



Joining the HARVEST

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Rejoice in the Ordination of Elder Stephen Mouring, Jr. at Acacia Reformed OPC in Manassas, Virginia

We rejoice with Acacia Reformed OPC in Manassas, Virginia, a daughter congregation of Sterling OPC, in the ordination of Elder



Stephen Mouring, Jr., on Lord’s Day, October 22, 2023! The inspired author of Hebrews focuses believers on the good news that after Jesus Christ fully and finally completed His salvation mission in his life, death, and resurrection, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high! (Heb. 1:1-4, 8:1-2, 12:1-2). Jesus is enthroned now at God’s right hand, but we await the full realization of all of His enemies becoming a footstool for His feet. As promised in Psalm 2 and 110, Jesus has been enthroned on Zion’s holy hill at God’s right hand and the nations are His inheritance, the ends of the earth are His possession (Psalm 2). He is the blessed one to Whom God the Father promised, **“Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet...you are a Priest-King forever after the order of Melchizedek!”** (Psalm 110).

As we continue to walk by faith in eagerly praying and generously supporting our mission works at [Acacia Reformed](#) (Manassas, VA), [Word of Life](#) (Columbia, MD), [Good Shepherd](#) (Eastern Shore, VA), and [West Creek](#) (Short Pump, VA), let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith (Heb. 12:1-2) as we run the race set out for us with perseverance, going to the Throne of Grace for whatever mercy and grace we need that will be richly supplied by our gracious and magnanimous king! (Heb. 4:16). The ordination and installation of **Elder Stephen Mouring** is a glorious reminder that Jesus will keep His promises and build His church! Jesus will give to His church faithful shepherd-elders to bless and mature His church (Eph. 4:11-16). We trust Jesus to bring our mission works to particularization, so that they will be self-consciously biblical and



reformed in doctrine and life, self-supporting through growth and generosity, self-propagating through faithful preaching, discipleship, evangelism, and hospitality, and that they will be self-governing through the Risen-Ascended, enthroned king giving officers to His church. We can trust Him!

Let us remember: **May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.** (Hebrews 13:20-21).



The self-existent, self-sufficient, perfectly blessed, unchangeable, Triune God is on mission to glorify Himself and to save a people! He has graciously privileged us to be a part of this mission of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18)! We are those He has powerfully called out of darkness into His marvelous light to be those He has powerfully sent as lights into this dark world to be His instruments to seek and save His beloved people (John 17:18; 20:21-23; 2 Cor. 4:1-7; 5:11-21).

Our RHM Vision: Prayerfully and passionately joining the harvest through a Christ-saturated, Spirit filled ministry of serving, declaring, orienting, and encouraging God’s people to do, as well as to support church planting and evangelism in the PMA of the OPC for the glory of God and the extension of Christ’s kingdom. www.joiningtheharvest.org