

The congregation may pray in unison:

God of grace,
you call us to a common ministry
as ambassadors of Christ,
trusting us with the message of reconciliation.
Give us courage and discipline
to follow where your servants rightly lead us,
that together we may declare your wonderful deeds
and show your love to the world;
through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

DECLARATION

REACHOUT GOSPEL CHOIR: *Celebrate the Lord of Love*
with *Look What God is Doing*, by Baloche/Kerr/Clydesdale

RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

MOMENT OF APPRECIATION TO THE INTERIM MODERATOR

SIGNING THE FORMULA

The Dismissal

HYMN: *I heard the voice of Jesus say* 671

BENEDICTION Rev. Andrew Thompson

SENDING SONG: *May the God of hope* 726

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for Rev. Andrew Thompson

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THE EDICT

THE NARRATION OF STEPS

Called to Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Ruth 2:4.

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all.

**But to each of us grace has been given
according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

The gifts Christ gave were that some would be apostles,
some prophets, some evangelists,
some pastors and teachers,
to equip the saints for work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,

**until we all come to the unity of the faith
and of the knowledge of the Son of God,
to maturity as a people,
to the measure of the full stature of Christ.**

Eph. 4:4,5, 11-13, adapted

Let us worship God.

HYMN: *As The Deer*

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world
to save sinners.

1 Tim. 1:15

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *O God beyond all praising*

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The Word Proclaimed

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE: TBD

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM: *For Such a Time as This* by Joseph M. Martin

THE SERMON

Offerings of Gratitude

OFFERTORY HYMN: *You are My All in All*

DOXOLOGY: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

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Offertory Prayer

There are varieties of gifts,

but the same Spirit;

There are varieties of services,

but the same Lord;

There are varieties of activities,

but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

to use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

and individually members of it.

1 Cor. 12.4-7,27, adapted

Though we have different gifts,

together we are called to be the church with a ministry in the world
which is led by the risen Christ.

The Induction

THE PREAMBLE

THE ORDINATION QUESTIONS

Questions to Rev. Andrew Thompson

Questions to the Congregation:

Members and adherents of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, will please stand. The induction of a minister is the beginning of a new partnership in service to God. These questions, therefore, I direct to you so that you may renew your commitment to this shared ministry.

1. Do you confess anew your faith in one God who is creator and ruler of the universe, who came to us in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and who remains present among us through the power of the Holy Spirit?
We do.
2. Do you receive Rev. Andrew Thompson to be your minister as from Christ?
We do.
3. Will you give of your substance as the Lord prospers you, for the maintenance of the Christian ministry and the furtherance of the gospel in this place and throughout the world?
We will.
4. Do you pledge yourselves to be co-servants with your minister under Christ, sharing in the worship of the church, offering support through prayers and friendship, announcing the gospel to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit?
We do.

May the Lord bless you and give you grace to fulfil these vows.

Amen.

THE INDUCTION PRAYER

Praise be to you,
Lord God of creation.
By your power, you created the universe to be a witness to your glory.
By your love, you became flesh and lived among us in Jesus Christ to redeem your people and to establish your kingdom on earth.
By your Spirit, you sustain and nurture your people and your purposes among us.
We praise and glorify your name O God,
because you have formed throughout the world
a church to be your chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation
to declare the praises of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And now we give you thanks for your servant Andrew Thompson who has been called and ordained to serve you and the church as a minister of Word and Sacraments,
and who has been *called* to minister (among these people).
May the words *he* speaks in preaching and teaching be your Word in Christ.
May the sacraments *he* celebrates be lively signs of your presence among these people who have made covenant with you through Christ.
May the qualities of compassion and discernment that mark *his* life among these people show forth your love in Christ from day to day.
As we pray for your servant Andrew Thompson, so too, O Lord,
we pray for every minister and elder.
May they reach out the hand of friendship, care and affection to one another.
So may Andrew realize that *he* stands not alone, but is surrounded by co-workers in Christ in whom *he* may find understanding, support and guidance.

We give you thanks, O God, for the people of this congregation.
May they always remember their part in the ministry you have given to them and to all believers.
Give to them high expectation that, by the power of your transforming grace, they will be renewed in their love for Christ, for one another, and for the whole world.
May Andrew and the people of Chalmers grow together as members of one body in Christ--
rooted in the gospel, abounding in hope, steadfast in service,
in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise,
now and forever. **Amen.**