

The Service of Installation
of
Reverend Marcia Lynn Pratt
as the Lead Pastor of

Zion Reformed Church
Grandville, Michigan
by the
Great Lakes City Classis

October 22, 2023



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Evidence

Call to Worship: 1,000 Names

Welcome & Greeting

Worship Songs: Firm Foundation (He Won't)
Gratitude

Offering: Be Thou My Vision

Announcements

Children dismissed to Zion Kids

Offering: Be Thou My Vision

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-8

Sermon: Rev. Michelle VanDenBerg

Installation

Closing Song: Goodness of God

Blessing

WE HAVE a Family Room available for parents with babies and small children where you can watch the live-stream of the worship service while comforting a baby or giving a restless toddler a little extra space to move around for part of the worship service. The Family Room is across from the nursery. Upon exiting the sanctuary/worship gathering space, turn right and it is the first room on your right.

ALL KIDS birth through 5th grade must be signed in at the Zion Kids Check-In Kiosk located in the lobby before the service. The nursery will be staffed for kids birth - 3 yrs. Preschoolers meet in room 206. K-2nd graders meet in room 205. 3rd - 5th graders meet in room 207. Please bring the corresponding tag to pick up your child after worship.

Installation:

PRESENTATION

Beloved in the Lord, we have come to install a Minister of Word and Sacrament in Christ's holy church. Christ alone is the source of all Christian ministry, through the ages calling men and women to serve.

By the Holy Spirit all who believe and are baptized receive a ministry to witness to Jesus as Savior and Lord, and to love and serve those with whom they live and work. We are ambassadors for Christ, who reconciles and makes whole.

We are the salt of the earth; We are the light of the world.

Following his resurrection and ascension, Christ gave gifts to the church. These gifts were that "some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

We stand within a tradition where God calls and empowers deacons, elders, and ministers of Word and sacrament. As these three offices are united in Christ, so also in the church, one office is not separate from the others. The minister of Word and sacrament does not serve without the elder and neither without the deacon. Together they enable the whole mission of the church.

Zion Reformed Church, of the Reformed Church in America, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Marcia Lynn Pratt to be its pastor and teacher.

The Classis of Great Lakes City has approved the call of Marcia Pratt to be pastor and teacher of this church. We invite you to come forward, Marcia, as a sign that you accept this call.

Ministers are called to build up Christ's church. They are to proclaim God's Word, to declare forgiveness through Jesus Christ, to call publicly on the name of the Lord on behalf of the whole congregation, to celebrate Christ's holy sacraments, baptizing and presiding at the Lord's Supper.

They are to be pastors and teachers, sharing people's joys and sorrows, encouraging the faithful, recalling those who fall away, helping the sick and the dying.

Marcia, you are here to be received into the membership of the classis and installed into the ministry of pastor and teacher of this congregation. So that it may be clear to all here present that you are both willing and able to accept this call to ministry in Christ's church, the classis asks you to reaffirm the vows you made when you were ordained as a minister of Word and sacrament:

Do you confess together with us and the church throughout all ages your faith in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

Let us all stand with Marcia, confessing our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born 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.**

**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.**

Do you believe in your heart that you are called by Christ's church,
and therefore by God, to this ministry of Word and sacrament?

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

Do you believe the books of the Old and New Testaments to be
the Word of God and the perfect doctrine of salvation, rejecting all
contrary beliefs?

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

Will you proclaim the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;
upholding the witness of Holy Scripture against all schisms and
heresies?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of Holy Scripture and in your use
of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people and lead
them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you accept the church's order and governance, submitting to ecclesiastical discipline should you become delinquent in either life or doctrine?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be loyal to the witness and work of the Reformed Church in America, using all your abilities to further its Christian mission here and throughout the world?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you strive to fulfill faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully, all the duties of a minister of Christ: to preach the Word of God in sincerity, to administer the sacraments in purity, to maintain proper discipline in the household of God, and to shepherd the flock faithfully?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

RECEPTION INTO CLASSIS

Marcia, will you publicly declare your commitment to Christian ministry among us?

Please stand for Marcia's reading of the Form of Declaration for Ministers.

In the name of our Lord, we welcome you to the fellowship of the Great Lakes City Classis and pledge to you our confidence, support, affection, and prayers as you live and work among us as a fellow servant and minister of the Word of God.

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR:

Beloved servant in Christ, be attentive to yourself and to all the flock given to your care by the Holy Spirit. Love Christ: feed his lambs, tend his sheep. Be an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to reading, prayer, study, preaching, and teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you. Put these

things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Marcia, guard what has been entrusted to you. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

INSTALLATION:

Will all the members of Zion Reformed Church rise to affirm their covenant with the minister whom God has given them?

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, do you receive in the name of the Lord, this servant, Marcia Pratt, to be your pastor and teacher?

We do.

Do you promise to receive with meekness and love the word of truth she proclaims?

