

A SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

DR. CHRISTOPHER LEONARD CANIPE



PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

11 DECEMBER, 2016

FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

Prelude

Bill Gouge

Greeting

Bunnie Walker

Invitation to Worship

Bill Wilson

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

People: The sea is His, for He made it, and the dry land which His hands have formed.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our maker!

People: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn of Praise No. 366

“O God Beyond All Praising” THAXTED

Recognition of the Pastor Search Committee

Jack Causey

Bunnie Walker, Stowe Query, Frankie Ayscue, Sarah Blackwell, Cheryl Bradshaw, Bill Caldwell, Michael Christian, Donna Eason, Heather Hanson, Jeff Hinson, Leslie Jones, Harrison Marshall

A Reading from the New Testament

Bill Leathers

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Sermon

Bill Leathers

Hymn of Proclamation No. 71

“Be Thou My Vision” SLANE

Charge to the New Pastor

Larry Hovis

Leader: My brother, seeing that the members of Providence Baptist Church have called you to serve this congregation as senior pastor, and that you have been called by God to this ministry, I ask you in His name, do you believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

Pastor: I do.

Leader: Do you believe in your heart that you have been called by God to the pastoral oversight of this church and congregation?

Pastor: I do.

Leader: As you serve among this church family, will you be committed to giving to its members and to receiving from them? Will you obey the call to lead this fellowship while continuing to follow our Lord Jesus Christ who is Head of the Church?

Pastor: I will, relying on God's help.

(Members of the church stand)

Leader: My sisters and brothers, together you are making an important act of commitment, believing that you have been called by God to work together with this minister. In God's name, do you believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

Church: We do.

Leader: Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive Lee Canipe as your senior pastor?

Church: We do.

Leader: Will you honor and support him, working together humbly and cheerfully as the people of God?

Church: We will.

(Whole congregation stands)

Leader: As representatives of the whole body of Christ, do you support this new chapter in the life of this church and minister?

Congregation: We do.

Leader: Will you continue to offer your love and prayer and encouragement to this fellowship in the months and years ahead?

Congregation: We will.

Leader: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I now declare that Lee Canipe has been installed as senior pastor of this church and congregation, to serve with its members in the ministry to which Jesus has called them all. As a sign of our joy and gratitude for what God has done for—and our hope for what He will do through—Providence Baptist Church, let us now share the peace of Christ with one another.

Prayers of God's People

Bo Prosser

Hymn of Promise No. 485

"The Master Has Come" ASH GROVE

Benediction

Lee Canipe

Postlude

Bill Gouge



Bunnie Walker is the chair of the pastor search committee that recommended Lee Canipe to be the fifth senior pastor of Providence Baptist Church.

Bill Wilson is the founding director of the Center for Healthy Churches, a ministry devoted to improving the spiritual and emotional well-being of congregations and their leaders. He was instrumental in working with the committee to establish initial congregational listening sessions and in advising the committee on various procedures for developing the church and pastor profiles.

Jack Causey is the recently-retired Ministerial Resources Coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina. Jack worked as an advisor and mentor to the chair, Bunnie Walker. He also met with the committee on several occasions to offer guidance on search procedures and resume reviews. Jack brought a number of candidates to the committee's attention. One of these candidates was Dr. Canipe.

Bill Leathers is the grandfather of Helen, Watt, and Peter Canipe. He served as pastor of Baptist churches in Georgia and North Carolina, before retiring in 2009 from First Baptist Church of Hickory.

Larry Hovis is the executive coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina. He served the pastor search committee by sharing his insights on various questions the committee presented. He also provided professional recommendations that proved helpful to the committee.

Bo Prosser is coordinator of organizational relationships for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He is also a former associate pastor of Providence Baptist Church. Bo's experience at Providence allowed him to offer the committee a unique perspective during the search process. His insight and guidance were valuable assets, especially in helping the committee sort through resumes and narrow its focus.

Lee Canipe is the fifth senior pastor of Providence Baptist Church

Ministry Team at Providence

Randy Ballard, Recreation Director

Al Cadenhead, Jr., Pastor Emeritus

Lee Canipe, Senior Pastor

Diann Clark, Music Associate and Church Organist

Martha H. Haigler, Pastoral Care Associate

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