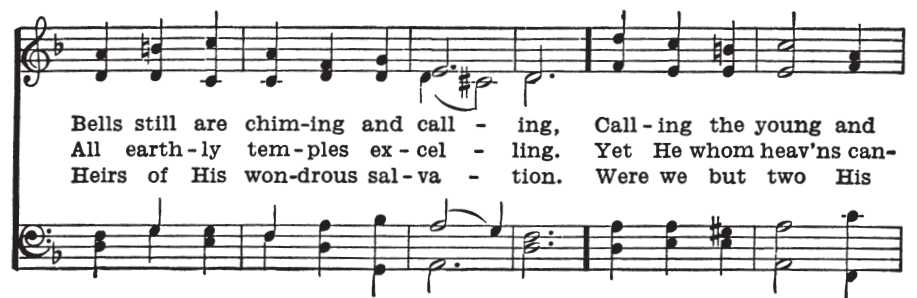
†Hymn of Praise "Built on the Rock"



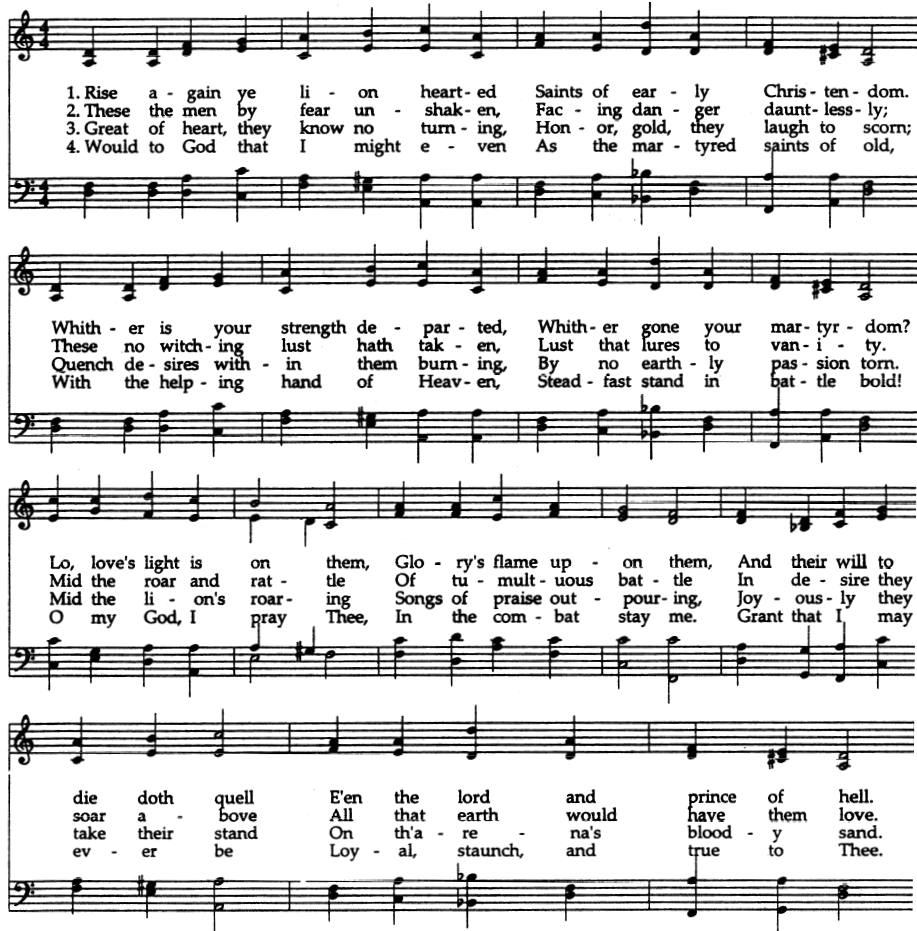
1 Built on the Rock the Church doth stand, E - ven when
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands, God, the Most
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Build - ed for



stee - ples are fall - ing; Crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land,
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His tem - ple stands,
His hab - i - ta - tion; He through bap - tis - m claims his own



Bells still are chim - ing and call - ing, Call - ing the young and
All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet He whom heav'n's can -
Heirs of His won - drous sal - va - tion. Were we but two His



1. Rise a - gain ye li - on heart - ed Saints of ear - ly Chris - ten - dom.
2. These the men by fear un - shak - en, Fac - ing dan - ger daunt - less - ly;
3. Great of heart, they know no turn - ing, Hon - or, gold, they laugh to scorn;
4. Would to God that I might e - ven As the mar - tyred saints of old,

Whith - er is your strength de - par - ted, Whith - er gone your mar - tyr - dom?
These no witch - ing lust hath tak - en, Lust that lures to van - i - ty.
Quench de - sires with - in them burn - ing, By no earth - ly pas - sion torn.
With the help - ing hand of Heav - en, Stead - fast stand in bat - tle bold!

