

Leadership & Life Development



Deacon Ordination Order of Service

A Time of Commitment

Leadership and Life
Development

Florida Baptist
Convention

1230 Hendricks Ave
Jacksonville, FL
32207

800.226.8584,
Extension 3070
rsaint@flbaptist.org

Rick Wheeler,
Director

Roy Lee Saint,
Associate Director

Lewis Miller,
Associate Director

A Cooperative Program
Ministry of the Florida
Baptist Convention



Prelude

Hymn 61 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Welcome

Pastor

(People greet one another then sing Hymn 384 "The Bond of Love")

Testimony

Former Deacon

Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 3:1-13

Former Deacon

Hymn Medley (Sing Stanza 1 only of each hymn)

No. 483 "Footsteps of Jesus"

No. 484 "Higher Ground"

No. 485 "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

No. 486 "Lord, Here Am I"

Responsive Reading

Pastor and Deacons

Pastor: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

Deacons: And I said, "Here am I. Send Me!"*

Solo Hymn 613 "The Servant Song"

Message

Pastor

Responsive Reading (Have deacons come forward and face the pastor)

Leader: In the presence of God, we solemnly recognize the importance of the office of deacon.

People: Based upon God's Word, the deacon is not a governor, but a servant.

Leader: The deacon is to assist in responding to needs;

People: To help in the bearing of burdens;

Leader: To minister in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: We change our deacons with the responsibility of assisting our pastors in shepherding the flock.

Leader: (to deacons) You have been entrusted with a sacred task. Do you now accept the challenge of caring for God's people in the community of believers?

Deacons: We accept the challenge.

Leader: (to congregation) In placing this mantle of responsibility upon these servants, you must commit to supporting them in their ministry. Do you accept the challenge?

People: We accept the challenge.

Leader: Recognizing that we are one body in Christ and having promised mutual support before holy God, let us serve one another.

The Laying on of Hands

Invitation

Hymn of Commitment No. 290 "I Am Thine, O Lord:

Benediction

Postlude

All hymns are from *The Baptist Hymnal* 1991
*From the Holy Bible, *New International Version*.

Deacon Ordination

Order of Service

Prelude: "Life Up Your Heads"

A Friendly Welcome

Call to Worship: "Praise Ye the Name of the Lord"

Invocation

Hymn of Praise: "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

Report from the Ordaining Council

Testimonies of Deacon Candidates

Message in Music: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Children's Time: "What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?"

Hymn of Dedication: "Come All Christians, Be Committed"

Offertory Reading: Mark 10:42-45

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings to God

Reading of Scripture: John 13:1-17

Sermon: "Do You Really Want to Be Like Jesus"

Presentation of New Deacons

Church and Deacon Covenant*

Minister of Education

Adult Choir

Minister of Youth

Soloist or Group

Pastor

Layperson

Usher

Pastor

Minister: Do you trust that you are truly called by God to the ministry of a deacon in this church?

Deacons: I do so trust.

Minister: Are you committed to ministering to those in need, to explaining salvation in Jesus, and to calling forth greater discipleship to Christ?

Deacons: By God's grace, I am so committed.

Minister: Will you seek to provide an upright example by your total life—your words, your attitude, your behavior, and your family life — that will point others to Christ?

Deacons: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Are you committed to upholding the fellowship of Christ's church in (name of church), doing all you can to support, affirm, and undergird its ministry through your presence, your possessions, and your witness?

Deacons: I am, the Lord being my inspiration and my helper.

Minister: These are people you have elected. You have heard their declaration of their readiness to serve in the office of deacon. I ask you, the church, to declare your affirmation.
(Congregation stands.)

Minister: We are not sufficient in and of ourselves. Our strength comes from God. Do you trust that these people are, by the grace of God, worthy to be installed and ordained as deacons?

People: We trust they are worthy. To God be the glory!

Continued on next page

Deacon Ordination Order of Service

Laying on of Hands

Presentation of Certificate of Ordination and Deacon Book

Ordination Prayer

Affirmation of Deacons

Minister: I hereby declare that (names) are duly ordained as deacons, and that they, along with (names) are installed in this office of active deacons. May we as minister, deacons, and church strive together to seek God's will and labor to fulfill it.

Hymn of Invitation

Sharing of Decisions

Benediction Chairman of Deacons

Postlude: "Because He Lives"

*from Robert W. Bailey, *New Ways in Christian Worship* (Nashville, TN: Broadman Press, 1981), 141-142.

