**Suggested Elements of Worship for Installation and Ordination Services**

Prelude

Procession of Commission and Clergy *(optional)*

Welcome *(given by Moderator of the Commission)*

Call to Worship

Hymn(s) of Praise and Thanksgiving and Special Music *(throughout the service as appropriate)*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Prayer for Illumination and Scripture Reading(s)

**Sermon:** *Preachers may be reminded that this is a proclamation of the Word for all people. The sermon should focus on Jesus Christ and the mission and ministry of the church, calling everyone in attendance to renewed faithfulness. Care should be taken that the sermon does not turn into a charge to the pastor or the congregation.*

Offering: *The purpose of the offering should be announced in the bulletin and interpreted verbally.*

Prayers of the People followed by the Lord’s Prayer

Presentation of the Ordinand /Pastor-Elect *(usually by the PNC Chair)*

Constitutional Questions *(Moderator of the Commission)*

Laying on of Hands for the Ordinand / Installed

Prayer of Ordination/Installation

Moderator Announces Ordination/Installation

**Welcome** *Then the members of the presbytery, and others as may be appropriate, shall welcome the newly ordained and installed or newly installed teaching elder into their fellowship in the ministry*

*of the Word and Sacrament. 4.4006c*

**Charges (optiona**l): *The Book of Order makes provision for brief charges to be given as part of the service to remind the pastor and the congregation to be faithful in their relationship and in their reciprocal responsibilities. A charge is an option, not a necessary element but it does present an opportunity for comments of a more personal nature which can be directed to the pastor and/or congregation. Care should be taken that the charge does not turn into a sermon.*

**Charge to the Pastor:** *Traditionally a charge to the pastors may emphasize physical, emotional ,and spiritual balance and /or encourage the pastor to express particular leadership gifts.*

**Charge to the Congregation**: *Traditionally a charge to the congregation exhorts the congregation to take good care of their new pastor and to be willing partners in ministry.*

Investiture of the Symbols of Office (optional)\* *Suggested symbols: Bible; Stole; Cross*

Communion (optional): *If you choose to have communion, it must be approved by the General Council through the Stated Clerk. This is a presbytery service.*

Benediction (by the Pastor)

Recessional and/or Postlude