

**Fearing Installation Commission  
November 9, 2020 by video conference**

**7:08 PM** Moderator Rich Johnston called the meeting to order, and Wade Mann constituted the court with prayer. Commission members present were Russell Lodge (RE Terre Haute RPC), Rich Johnston (Retired TE Second RPC, Indianapolis), and Wade Mann (TE Elkhart RPC).

Rich gave some background information leading up to our commission appointment. He mentioned that he, Russell, and Phil Pockras served on a visitation committee together just prior to Ross Fearing being called as pastor for the Sparta RPC. He noted that they were present for the meeting to call Ross Fearing, and that it was a unanimous call.

By common consent it was agreed that Wade Mann would serve as clerk. The agenda distributed by Rich was approved.

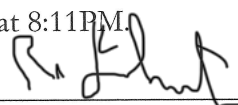
1. Organization. Travel costs were discussed. By common consent it was agreed that travel expense would be covered for commission members, as well as those asked to speak at the service, which include Daniel Hemken and Keith Magill. Overnight housing for those traveling to the service will be explored with the congregation.
2. Edict. By common consent we agreed to set the time for the installation service at 6:30PM and approved the edict to be sent to the presbytery and congregation. It will be read in the congregation two Lord's Day prior to the service.
3. Speaking/preaching roles. It was confirmed that Daniel Hemken will preach; Keith Magill will give the charge to congregation; Wade Mann will give the charge to Ross Fearing.
4. Order of Service. It was agreed to ask James Odom, clerk of session, to prepare and read the narration of the steps; Wade Mann will read the edict for the final time; Russell Lodge will propound the queries of installation to the pastor-elect and have him sign the queries; Rich Johnston will offer the prayer of installation; Ross Fearing will adjourn the court with prayer and pronounce the benediction.

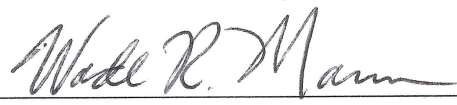
It was noted that Wade will notify the clerk of presbytery of this service and ask him to communicate this action to the Midwest presbytery, and that Ross Fearing's credentials are now held by the Great Lakes—Gulf Presbytery.

Rich will select psalms and prepare the installation service order, asking James Odom to print the programs.

Next meeting is scheduled for over supper at 5PM in Sparta, IL on December 4, 2020.

The minutes were read and approved by common consent. Russell adjourned the court in prayer at 8:11PM.

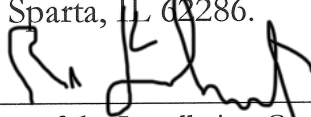
  
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Moderator

  
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Clerk

## Edict for the Installation of Rev. Ross Fearing in the Sparta, IL RPC

The Great Lakes Gulf Presbytery has received a call made by the Sparta, IL Reformed Presbyterian Church upon Rev. Ross Fearing to be their pastor, and has sustained it as a regular gospel call. He has signified his intention to accept the call. Notice is hereby given that the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 2020, has been fixed as the time for his installation, with certification that the Presbytery will proceed in the same, unless some valid objections be offered to this Commission of Presbytery appointed to oversee the installation. The meeting for the installation will be held at 6:30PM, at Sparta Reformed Presbyterian Church, 605 North Market Street, Sparta, IL 62286.

  
Clerk of the Installation Commission

  
Moderator of the Installation Commission

By order of the Presbytery this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 2020.

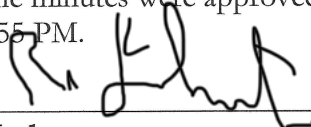
**Fearing Installation Commission  
January 15, 2021 at Sparta RPC**

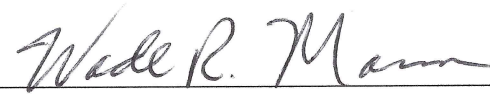
**5:30 PM** The Commission met over dinner. Moderator Rich Johnston called the meeting to order and Wade Mann constituted the court with prayer. Commission members present were Rich Johnston, Wade Mann, and Russell Lodge (via phone; he was unable to attend due to COVID quarantine). Sparta RPC Provisional Moderator Keith Magill was also present.