Deacon Ordination

Order of Service

Piano Meditation

Preparation for Worship

Prelude—"Be Near Us, Lord"

Congregational Call to Worship

Pastor

Leader: What brings you to this place today?

People: We have come to worship God

Leader: But this is not your usual format for worship

People: We know. Today is special. We have come to worship God through the ordination and installation of persons we have chosen to serve as deacons.

Leader: Are you willing to be responsible for the mutual commitments which will be made here between your leadership and yourselves?

People: Yes, indeed. We have not come here to be coddled, but to be challenged and to be renewed in our commitment to Christ and this church.

Leader: Then, you think this service can be a turning point in the life of our church.

People: Yes, if we are willing to open our lives boldly to God and one another.

ALL: Then let us celebrate the event of ordination and the fact that we have all been called to serve the Lord in this place.

Invocation and Welcome

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Hymn No. 265: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR THE DIACONATE

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:20-28; I Timothy 3:8-13 Chairman of Deacons

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

A Covenant Between Church and Deacons

Pastor: Do you confess anew the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and acknowledge Him as Head over the Church, which is His body?

Deacons: We do.

Pastor: Do you accept the office of Deacon in this congregation, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof in promoting the peace, unity, and mission of this church?

Deacons: We do.

Pastor: How do you, the members of (name of church), find these person before you now?

People: These persons have proven themselves to be of high quality; they have good reputations among the people in (name of city).

(Continued on next page)

Deacon Ordination

Order of Service

Pastor: It is also important that these persons be motivated by God's Spirit. Deacons, how do you seek the leadership of God's Spirit?

Deacons: By striving to find God's directives for our lives, by consideration of His Word in Scriptures, by communication through prayer and alertness in worship.

Pastor: The apostles also sought persons who were wise. Surely these persons needed wisdom in order to understand their unique ministry. Share with us your Christian pilgrimage and your willingness to serve as Deacons in this congregation.

My Spiritual Journey: A Testimony from each candidate.

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Pastor: Because you demonstrate wisdom, because you are led by the Spirit, and because you are highly thought of by your fellowman, the people of this church place their confidence in you as Deacons.

People: We look to you for leadership.

Pastor: In time of need they look to you for compassion and strength.

People: In time of joy we invite you to celebrate with us.

ALL: May we all now work together to the end that God's mission be accomplished in our community.

People: We pledge ourselves to this task, that a distinctive Christian ministry may be evident in (name of city).

Deacons: We dedicate our lives to this venture also and to the support of this Christian fellowship—the people of (name of church).

SERVING THROUGH GIVING

Hymn No. 405: "We Are Called to Be God's People"

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Doxology

INTERPRETING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Be Strong in the Lord"

Choir

Sermon: "The Beatitudes of a Deacon" Scripture: Acts 6:1-7

Pastor

A TIME OF ORDINATION

The Laying on of Hands (All ordained deacons and ministers are invited to participate.)

An Ordination Prayer

Declaration of Induction:

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority committed to me as Pastor of this congregation, I declare you to be set apart and commissioned for the work of Deacon, and duly called and installed to that ministry in this church.

Presentation to Deacons

(Continued on next page)

Deacon Ordination Order of Service

A CALL TO COMMITMENT

Hymn No. 369: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Sharing of Decisions for Christ and His Church

