



The Mission

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Words of Installation

Pat Phinney (to Pastors Elect):

We are assembled before God to install Brandon Cooper and Kyle Bjerga, who have answered your call to become pastors of First Baptist Church of Elmhurst. Brandon and Kyle, the duties of your office are set forth in the Scriptures and delineated in your job descriptions. As ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ, you are first of all to preach the whole counsel of God as revealed in the Bible and affirmed in our Statement of Faith. Whatever is contrary to sound doctrine is to be refuted with gently pastoral, yet firm, instruction. Those who are committed to your pastoral care are to be diligently admonished to walk in the commandments and precepts of the Lord. The wandering are to be warned truthfully in love.

You are to steward the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper to the praise of the Great Shepherd and the well-being of the flock. You are to pray diligently for your people and be a pattern of faith and good works which glorify God.

Will you therefore earnestly purpose to diligently fulfill these duties in the strength God supplies?

Pastors Elect:

I will, with God's help.

Pat Phinney (to the congregation):

Dear friends, receive as your pastors, Brandon Cooper and Kyle Bjerga, whom God has given you. Joyfully and soberly accept the word of God as preached by his messengers. Pray for your pastors that the ministry offered in this place may tend to the salvation of many souls to the everlasting glory of God. Honor and esteem those who are to minister to your souls. Congregation of First Baptist, will you now accept these obligations?

Congregation:

We will, with God's help.

Pat Phinney:

Brandon and Kyle, upon your solemn declarations and the congregation's solemn response, I now install you, Pastor Brandon Cooper, as Senior Pastor, and you, Kyle Bjerga, as Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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