

# We The Church

## Welcome to Grace Brevard's official Church Localization Ceremony

March 17, 2019 @ 10:30am

### Today is a very special day!

After over two years of planning and 16 months of meeting together we are “graduating” from being a dependent “mission church” to a full adult “Local Church.”

Today's celebration will combine our normal worship service with formal elements required to make this transition complete. Included here are the questions we will be asked.

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*If you have signed the Charter Membership, you are invited to participate in voting during this ceremony.*

## **Constitutional Questions to the Congregation**

Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating in this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and to the spiritual oversight of this Church Session, and promise to further the unity, purity and peace of the Church?

## **Ruling Elders**

**Mark Emory     Randy Johnson     Jason Lefler**  
**Craig Lotz     Chris Strassner**

### **Constitutional Questions to the Elders**

Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior?

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?

Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church you will on your own initiative make known to your Church Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

Do you affirm and adopt the "Essentials of Our Faith" without exception?

Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?

Do you promise subjection to your fellow presbyters in the Lord?

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to accept the office of Ruling Elder from love of God and sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account?

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as Ruling Elder, whether personal or relative, 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 this congregation of which God will make you an officer?

Are you now willing to take responsibility in the life of this congregation as Ruling Elders and will you seek to discharge your duties, relying upon the Grace of God, in such a way that the entire Church of Jesus Christ will be blessed?

## **Constitutional Questions to the Congregation**

Do you, the members of this congregation, now receive these persons as Ruling Elders, and do you promise to yield them and all your officers all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which the ordination as an officer entitles them, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?

## **Teaching Elder (“Pastor”)**

### **Constitutional Questions to the Pastor**

(these are the same as the other questions, with three minor differences)

(#8) 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?

(#10) Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a Minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relative, 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?

(#11) Are you now willing to take the charge of this Church, 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?

### **Constitutional Questions to the Congregation**

Are you, the members of this congregation ready to receive Teaching Elder Brian Land as your Pastor?

Do you promise to submit to Pastor Brian Land in matters of spiritual discipline, and to receive with humility and love the word of truth?

Do you promise to support your Pastor with your prayers, to give encouragement in his work, and to assist him in every way as he seeks to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God in this place?

Do you recommit yourselves to fulfill the terms of the call you have extended and to make provision for your Pastor’s needs that the name of Christ might be glorified?

## Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### Grace Update

After worship on March 31<sup>st</sup> we will give an update on the new facilities and explain what it will take to get going.

### Membership Class

Later this Spring we will have a membership class for those who want to become "Active members"

### Budget Report

*(our fiscal year runs September through August)*

Year-to-Date Budget = 228,846

Year-to-Date Offerings Received = 219,488

Year-to-date Outside Support = (28 weeks into fiscal year)

*(\$1,900 pledged per week from other denominations and churches)*

Over (Under) Budget = 43,842

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