We do.

Do you promise to honor her authority, welcome her pastoral care, and follow as she guides you in serving Jesus Christ, the only head of the church?

We do.

Do you promise to encourage and pray for her; to labor together in obedience to the gospel for the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, the unity, purity, and peace of the church, and the welfare of the whole world?

We do.

Do you promise her such financial and personal support that she shall serve among you with joy and not with grief as long as you covenant together?

We do.

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION:

Beloved people of God,
receive with joy your minister in the Lord.
Remember God speaks to you through her.
Receive the word she shall preach to you
as it is in truth, the Word of God.
Respect those who labor among you,
esteem them highly in love
because of their work.
Let those who preach the gospel of peace,
bringing good news and announcing salvation,
be beautiful and pleasant to you.

In the name and by the authority of the Classis of Great Lakes City I now declare that the pastoral relationship between the Reverend Marcia Lynn Pratt and Zion Reformed Church is fully constituted, and that Reverend Pratt is a duly installed pastor and teacher of this church.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Almighty and ever-loving God, you taught us to pray for ourselves and for others, and to give thanks for all of life.

May every grace of ministry rest on Marcia, keep her strong and faithful, may she herald the joy of your kingdom, serving rather than being served.

Give your grace to this congregation: strengthen them as they labor together, preserve them in peace, enlighten them through your Word.

Inspire your whole church with your Spirit of power, unity, and peace. Grant that all who trust you may live together in love.

Lead all nations in the way of justice. Direct those who govern, that they be fair, maintain order, support those in need, and defend the oppressed, that the world may know true peace. Give grace to all who proclaim the gospel through Word and sacrament and deeds of mercy, that by teaching and example others may come to live for you.

Comfort and deliver, O Lord, all who are in trouble...sorrow... poverty...sickness...grief... Heal them in body, mind, spirit, or circumstance, working in them, by your grace, wonders beyond their dreams and hopes, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

Closing song: Goodness of God

Benediction: Rev. Marcia Pratt

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

Preaching: Rev. Michelle VanDenBerg

Liturgists: Rev. Greg Brower, Rev. Jeremy Zoet, Ken Johnson, Olivia Zoet, Hope Eriks

Praise Team: Lauren Bosma, Rachel Eriks, Grady Gerken, Jonathan Pratt, Josh Verbrugge, Jeremy Zoet

Audio/Visual: Steve Boersma, Josh Sanders, Justin Steere

Please join us for a cake reception in the narthex following worship.

ZION ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS: Pray for Nancy Doornbos as she recovers from hip replacement surgery. Continue to pray for those in our congregation who are dealing with ongoing health problems.

WHO LOVES A good fall potluck? Join us on Sunday, November 5th after the morning service for a "Potluck Plus." Potluck: please bring a main dish and salad/side or dessert. Drinks and paper products will be provided. "Plus": we will have some entertainment to help us get to know the pastors better! And this is a wonderful chance to share a meal and get to know others at Zion better too. To RSVP on SignUp Genius click [here](#) or use this QR code. There is also a sign up available on the bulletin board by the church office, or you can call the church office to RSVP as well. We hope you will join us!



THIS PAST September we had a great time camping at Dunes Harbor Family Campground. It was a great weekend with lots of food, fun, and stories around the campfire. Believe it or not, we are already planning next years camping weekend. Currently we have we have four cabins and ten campsites on the dates of June 6-9 being held for us. What we need to know is how many of you are interested. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the office or let Pastor Rick or Jonell know if you are interested. I know it is a ways off but it's never to early to think about camping next year!

THIS WEEK

TODAY

4:00PM High School Youth Group meets

5:45PM Middle School Youth Group meet

WEDNESDAY

6:30PM Praise Team practice

WEEKLY OFFERING: Oct 15, 2023

Weekly Budget: \$11,542.95 Year to Date Budget: \$230,859.00

General Fund: \$16,927.73 Year to Date Contributions: \$194,992.68

ZION YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR WEEKLY YOUTH groups meet on Sunday's in the youth room at the following times:

- High School Youth(9-12 grade) meet from 4:00 - 5:30 pm.
- Middle School Youth (6-8th grade) meet from 5:45 – 7:15 pm.

PAYMENTS for the following events are due on Sunday, October 29:

- ➡Middle School Mission Trip #1 \$100.00
- ➡Middle School Winter Retreat #1 \$100.00
- ➡High School Mission Trip #1 \$100.00
- ➡High School Winter Retreat #1 \$100.00

NOTE: Current student fundraising account balances were emailed to you. Account money may be used to pay for any event. Students must indicate this as their chosen method of payment when signing up for an event or on/before payment due dates.

YOUTH FUNDRAISERS: Our youth are selling 2024 God's Creation Calendars (\$10) and Key Card Books (\$30). If you haven't been contacted and would like to purchase one please contact any one of our youth or call the church office at 616-534-7533.