

Presbytery of Redstone

August 3, 2017---6:30 p.m.

Maplewood Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, PA

**Special meeting for the purpose of examination and
reception of Rev. Geoff Rach and approval of the
call by the Level Green Presbyterian Church.**

Presbytery Convenes

Rev. Sue Washburn

Formation of the Roll

Rev. Cliff Foster

Report

Committee on Ministry

Rev. Martin Ankrum

- **Presentation by the Level Green Presbyterian Church. Examination of the Rev. Geoff Rach. (statement of faith included).**
- **Approval of the call and the associated terms of call(included) to begin on August 15.**
- **Approval of the installation commission for an installation service of the Presbytery of Redstone at the Level Green Presbyterian Church on September 24, 2017.**

Adjournment

Benediction

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Rev. Geoff Rach

1 I believe in the Triune God of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God the Father created the
2 universe out of nothing and continues to actively work in His creation. Out of divine love this
3 creator God made human beings, including me in God's image. Our response to God's love
4 should be obedience and worship, but instead humans choose disobedience and to follow the
5 sinful ways of the world. The disobedience of Adam and Eve brought sin into God's perfect
6 creation. The world and all who live in it now stand in need of a savior. The sovereign and
7 loving Father sent the Son to earth for its redemption and reunion with its creator.

8 Jesus Christ is the only Son of the Living God. Christ was present at the creation with
9 the Father, because He is fully God. Christ came to earth in human form while not losing His
10 divine nature, bringing with Him the Kingdom of God. Although He was tempted just as we are,
11 Christ lived a sinless life in obedience to the perfect will of His Heavenly Father. As the author
12 and perfecter of our Christian faith, Christ endured the miserable and humiliating death of the
13 cross for the sake of the forgiveness of our sins. My sins are what put Christ on the cross, and
14 my only comfort in life and death is that His blood has washed away those sins. Only through
15 the sacrifice of the spotless lamb of Jesus Christ are my sins and the sins of the world able to be
16 forgiven. The chains of death could not hold Christ for long as He rose from the dead through
17 the power of the God He called Father on that victorious Easter morning. Christ lives and is now
18 at the right hand of His Father acting as our advocate before the throne of God. It is through
19 believing in the message of the cross and responding in the faith that God has gifted to me that I
20 can be reunited with the God of creation.

21 The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity, and was present with the Father and the
22 Son at creation. It was the Holy Spirit who acted in the hearts of the prophets and the apostles.
23 The Holy Spirit is active in our world today regenerating all who seek the grace of Jesus Christ.
24 The Spirit moved the biblical authors and inspired them to write the word of God. The Bible is
25 the authoritative witness to the Word of God, the only rule of faith and obedience in my life. It is
26 through the words of life in the Scriptures that the love of the Triune God and the mystery of
27 salvation have been revealed to me.

28 The church is the temple of the Living God, built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. The
29 marks of the true church include the preaching of the Word of God and the practice of the
30 sacraments instituted by Christ. The life of the church also includes the fellowship of all
31 believers as well as the work of spreading the gospel message from within the local community
32 to the ends of the earth. The two sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ in the Scriptures of the
33 New Testament are baptism and the Lord's Supper. God bestows grace upon us through the
34 sacraments. The waters of baptism are a sign of the forgiveness of sins and provide a seal of
35 one's entry into the New Covenant of Christ. The Lord's Supper is a meal of remembrance of
36 the grace of God in the love and sacrifice of Christ on the cross. It is a sign of the broken body
37 and shed blood of Christ and a seal of Christ's spiritual presence in our world and in my life. As
38 a disciple of Jesus Christ I must come to the Lord's Table in humility and with a repentant heart.
39 The church is a fallen body of broken people that will not be mended until Christ returns to earth
40 in glory and power to judge God's creation. At that time, the bride of Christ that is the church
41 will be perfectly united with her groom.

TERMS OF CALL WORKSHEET

Church Level Green Presbyterian Church - Trafford

Pastor or Associate Pastor Geoff Rach Full or Part Time Full

(include % if part-time)

(If Installed Teaching Elder, Board of Pensions dues are a requirement)

2017 Terms of Call	2016 Presbytery Minimum	2017 Presbytery Minimum	Our Church
1. Base Salary	\$36,220.98	\$36,220.98	38,500.00
2. Housing Allowance or Manse, including utilities (minimum of 30% of Salary/Deferred/ Allowances-total- 1,3,4,5,6)	10,866.29	10,866.29	16,500.00
3. Deferred Compensation [Tax Deferred Annuity]			
4. Un-vouchered allowances, gifts from employer, bonuses, etc.			
5. Other allowances, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forms of compensation such as medical deductible/medical expense reimbursement allowances(NOT paid through a group benefit plan) • insurance premiums for additional insurance coverage provided for individual employees (not premiums for group plan coverage), • other allowances. 			
6. SECA <u>above</u> the normal 7.65% offset			
TOTAL EFFECTIVE SALARY	\$47,087.27	\$47,087.27	55,000.00
7. Board of Pensions Dues: Pension (11%), Disability (1%) and Medical Coverage (24.5%) - Total (36.5%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacancy/Post Retirement Dues - 12% 	17,186.85	17,186.85	21,611.00
	5,650.47	5,650.47	
8. Social Security Contribution (7.65% of Effective Salary)	3,602.17	3,602.17	4,207.00
9. Additional Group Plan Coverage Premiums			
10. Mileage Reimbursement (At current I.R.S. Rate) See <u>Presbytery website</u> for current rate	.54	.54	.54
11. Study Leave/Reimbursement (cumulative to 6 weeks plus \$1,800)	2 weeks + \$600	2 weeks + \$600	600.00
12. Vacation	4 weeks- including 4 Sundays	4 weeks- including 4 Sundays	
11. Other Professional Expenses:			
Book Reimbursement			
Pastor's Professional Expense			
Vouchered Reimbursements			
TOTAL COST TO CONGREGATION	\$68,476.29	\$68,476.29	81,418.00

Clerk _____ Pastor _____

**PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
PROPOSED COMMISSIONS
FOR
SERVICES OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

Name of Person to be
Ordained/Installed Rev. Geoff Rach

Church/Churches called to Level Green Presbyterian Church

Place of Service Level Green Presbyterian Church, Trafford, PA

Date and Time of Service September 24, 2017; 4:00 p.m.

The Commission	Name Church	Part in Service
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The Moderator Rev. Sue Washburn Reunion, Mt. Pleasant

Elder Mr. Robert Smith Level Green Presbyterian Church

Elder Mr. Doug Swauger Trinity United Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Rev. John Simpson Honorably Retired

The Rev. Rev. Peggy Shannon West Hempfield Presbyterian Church

Other Participants (not members of Redstone Presbytery):

Rev. Dan Turis First Presbyterian Church Pittsburgh Presbytery

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