Lo, love's light is on them, Glo - ry's flame up - on them, And their will to
Mid the roar and rat - tle Of tu - mult - uous bat - tle In de - sire they
Mid the li - on's roar - ing Songs of praise out - pour - ing, Joy - ous - ly they
O my God, I pray Thee, In the com - bat stay me. Grant that I may

die doth quell E'en the lord and prince of hell.
soar a - bove All that earth would have them love.
take their stand On th'a - re - na's blood - y sand.
ev - er be Loy - al, staunch, and true to Thee.

Charge to the Session & Congregation

Rev. Joshua Anderson

Charge to Rev. Timothy LeCroy

Rev. Shane Gibson

Benediction

†Hymn #281 "For all the saints"

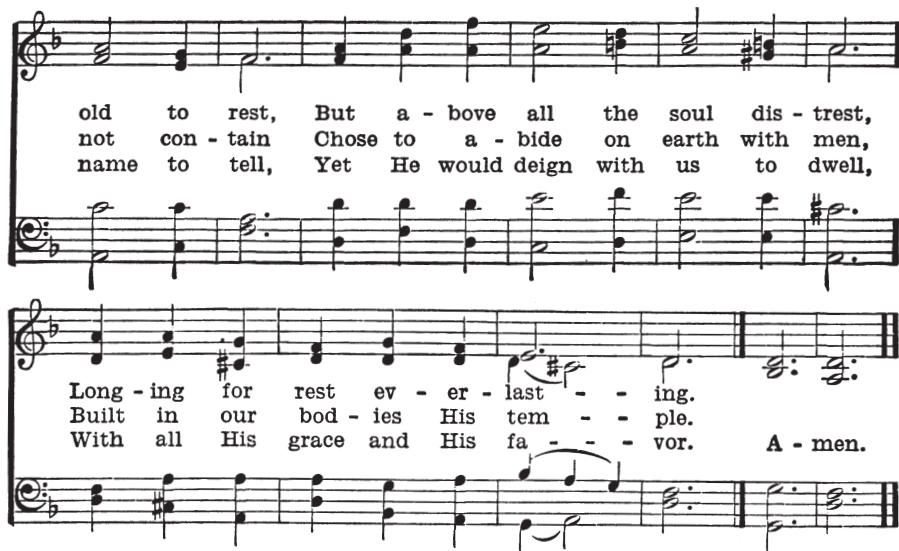
Trinity Hymnal

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

Rev. Timothy LeCroy

†Three-fold Amen & Postlude

Everyone is invited to join us this evening for a reception and celebration for Pastor LeCroy. The reception will be held immediately following the ordination service on the parking lot of the church. Barbecued pork, sides, desserts, and drinks will be served.



old to rest, But a - bove all the soul dis - trest,
not con - tain Chose to a - bide on earth with men,
name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell,

Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - - ing.
Built in our bod - ies His tem - - ple.
With all His grace and His fa - - vor. A - men.

4 Now we may gather with our King
E'en in the lowliest dwelling;
Praises to Him we there may bring,
His wondrous mercy forthtelling.
Jesus His grace to us accords;
Spirit and life are all His words;
His truth doth hallow the temple.

6 Here stands the font before our eyes
Telling how God did receive us;
The bread unites us in his Son
The wine assures we're forgiven
Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
Yea, and for aye our Redeemer.

5 Still we our earthly temples rear
That we may herald His praises;
They are the homes where He draws
near
And little children embraces.
Beautiful things in them are said;
God there with us His covenant made,
Making us heirs of His kingdom.

7 Grant, then, O God, where'er men roam,
That, when the church bells are
ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know Mine own, Mine own know Me;
Ye, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you." Amen.

†Salutation & Responsive Scripture

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!
Congregation: **Amen!** *Matthew 28:19*

The Lord be with you! *Ruth 2:4*
And also with you!

Our help is in the Name of Yahweh, *Psalms 124:8*
Who made heaven and earth!

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are slow to anger,
and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with
penitent hearts, receiving in your loving embrace all who come
home to you; thank you for forgiving us and seating us at your**

7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

8. Are you now willing to take the charge offered to you from this Session, agreeable to your declaration when accepting their call? And do you, relying upon God for strength, promise to discharge to it the duties of a pastor?

Questions to the Session of Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church

1. Do you the Session of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Mr. Timothy LeCroy, whom you have called as an Assistant Pastor?

2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?

