

Dedication of New Church Building,
Gale Presbyterian Church, Elmira
October 21, 2012

DATE AND PLACE:

The Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington met at Gale Presbyterian Church, Elmira, on Sunday afternoon, October 21, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. for the purpose of Dedicating the new Gale, Elmira church building.

ATTENDANCE:

Ministers - Rev. Linda Ashfield (Moderator), Rev. Dr. Linda Bell, Rev. Calvin Brown, Rev. Janice Hamalainen, Rev. Dr. Herb Gale, Rev. Jeff L. Smith, Rev. Andrew Song, Rev. Karla Wübbenhorst.

Representative Elders: David Ogram, Johan DeSchiffart, Ross Rowat, Neil Stewart, Earl Suggitt, Wilma Welsh (Clerk).

Alternate Representative Elders:- Lenore Arbuckle, Helen Cleghorn, Glen Cober, Mary Ann Koeslag (Treasurer)

Ministers on the Appendix to the Roll: Rev. Dr. Wayne Dawes, Rev. Dr. Shirley Gale, Rev. Dr. Walter McLean

WMS: Phyllis Stewart

REGRETS:

Ministers: Rev. Brooke Ashfield, Rev. John Borthwick, Rev. William Bynum, Rev. Mark Gaskin, Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. Johan Olivier, Rev. Robert Sinasac, Rev. Nan St. Louis

Representative Elders: Andrew Foster, Marion Hunter, Bert Perriman, Liz Samis, Jim Zaryski

Ministers on the Appendix:- Rev. Dr. Brice Martin

WORSHIP AND CONSTITUTION:

The Moderator, Rev. Linda Ashfield opened the meeting with prayer and constituted the court. The Moderator advised that the Presbytery would be adjourned with the pronouncing of the Benediction at the close of the Dedication Service.

DEDICATION SERVICE

The service began with the Moderator of Presbytery, the Rev. Linda Ashfield knocking on the door and the Clerk of Session, Barbara Martin of Gale, Elmira, opening the door and the Moderator taking the keys.

The Presbytery and Session of Gale, Elmira processed to the hymn “Christ is made the sure foundation”, taking their seats at the front of the church. Mr. Martin Bauer, Director of Music accompanied the congregation.

The Call to Worship and opening prayers were led by the minister, the Rev. Dr. Linda Bell.

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The Scripture readings were from Psalm 95: 1-7, I Kings 8:22-30, 54-61, and Matthew 5: 13-16.

Rev. D. Herb Gale, Moderator of the 136th General Assembly preached the Sermon – “This Little Light of Mine”.

During the service the Knox Music Scholars sang Psalm 100 and the Gloria Patri.

The Covenant and Dedication was led by the Moderator of Presbytery, the Rev. Linda Ashfield.

The Moderator of Presbytery conducted the Declaration and she returned of the Keys to the Clerk of Session of Gale Presbyterian Church, Barbara Martin.

ADJOURNMENT

The sending hymn “Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining” was followed by the Benediction pronounced by the Rev. Linda Bell, Minister of Gale Presbyterian Church, Elmira.

REFRESHMENTS

A reception in the church hall was enjoyed by all.

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Moderator

Clerk