

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Thoughts for Richey Goodrich Upon His Ordination

*"O Timothy, guard the deposit that was entrusted to you."*

1 Timothy 6:20

*"He who calls you is faithful. He will surely do it."*

1 Thessalonians 5:24

*"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."*

1 Timothy 4:1-2

*"None but He who made the world can make a minister of the gospel."*

John Netwon

*"What a minister is on his knees in secret before God Almighty, that he is and no more."*

John Owen

*"He that is more frequent in his pulpit to his people than he is in his [prayer] closet for his people, is but a sorry watchmen."*

John Owen

*"Brethren, it is easier to denounce a thousand sins of others, than to mortify one sin in ourselves."*

Thomas Watson

*"Unholiness in a preacher's life will either stop his mouth from reproof, or the people's ears from receiving."*

William Gurnall

*"It is not with us as with other laborers: they find their work as they leave it. We do not. Sin and Satan unravel almost all we do, the impressions we make on our people's souls in one sermon, vanish before the next."*

John Flavel

*"The minister's work debilitates nature; like the candle, he wastes while he shines."*

William Gurnall

*"A minister is a merchant of invaluable jewels."*

Abraham Wright

*One of the most important discoveries I have ever made is this truth: God is most glorified in me when I am most satisfied in him. This is the motor that drives my ministry as a pastor. It affects everything I do.*

John Piper

### Thoughts for the Congregation As They Receive the Word from a Duly Ordained Minister

*"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."*

Ephesians 4:11

*"The Christian's life should put his minister's sermon in print."*

William Gurnall

*"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.... Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden. For that would be of no advantage to you."*

Hebrews 13:7, 17

Prelude

“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult”

Dave Leeman, pianist

GALILEE

Arr. Ken Medema

*Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea,  
 Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, “Christian, follow me.”  
 Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,  
 from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”  
 Jesus calls us; by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
 Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.*

Gathering Song

The Servant Song

Make me a ser- vant, hum- ble and meek, Lord, let me lift up  
 those who are weak; and may the prayer of my heart al- ways be: make me a  
 ser- vant, make me a ser- vant, make me a ser- vant to- day.

Call to Worship

The Rev. John R. McCracken

Minister: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation. *Isaiah 52:7*

People: 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. *Matthew 28:19*

\*Hymn of Adoration, No. 660

“O God Beyond All Praising”

THAXTED

\*Prayer of Adoration

The Rev. Patrick N. Poteet

\*Affirmation of Faith

Belgic Confession (1561)

Mr. Jere

Q. Christians, what do you believe about the leadership of the Church?

A. We believe that this true Church must be governed by the spiritual policy which our Lord has taught us in His Word, namely, that there must be ministers or pastors to preach the Word of God, and to administer the sacraments; also elders and deacons...that, by these means the true religion may be preserved and the true doctrine everywhere propagated, likewise transgressors punished and restrained by spiritual means; also that the poor and distressed may be relieved and comforted, according to their necessities. By these means everything will be carried on in the Church with good order and decency, when faithful men are chosen, according to the rule prescribed by St. Paul in his epistle to Timothy.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

**"Here I Am, Lord"**

*Daniel L Schutte*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry. All who dwell in  
 2. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a  
 dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their  
 feast for them, My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be  
 dark-ness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?\_\_\_ Here I  
 sat - is - fied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?\_\_\_  
 am, Lord,\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord?\_\_\_ I have heard you call-ing in the night. \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ I will go, Lord,\_\_\_ if you lead me. \_\_\_ I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

**Confession of Sin**

Mr. Peter Shotwell, *Ruling Elder*

*Our words of confession are found in the text of this hymn.*

Hymn, No. 452

**"Macedonia: The Vision of a Dying World"**

ALL SAINTS NEW

**Silent Confession**

**Declaration of Pardon**

Elder: *Hear these words of hope and assurance from God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:*

*"I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD' ---and you forgave the guilt of my sin!"*

Psalm 32:5

*My friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**Prayers for Christ's Church and the World**

Mr. Shotwell

**The Collection of Tithes and Offerings (with the Mercy Offering)**

**The Musical Offering**

**"How Lovely Are the Messengers"**

*Felix Mendelssohn*

Trinity Choir

from the Oratorio, "St. Paul"

*Romans 10:15, 18 How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.*

*To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.*

**The Offering Consecration**

Mr. Michael Wichlan

**\*The Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

Mr. Wichlan

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.  
People: And also with you.