3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

4. Do you promise, while he is an Assistant Pastor at this church, to insure that he receives whatever worldly maintenance he and his family need to live, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

The Laying on of Hands & Ordination Prayer Rev. Dr. Nelson Jennings

The Lord's Prayer

†The Gloria Patri

†The Declaration

Pastor Jeff Meyers

I now pronounce and declare that Mr. Timothy LeCroy, has been regularly called, ordained, and installed Assistant Pastor of this congregation, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

†The Right Hand of Fellowship

†Hymn of Response: "Rise again, ye lion hearted"

is from God alone; to whom therefore you should pray earnestly, through the mediation of our only Savior Jesus Christ, for the heavenly assistance of the Holy Spirit; that giving yourself wholly to this office, with daily meditation and study of the Scriptures, you may be able to make full proof of your ministry, being nourished up in the words of the faith and good doctrine, and showing yourself a pattern to others in piety and godly living. In doing this, you will both save yourself and them that hear you. And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that will never fade away.

And now, that the congregation of Christ may also understand your conviction and will in these things, and that you may yourself also the more feel the binding force of what you thus publicly profess and promise, we call upon you to make answer plainly to these following questions which we shall propose to you in the name of the Triune God and his Church:

Questions to the Ordinand

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the Holy Ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?
6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?

bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, we may feast with delight on all that satisfies our hunger and thirst for righteousness; through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age. Amen!

The Word of God

The Hebrew Scriptures: *Malachi 2:1-9*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Reading: *Acts 6:1-15*

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn #404 "We sing the glorious conquest"

Trinity Hymnal

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:13-27*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Text: *Acts 6:1-15*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

Sermon: **ORDINATION & TABLE SERVICE**

The Ordination

The Solemnity & Significance of Ordination Rev. Daniel McKinney

Dearly beloved in the Lord: Almighty God, whom it has pleased by his Spirit and Word to gather and preserve to himself continually, out of the whole human race, a Church chosen to everlasting life, has given to all the members of the same, both ministers and people, a common interest in its welfare. For this reason it has ever been the practice, that in the ordination of those who have been called to the office of the Holy Ministry, the people also should have an opportunity to express their voice. Now, therefore, in order that we may be assisted in the case before us by your knowledge and past observation of him who is here present for admission to this office, we call upon you to the end that if you know any just cause or impediment, because of which he ought not to be ordained to the Christian Ministry, you do now come forward in God's name and make it known.

Dearly beloved brother: It is now our part, solemnly and for the last time, before proceeding to lay upon you irrevocably the bur-

den and responsibility of the Ministry, to remind you how great is the dignity of the office, and how weighty and momentous also are the duties which it involves.

The office of the Holy Ministry is of divine origin and of truly supernatural character and force; flowing directly from the Lord Jesus Christ himself, as the fruit of his resurrection and triumphant ascension into heaven, and being designed by him to carry forward the purposes of his grace upon the earth, in the salvation of men by the Church, to the end of time.

“All authority,” we hear Him saying after He had risen from the dead, “has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

To this answers in full what is written also by St. Paul: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men. . . . And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

Consider well, dear brother in Christ, how much all this means, as declaring and setting forth the true nature and significance of the Holy Ministry. The first Ministers of the New Covenant were the Apostles, who were called and commissioned immediately by Jesus Christ himself. They in turn ordained and set apart other suitable men, as pastors and teachers over the churches which they had gathered and established in different places; and these again in the same way appointed and sent forth others to carry onward and forward still the true succession of their office; which, being regularly transmitted in this way from age to age in the Christian Church, has come down finally in our time to you.

The solemnity of ordination, through which this ministry is transmitted, is not merely an impressive ceremony, by which your right as one called of God to the Ministry is owned and confessed by the Church; but it is to be considered rather as your actual investiture

with the very authority of the office itself, the ritual seal of your heavenly commission, and a symbolic assurance from on high that your consecration to the service of Christ is accepted, and that the Holy Spirit will most certainly be with you in the faithful discharge of your official duties.

These duties are of the same order with the high origin of the office and its glorious design. The Ministers of Christ are set in the world to be at once the representatives of his authority and the ambassadors of his grace. So Jesus said to those first apostolic ministers: “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you. And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” And St. Paul says of the office of the Ministry: “We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.”

It is the business of the Minister to baptize, to preach the Word, to administer the holy sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. They are appointed to wait upon and serve the church, which is the spouse of Christ, his body mystical; to offer before him the prayers and supplications of His people; to feed, to instruct, to watch over and guide the sheep and lambs of his flock, whom he has purchased with his own blood. They also with the elders are charged with the government of the church, and with the proper use of discipline, in the way of both censure and absolution, according to that awfully mysterious word: “And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Such being the character of the office to which you are now called, beloved brother in the Lord, and such the high and arduous nature of its duties, it is easy to see with what seriousness and godly fear, with what solemn forethought, with what holy caution, you should approach unto it, as you are now doing, in the present transaction; and with what great care and study also you ought to apply yourself, that you may appear hereafter to have been worthy of being put into the Christian Ministry, by being found faithful to its mighty trust. Know, at the same time, that for all this you are by no means sufficient of yourself. All proper sufficiency here