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

Benediction

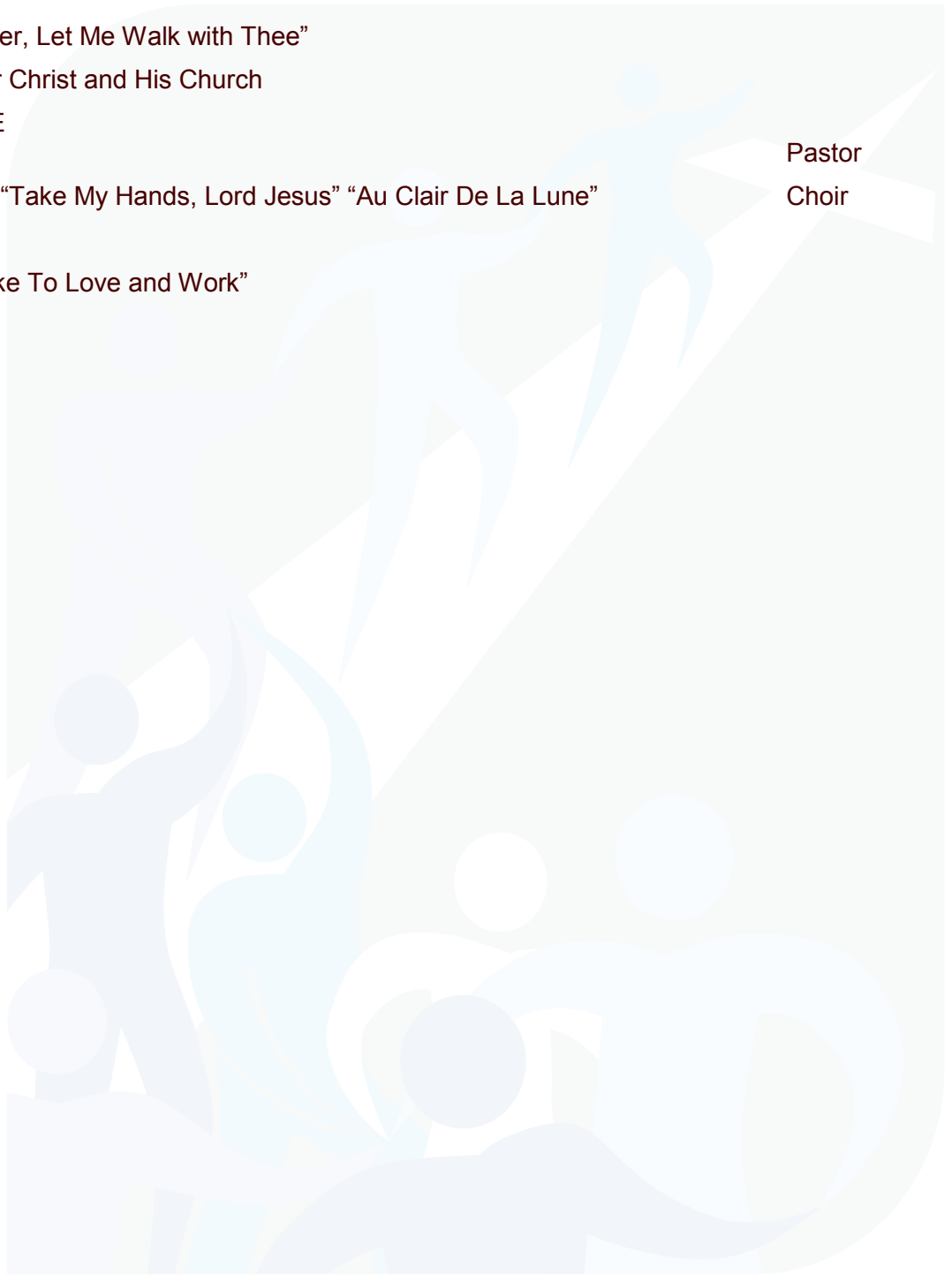
Benediction Response: "Take My Hands, Lord Jesus" "Au Clair De La Lune"

Moments of Meditation

Postlude: "Awake, Awake To Love and Work"

Pastor

Choir



(Co

Deacon Ordination Order of Service

“And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant”

—Matthew 20:27

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor

Hymn No. 367: “Jesus Calls Us”

Invocation: The Prayer of Francis of Assisi

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-2

New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Presentation of Deacon Candidate(s)

Questions of the Candidate(s) *(A deacon asks the questions based on theological, personal, denominational, and ecclesiastical categories.)*

Charge to the Church

Deacon Chairman

Charge to the Deacons

Deacon Vice-Chairman

Hymn No. 407: “A Charge To Keep I Have”

Pledge of the Church:

We the members of the (Name of church), do hereby accept this, our brother(s) (name of candidate(s)), into the office of deacon. We pledge him/them our love, prayers, and encouragement in this high calling.

Laying on of Hands

Organ—trumpet hymn medley: “Onward, Christian Soldiers”

Ordination Prayer

Deacon

Presentation of Certificate

Deacon

Hymn No. 408: “Ready”

Sermon from Acts 6:1-7a: “A Holy Calling”

Pastor

Invitation Hymn No. 352: “I Am Thine, O Lord”

Benediction

Pastor