**Service of Friendship**

*Children between the ages of 4 through 1st grade may now be dismissed for Celebration Chapel, Room 101. At this time, please locate the black Friendship pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it back to the beginning of the row.*

**\*Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

**\*Scripture Reading**

**I Thessalonians 2:1-12**  
Pew Bibles, pg. 986

Mr. Mollenkopf

**The Morning Sermon and Charge to Mr. Goodrich**

Mr. McCracken

*“The Four Marks of a Christian Minister”*

**\*Hymn of Response No. 642**

**“Be Thou My Vision”**  
Stanzas 1-3

SLANE

**Introduction of the Commission of the North Texas Presbytery**

*A commission of the Presbytery is an appointed group of elders who are authorized to take an action on behalf of the whole Presbytery. Today's commission is appointed and authorized to ordain Richey on behalf of all the teaching and ruling elders in the North Texas region of PCA churches. The members of the commission to ordain Richey Goodrich are Teaching Elders John McCracken and Patrick Poteet, as well as Ruling Elders Gary Brantz, Bill Cobb, Rocky Freeman, Joe Gage, Dan Gardner, Richard Goodrich, Allen Hunter, John Krieger, Steve Parks, Chuck Rehlin, Peter Shotwell and Michael Wichlan.*

**The Ordination Vows**

**Questions for Mr. Goodrich**

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 own 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?
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. Do you now undertake the work of an evangelist, and do you promise, in reliance upon God for strength, to be faithful in the discharge of all your duties incumbent on you as a minister of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ?

**Prayer of Ordination and Laying on of Hands**

Mr. Richard Goodrich, *Ruling Elder, Westminster Presbyterian, Greenville, Texas*  
*The Commission of the North Texas Presbytery*

**The Pronouncement**

Mr. McCracken

I now pronounce and declare that Richey Goodrich has been regularly elected, ordained and installed as an Evangelist sent from 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 Charge to the Congregation**

Mr. Poteet

**\*Hymn of Benediction, No. 598 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**  
 Stanzas 1 & 2

CWM RHONDDA

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

**Hebrews 13:17-21**

The Rev. Richey Goodrich

**Minister:** Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden. For that would be of no advantage to you.

**People:** **With God's help, we will.**

**Minister:** May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**People:** **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Organ Postlude

**“Tocatta Jubiloso”**  
Douglass McFarland, organist

Lani Smith

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*\*All in the congregation, who are able, please stand.*

## **ORDINATION: The Person and the Process**

Ordination to the office of Minister in the ministry of the gospel is one of the highest privileges and gravest responsibilities conceivable. It is a very serious step for any man who desires to serve in ministry. Christian ministry is a unique calling from God and only for those who are truly called by Him, fully devoted to Him and uniquely gifted for this office. The Presbyterian Church in America, therefore, establishes high standards and places candidates under rigorous examination to determine their fitness for the high office and the authenticity of their call from God. It begins with a clear and definable testimony to their election and calling.

Here is Richey Goodrich’s story:

*Richey had the privilege to grow up in a Christian household, but he did not truly embrace Christ as Savior and Lord until 19 years of age. The Lord worked a deep sense of conviction of sin and hopelessness in Richey through his high school years to prepare him to find the Savior as his great treasure. In God's mercy, on the Lord's Day morning, March 3, 1996, Richey was both converted to Christ through the preaching of the Word and called to ministry. God graciously brought Keli Holt into his life two weeks later, and the two quickly became good friends with their common interest in Christ and serving the Lord in foreign missions. Keli was Richey's greatest encourager in his walk with Christ, so they decided they could serve the Lord better together than apart and were married in July of 1999. Richey's love for the Word and commitment to missions grew through his pastoral ministry degree at The Criswell College, which he worked on from 1996 to 2003. Towards the end of his time at Criswell, Richey and Keli began to attend Trinity Presbyterian Church and became members in the fall of 2002. Their time at Trinity has shaped their walk with Christ and understanding of the Church in remarkable ways, and they delight to call Trinity their church home. Richey and Keli have focused much of their service to Trinity on the young singles and have found great delight in so doing. It is a ministry they dearly love and will greatly miss even as they move on to serve the Lord in India. Richey was also privileged to study at Westminster Theological Seminary from 2004 to 2009, and in May was graduated with the Master of Divinity Degree. The sufficiency of Scripture and the centrality of the gospel in all of Scripture has been indelibly marked on Richey through his studies at Westminster, and it will greatly influence the way he ministers the gospel of grace in India. Richey and Keli have been accepted as missionaries with Mission to the World to serve in Bangalore, India. There they will aid the young, growing Presbyterian church through providing theological education for men preparing for ministry. Their big goal is to see Reformed and Presbyterian churches planted among the many unreached peoples of India through the men Richey trains. Richey and Keli have been blessed with a 19 month old daughter, Hadassah, and a son, Josiah, to be born in December. They look forward to rearing their children on the mission field, and they hope that God will use Hadassah and Josiah in significant ways to extend the gospel of Jesus to every tribe, tongue and nation.*