The change of installation date was taken up. Due to Sparta RPC members being exposed to COVID, the December 4, 2020 installation service was postponed. The Installation Commission in consultation with the Sparta Session agreed to reschedule the meeting for January 15, 2021 at 6:30PM. This was informally approved via email on December 14, 2020 along with a new edict for the meeting. By common consent, this action was formally approved by the Commission.

The order of service for the installation service was reviewed with assignments.

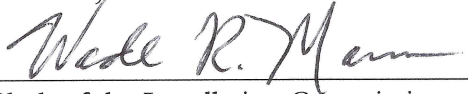
The minutes were approved by common consent. Russell adjourned the court in prayer at 5:55 PM.

  
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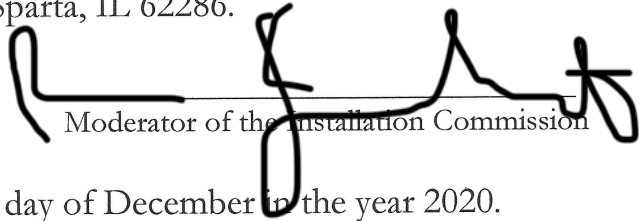
  
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## Edict for the Installation of Rev. Ross Fearing in the Sparta, IL RPC

The Great Lakes Gulf Presbytery has received a call made by the Sparta, IL Reformed Presbyterian Church upon Rev. Ross Fearing to be their pastor, and has sustained it as a regular gospel call. He has signified his intention to accept the call. Notice is hereby given that the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 2021, has been fixed as the time for his installation, with certification that the Presbytery will proceed in the same, unless some valid objections be offered to this Commission of Presbytery appointed to oversee the installation. In case of inclement weather, January 22, 2021 will be the alternate date. The meeting for the installation will be held at 6:30PM, at Sparta Reformed Presbyterian Church, 605 North Market Street, Sparta, IL 62286.



Clerk of the Installation Commission



Moderator of the Installation Commission

By order of the Presbytery this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 2020.

**Fearing Installation Service  
January 15, 2021 at Sparta RPC**

The installation of Rev. Ross Fearing as pastor of the Sparta, IL RPC was held at the Sparta RPC, on January 15, 2021 at 6:30PM.

Commission members present were Pastor Rich Johnston-moderator, Pastor Wade Mann-clerk, and Elder Russell Lodge via livestream.

Pastor Rich Johnston welcomed the congregation, introduced the commission, and constituted the court with prayer. By common consent, all RPC elders present were given the privileges of the floor. Elder James Odom, Clerk of the Sparta RPC Session, gave the narration of steps leading to this occasion, after which Pastor Wade Mann read the edict for the final time. Both Pastor-Elect Ross Fearing and the Sparta congregation indicated their adherence to the call.

Pastor Rich Johnston proceeded with the call to worship from Psalm 63:1-3, followed by congregational praise from Psalm 97C and the prayer of invocation.

Pastor Wade Mann read Acts 2:42-47 and preached a message entitled, “A Vitalized Church—the Hope of the World,” followed by prayer and praise from Psalm 67A.


Pastor Rich Johnston propounded the Queries for Installation to Pastor-Elect Ross Fearing who indicated his subscription to each one and then signed the queries. All RPC and NAPARC elders present were invited to come forward for the prayer of installation led by Pastor Rich Johnston.

A charge to newly installed Pastor Ross Fearing was given by Pastor Rich Johnston from Ezra 7:10, after which Sparta RPC Provisional Moderator, Pastor Keith Magill, gave a charge to the congregation from various passages.

The service was concluded with praise from Psalm 133A followed by the benediction pronounced by Pastor Ross Fearing.

The minutes were read and approved, after which Pastor Rich Johnston adjourned the court in prayer at 8:20PM. A time of fellowship hosted by the Sparta congregation followed.

  
Moderator

  
Clerk