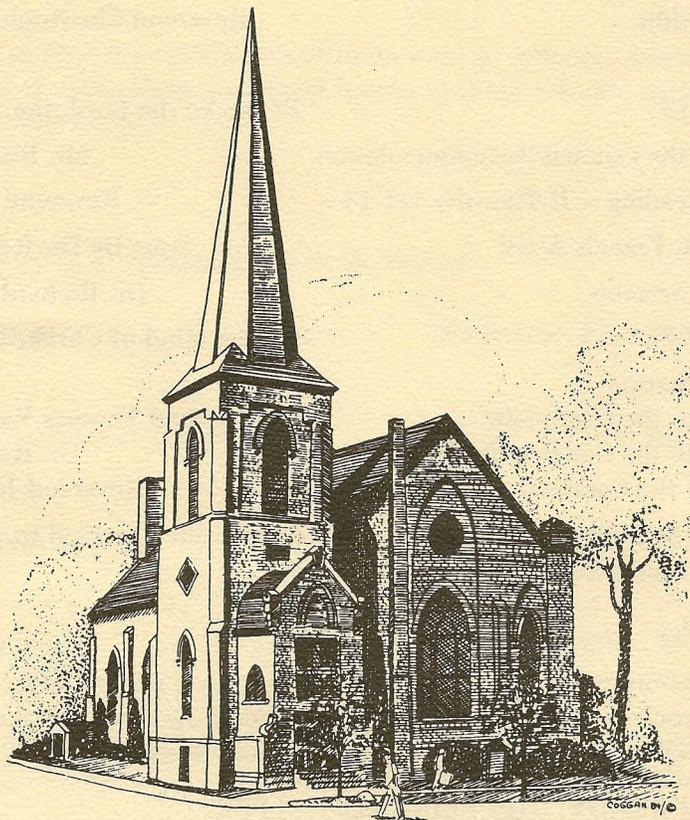


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



ORDINATION SERVICE

for

Timothy A. Gillette

3:30p.m.

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Welcome and Introductions Mr. Bruce Boroff

Call to Worship Reverend Christopher Thomas

Invocation

Hymn No. 13 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Reading of the Council Recommendation Mr. Bruce Boroff

Scripture Reading – II Timothy 1:1-14 Reverend Ivan Estle

Prayer of St. Francis Assisi Sung By Dr. Robert Shaw

Ordination Sermon Dr. Richard Westmaas

Hymn No. 333 "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

Act of Ordination

Charge to the Candidate Reverend Thomas Van Johnson

Charge to the Congregation Dr. Robert Shaw

Vows of the Candidate Reverend John Elliott

Do you believe in your heart that you are called by God to be a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ?

I DO.

Moved by your love of God and man and by a sincere desire to proclaim the gospel of his Son, are you now ready to take upon you this holy ministry and faithfully to serve in it?

I AM READY, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

Will you always attend the flock of God committed to your care, taking the oversight thereof not by constraint but willingly, not for worldly gain but of a ready mind?

I WILL DO SO, THE LORD BEING MY HELP.

Will you give yourself heartily to such studies and devotions and to such a course of life as may increase your knowledge of truth as it is in Jesus Christ and your power to teach the same plainly and persuasively?

THIS I WILL ENDEAVOR TO DO WITH THE HELP OF MY LORD.

Prayer of Ordination

Presentation of the Certificate of Ordination

Hymn No. 328

Benediction

Reverend Steve Cardona

Mr. Bruce Boroff

"Close to Thee"

Reverend Timothy A. Gillette

We here at First Baptist Church of Ionia want to welcome everyone to this time of celebration. A special thanks to those who are participating in the service today.

Participants in the Service

Mr. Bruce Boroff Moderator, First Baptist Church of Ionia

Reverend Christopher Thomas Pastor, First Baptist Church of Marshall

Reverend Ivan Estle Former West Area Minister of American Baptist Churches of Michigan

Dr. Robert Shaw Executive Minister, The American Baptist Churches of Michigan

Dr. Richard Westmaas President, Psychological Services Inc., Cadillac, Michigan

Reverend Thomas Van Johnson Pastor, First Baptist Church of Lansing

Reverend John Elliott Pastor, Burton Baptist Church Grand Rapids, Michigan

Reverend Steve Cardona Pastor, Haslett Baptist Church Haslett, Michigan

Everyone is invited to attend a time of refreshment in Fellowship Hall, downstairs following the service.

Excerpts from the charge to the Church membership
by Dr. Shaw.

1. Keep before you the New Testament view of the Church - its vision, its responsibility 1st Cor.
2. Keep before you the Biblical statement of the responsibility of the minister - to be pastor in the life & function of the ministry of the church: Eph. 4:11
3. Uphold the pastor with prayer, participation, encouragement, assistance, and love. Join in and help. Pastors are not fairy godfathers, - don't expect miracles. Allow him to be human. Don't say it to someone, say it to him. Pastors don't read minds - have a reading disability in that area. They are not good guessers. Tell pastor about anniversaries, etc.
4. Join pastor in discovering God's vision for this church in this time & place - work together to fulfill it.
5. Live lives individually & collectively so that the world through you may see Christ and God's guidance and indwelling.