The denomination specifically instructs the ordination through the “**The Book of Church Order,**” **Presbyterian Church of America**, excerpts of which are listed here:

### **Chapter 17 Doctrine of Ordination**

17-1. Those who have been called to office in the Church are to be inducted by the ordination of a court.

17-2. Ordination is the authoritative admission of one duly called to an office in the Church of God, accompanied with prayer and the laying on of hands, to which it is proper to add the giving of the right hand of fellowship.

17-3. As every ecclesiastical office, according to the Scriptures, is a special charge, no man shall be ordained unless it be to the performance of a definite work.

### **Chapter 19 Licensure and Internship**

The examination for licensure shall be as follows:

a. Give a statement of his Christian experience and inward call to preach the Gospel in written form and/or orally.

b. Be tested with a written and/or oral examination by the Presbytery for his:

1. basic knowledge of Biblical doctrine as outlined in the *Confession of Faith* and *Larger and Shorter Catechisms* of the Presbyterian Church in America.

2. practical knowledge of Bible content. 3. basic knowledge of the government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in *The Book of Church Order*.

c. Be examined orally before Presbytery for his views in the areas outlined in part b above.

d. Provide his written sermon on an assigned passage of Scripture embodying both explanation and application, and present orally his sermon or exhortation before Presbytery or before a committee of Presbytery. 19-7.

The Holy Scriptures require that some trial be previously made of those who are to be ordained to the ministry of the Word, both concerning their gifts and concerning their ability to rule as teaching elders, in order that this sacred office may not be degraded by being committed to weak or unworthy men, and that the Church may have an opportunity to form a better judgment respecting the gifts of those to whom this sacred office is to be committed. To provide for such a period of trial, a candidate for ordination must serve an internship.

### **Chapter 21 The Ordination and Installation**

21-4. Ordination Requirements and Procedures

a. An intern applying for ordination shall be required to present a diploma of Bachelor or Master from some approved college or university, and also a diploma of Bachelor or Master from some approved theological seminary or authentic testimonials of having completed a regular course of theological studies, or a certificate of completion of and endorsement from a theological study program as approved by the General Assembly and one of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Trials for ordination shall consist of:

(1) A careful examination as to:

- (a) 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),
- (b) his knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew languages,
- (c) Bible content,
- (d) theology,
- (e) the Sacraments,
- (f) Church history,
- (g) the history of the Presbyterian Church in America, and
- (h) the principles and rules of the government and discipline of the church.

(2) He shall prepare a thesis on some theological topic assigned by the Presbytery.

(3) The candidate shall prepare an exegesis on an assigned portion of Scripture, requiring the use of the original language or languages.

(4) He shall further be required to preach a sermon before the Presbytery or committee thereof, upon three-fourths (3/4) vote.

#### **A Thank You from Richey**

*The apostle Paul indicated in 2 Corinthians 4:1 that the privilege to serve the Lord in ordained ministry is mercy from the Triune God. I am keenly aware that is an honor that I do not deserve and has been purchased for me through the blood of my Savior. This morning I boast only in him (Galatians 6:14). God has graced me with many people through whom he has blessed my life and prepared me for this moment. My first thanks must go to my mom and dad. Their consistent witness to Christ and fervent and faithful prayers for me have been God's instrument to bring me to Christ and call me to serve him in this way. Next, my dear wife, Keli, deserves much gratitude. She truly has been a helper in more ways than I can list here, and I certainly never would have been able to receive the quality theological education that I have apart from her hard work, encouragement, and companionship. Keli, you are the earthly love of my life, and one of God's best gifts to me (Proverbs 19:14). Next, I want to thank all of my church family at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Being a part of your lives and having you a part of mine over these last seven years has been used of God in my life more than any of you could ever know. I rejoice that we will continue this relationship as you partner with me and Keli in our mission work to India. Finally, I want to thank all of my friends and family who have been encouragements and blessings to me in manifold ways. I love you in the Lord and praise God for each of you (Philippians 1:3).*