

*The
Installation
of*
MR. STEPHEN D. O'NEIL



HEADMASTER OF
WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS OF AUGUSTA
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008

*You are the salt of the earth.
But if the salt loses its saltiness,
how can it be made salty again?
It is no longer good for anything,
except to be thrown out and trampled by men.*

*You are the light of the world.
A city on a hill cannot be hidden.
Neither do people light a lamp and
put it under a bowl.
Instead they put it on its stand,
and it gives light to everyone in the house.
In the same way, let your light shine before men,
that they may see your good deeds and
praise your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:13-16

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The First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, Georgia

- The Trumpet Prelude**—Festival for Trumpets.....Sibelius
Fabio Mann, Joseph Workman, Trumpets
- ❖ **The Processional**—Highland Cathedral..... Traditional
Mark Cheek, Bagpiper
- ❖ **The Call to Worship**..... Dr. George Robertson
- ❖ **The Invocation**..... Rev. Ken Curry
- ❖ **The Hymn**—Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven.....ANDREWS
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor, to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;
But while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

❖ *Indicates the congregation standing.*

❖ **Congregational Prayer for the Headmaster**..... Dr. George Robertson

LEADER: Members of First Presbyterian Church and the Westminster Schools community, on this auspicious day in the history of the schools, we lay the mantle of leadership on Steve O'Neil, knowing full well that he cannot, in his own strength, meet all the demands that his position requires of him. Consequently, it is only fitting that we ask that he be granted divine help as he pursues his tasks among us. Let us pray.

Father of all mercies, pour out your grace on Steve O'Neil this day. Grant him the qualities of heart and mind he will need to lead Westminster Schools in the years ahead.

Give him zeal for your Holy Word. May the decisions he makes for the school community be grounded in your revealed truth.

PEOPLE: May it be a lamp to his feet and a light to his path.

LEADER: Grant him discernment to apply the truth he knows to the problems and opportunities of daily life.

PEOPLE: Give him the wisdom of Solomon. May he know how to bring forth good in every situation.

LEADER: As Steve lives before our community and the world, may his actions be consistent with his doctrine.

PEOPLE: May he be a shining example of holiness to us. Burn your commandments on his heart, so that he may set a high standard of right action for every member of the Westminster community.

LEADER: Give him a clear vision of what you have called him here to do, and make him a faithful laborer in this part of your kingdom.

PEOPLE: In good times and bad, may his only concern be to hear You say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

LEADER: Give him compassion for those he leads. May he always remember that he works among finite and fallible creatures.

PEOPLE: Help him to deal gently with those who have been placed under his authority.

LEADER: Grant him humility. May he put the needs of others before his own needs, the glory of your kingdom before his own glory.

PEOPLE: May he follow the example of our Savior Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve.

ALL: Finally, O Lord, we pray for ourselves as a congregation and as those who serve with him as trustees, faculty, administrators, staff, and students. May we support Steve with our words and actions, so that his labor among us might be a joy and that, under his leadership, Westminster Schools might be blessed.

We pray these things in the name of our gracious Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Solo—We Believe Scott
Mr. Paul Owen

CHARGES TO THE HEADMASTER

From the Faculty..... Mrs. Susan Smith

From the StudentsMiss Caroline Gibbs, Mr. Aaron Harris

From the Administration.....Mr. Craig Johnson

From First Presbyterian Church..... Mr. Arthur W. Wiggins, Jr.

❖ **The Hymn**—Lead On, O King Eternal..... LANCASHIRE

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where e'er thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

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| The Scripture Reading..... | Mrs. Susan M. Ames |
| The Ceremony of Installation | Dr. George Robertson <i>Chairman, Board of Trustees</i> |
| The Prayer of Dedication | Dr. George Robertson |
| The Installation Address—Outwardly Focused | Mr. Stephen D. O’Neil |
| ❖ The Hymn—All for Jesus | WYCLIFFE |
| All for Jesus, all for Jesus! | Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus, |
| All my being's ransomed pow'rs: | I've lost sight of all beside; |
| All my thoughts and words and doings, | So enchained my spirit's vision, |
| All my days and all my hours. | Looking at the Crucified. |
| Let my hands perform his bidding, | Oh, what wonder! how amazing! |
| Let my feet run in his ways; | Jesus, glorious King of Kings, |
| Let my eyes see Jesus only, | Deigns to call me his beloved, |
| Let my lips speak forth His praise. | Lets me rest beneath his wings. |
| ❖ The Benediction..... | Dr. George Robertson |
| ❖ The Recessional | |
| The Trumpet Postlude—Be Strong in the Lord..... | Bach |

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MR. STEPHEN D. O'NEIL

Steve O'Neil has dedicated his career to private school education and over the last decade to Christian education. Before starting at Westminster Schools of Augusta, Steve was the Director of Haven of Peace Academy, an international Christian school in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania serving students K-12 from 30 different nationalities including those from the missionary community. Steve has also served at other schools including Minnehaha Academy (Minneapolis), Regis Jesuit High School (Denver), and Denver Academy (Denver).

Steve was born and reared in Rochester, New York, and later in Naples, Florida. He attended boarding school at The Ben Lippen School in Asheville, North Carolina. Steve received his B.A. in History from Wheaton College and his M.A. in School Administration from the University of Colorado. Steve is married to Denae, and their three children attend Westminster.

ABOUT WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS OF AUGUSTA

Founded in 1972 as a ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Westminster Schools of Augusta is a Christian, college-preparatory school serving 535 students in grades PreK - 12. Our philosophy of education is grounded in a Christian world view acknowledging that God is the source of all knowledge, understanding, and truth. This world view permeates our curriculum, our teaching methods, and our understanding of how knowledge and truth intersect. Besides our commitment to the preeminence of Jesus Christ, another core value of Westminster involves community. We are committed to the individual and corporate pursuit of vital, meaningful, and redemptive relationships among students, families, staff members, evangelical churches, and our neighbors. Finally, Westminster is committed to high academic standards, equipping students with wisdom and knowledge for life-long service and leadership in God's world.



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