

Sabbath Celebration

THE INSTALLATION OF RON HALVORSEN, JR.
October 15, 2005, 11 a.m.

Organ Hymns for Gathering

Prelude

Hymn of Thanksgiving / Mawby

Welcome & Church Life

Pastor Kermit Netteburg

Processional Hymn*

O Praise Ye the Lord / No. 20

Laudate Dominum

Call to Celebration & Invocation*

Pastor Kermit Netteburg

Leader: God of Glory, Creator of the heavens and the earth, in You we live and move and have our being.

People: You make us rich with your holy presence.

Leader: Today You have called us to renew our vision as your people, to celebrate your love, to live in the joy, peace and freedom it brings, and to faithfully serve others.

People: Christ has called us to use our gifts to God's glory. We will be true to the Giver of Gifts as God is calling us forward.

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, grant a great outpouring of your Spirit on your people, that we may be true to the calling of Christ that bids us move forward in service and love. As your church, give us your grace to create a model community where people of every race, gender, age and religion are welcome to worship together in Christ; where diversity is celebrated and integrated into our ministry; and where all individuals are encouraged to develop to their full potential and use their gifts for the benefit of others; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

O Clap Your Hands / Ralph Vaughn Williams

Prayers of the People †

Steve Chavez
Lay Chair, Church Board
Lloyd Buddoo
Head Elder

Prayer Response

Choral Amen / John Rutter

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Introduction of Ron Halvorsen, Jr.

Pastor Dave Weigley
*President, Potomac Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists*

Affirmations of Ministry

Pastor Terry Johnsson

The Honorable Kathy Porter, *Mayor of Takoma Park*
Reverend Tim Warner, *Action in Montgomery (AIM)*
Dr. Randal Wisbey, *President, Columbia Union College*
William "Bill" Robertson, *President and CEO, Adventist HealthCare*
Ron Wiley, Director, *Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington*
Pastor Franklin David, *Ministerial Director for Potomac Pastors in Maryland*
Larry Rich, Principal, *Sligo Adventist School*
Dunbar Henri, Principal, *Takoma Academy*
Terry Johnsson, Associate Pastor, *Sligo Church*

ENTERING INTO COVENANT

Covenant for Ministry

Pastor Rebecca Brillhart

Leader: We gather today to install Ron Halvorsen, Jr., as Senior Pastor of Sligo Church. We ask a divine blessing on this new beginning. We pledge our faithfulness to God and God's purpose for our future together.

People: We covenant ourselves to work with our new shepherd in being a strong witness for God in the nation's capital.

Leader: We covenant to be a loving, caring community in partnership with the larger community.

People: We covenant our prayers and pledge our gifts in support of the church's mission.

Leader: We promise to embrace and nurture Ron, Buffy, Ronnie and Stephanie, as part of our church family.

People: We pledge to them our understanding, our acceptance, our encouragement, our love and our prayers.

Leader: Let us stand to affirm our covenant:

People: Empowered by God's purpose for this church, and covenanting that we will pray for you and work beside you, we affirm you, Ron Halvorsen, Jr., as the Senior Pastor of Sligo Church.

Ron Halvorsen, Jr.: Standing with you, I promise to be your pastor; and in the strength and grace of Jesus Christ, I covenant to serve with this congregation and community in faithfulness to the glory of God.

Leader and the People: In the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, we declare you Senior Pastor of Sligo Church. We commend you to the grace of God in the discharge of all your duties as a minister of the gospel. May the Holy Spirit bring to fulfillment God's purpose in you, and may your every act be inspired by faith.

Prayer of Installation †

Maurice Battle

Chorale Response

Comfortare / George Dyson

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Luke 4:16-19

Pastor Otis Coutsoumpos

Hymn of Contemplation

In Christ There Is No East nor West / No. 587

Sermon

"WJD"

Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.

Offering of Thanks

Pastor Debbie Eisele

Offertory Anthem

The Lord Is my Shepherd / Adolphus Hailstork
Javier Gonzalez, *tenor*
Kyung Priscilla Ko, *piano*

Hymn of Response*

God of Grace and God of Glory / No. 607

Westminster Abbey

Benediction*

Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.

Benediction Response*

Gloria Patri / Anonymous

Postlude

Finale from Symphony No. 1 / Louis Vierne

An Invitation

You are cordially invited to attend a Celebration Reception in the Atrium for Ron Halvorsen, Jr., and family immediately following the service today.

Columbia Collegiate Chorale
James Bingham, *director*

John Abbracciamento, John T. Bingham, Michael Mergan, *trumpet*
Barry Hearn, Craig Mulcahy, Gus Mitchell, *trombone*

Mark Willey, *organist*

Blair Peace & Gloria Eaker, *deacon & deaconess on duty*

* congregation is standing

† congregation is kneeling