PROVIDENCE REFORMED CHURCH Installation service for Rev. D.J. Budding

April 9, 2008

Processional

Providence Elders, Rev. M.A. van den Berg, Rev. H. Heneveld, Rev. D. J. Budding, Providence Deacons.

Votive (Votum) Rev. Van den Berg

Salutation Rev. Van den Berg

Sing Psalter 419:1,2.

Confession of faith

(Canons of Dordt, 1st head of doctrine, article 1-3.)

Scripture reading: John 21:1-14.

Sermon Rev. Van den Berg

Prayer Rev. Van den Berg

Sing Psalter 373: 1,2,3,10. (**Offering)

Prayer Rev. Heneveld

Exposition Rev. Heneveld

Declaration of vows by Pastor Budding.

Signing the classis document of commitment.

Charge to the pastor. Rev. Heneveld

***Declaration of vows by the congregation.

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Declaration of pastoral relationship.

Prayer Rev. Heneveld

*Sing Psalter 55:1, 2, 3.

When it is a dry time, ministers labor in vain; they spend their strength for nought and in vain. They feel like one standing on the seashore, speaking to the hard rocks, or the raging waves, or the tameless winds. But when the Holy Spirit comes, the weakest instruments are mighty, "mighty, through God, to the pulling down of strongholds". Oh pray for such a blessed time.

Scripture reading: John 21:15-19.

Sermon Rev. Budding

Prayer Rev. Budding

Sing Psalter 217:4.

Address to Pastor Budding from Elder Rose of Springford Reformed Church and Elder Hoffmann of Providence Reformed Church.

*Doxology

Benediction Rev. Budding

Postlude

Please stay and greet Rev. and Mrs. Budding after the service and join us for refreshments in the lower level.

*Please stand and sing.

**The offering is for the general fund, which supports the pastor.

***Members of the congregation are asked to stand during the reading of the questions for the congregation, and answer 'We Do' in unison, when prompted by Rev. Heneveld.

A successful ministry. "Our gospel came unto you in power." What a powerless thing the gospel sometimes appears. The minister is half ashamed of it. The people slumber under its most affecting statements. Again, at another time, the gospel is evidently "the power of God unto salvation". An unseen power accompanies the preached word, and the sanctuary is felt to be the house of God, and the very gate of heaven. Then the word of Jeremiah is fulfilled: "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:29). Then stouthearted sinners are awakened. Old, and middle-aged, and little children are made to cry, What must I do to be saved? An awful stillness pervades the assembly. The arrows of the King of Zion are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies and the people are brought down under him. Oh! sinner, has the gospel come thus in power to you? Has the hammer of the word broken your rocky heart? Has the fire of the word melted your icy heart? Has the voice that is "like the noise of many waters" spoken peace to your soul?

Rev. Robert Murray McCheyne