

# HANDBOOK FOR Savannah Presbytery

624<sup>th</sup> Session  
Special Called Meeting

June 14, 2018



**Altama Presbyterian Church  
Brunswick, Georgia**



## SCHEDULE

9:00 AM	Registration Begins
9:15 AM	Commissioner Orientation
10:00 AM	Meeting Begins
12:00 PM	Meeting Adjourned



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## Welcome

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The Session, Members and Pastor of Altama Presbyterian Church welcome you to our Church. Altama Presbyterian Church exists to proclaim and grow in the Word of God by being a loving church, providing meaningful Worship and Fellowship for all in the presence of the Holy Spirit. May your time here be blessed, and may God be present in all your actions and decisions.

## Directions to Altama Presbyterian Church Brunswick, Georgia

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**4621 Altama Ave.  
Brunswick GA 31520**

### **From Exit 38 on I-95**

Travel East on GA-25 Spur S/Golden Isles Pkwy. Drive to Altama Ave in Brunswick  
8 min (3.6 mi)

Turn right onto Altama Ave  
0.1 mi

Altama Presbyterian Church will be on the right before the first traffic light.

## Stated Meeting Notes and Announcements

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- **Handbook:** Please print a copy and bring your handbook with you to the meeting. Take time to familiarize yourself with the contents of this handbook. Please read all material carefully prior to coming to the meeting. Handbooks are posted before each presbytery meeting. To be good stewards of the presbytery's resources, we ask that each church print out copies for the pastor, clerk, and Elder Commissioner.
- **PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR ELDER COMMISSIONER TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE A COPY OF THIS HANDBOOK.**  
If they do not, you can get a copy from the presbytery office, or download it from the website.
- **Excuses:** If a Minister or Elder Commissioner cannot attend the meeting, a written request for excuse is required. You can email it to [bsutton1@savannahpresbytery.org](mailto:bsutton1@savannahpresbytery.org) or mail it to Savannah Presbytery, 3590 Darien Highway, Suite 8, Brunswick, GA 31525.
- **Registration:** Registration begins at 9:00 AM. No lunch will be served.

## Docket

### 624<sup>th</sup> Session of Savannah Presbytery, Special Called Meeting June 14, 2018

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We are called by God to this Time and Place.  
We gather in Worship to praise God for all we are and are to be.  
We seek to honor God in the work we do this day,  
for all moments are holy as we seek God's will for God's Church.  
We welcome all to this gathering and seek to fellowship together as we celebrate the  
gift of all life and of our individual lives by God's grace.  
May you find today that you have been blessed  
through the ordinary as well as in the extraordinary,  
for we are standing, in all our days, on Holy Ground!

9:00 AM	Registration Begins	
9:15 AM	First Time Commissioner Orientation – RE Jean Vernon	
10:00 AM	Opening Prayer and Call to Order – TE Ozeas Silva, Moderator	
10:05 AM	Worship – Candidate Annie Franklin Preaching	
10:45 AM	Welcome & Organization – Moderator Ozeas Silva Quorum & Appointment Standing Committees Introduction of First Time Attendees and Visitors Requests for Voice on the Floor Docket/Handbook/Adoption of Docket – Stated Clerk	
10:55 AM	Report of the COM TE Andy Meeker	
11:00 AM	Examination of Candidate Annie Franklin	
11:30 AM	Examination of Candidate Betsy Stowe	
12:00 PM	Committee on Resolution and Thanks	
12:15 PM	Adjourn with Prayer	

\*Action items are those that either require a vote of the Presbytery or are important invitations for participation within the Presbytery.

### Save the Dates

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Fall Stated Meeting

Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Georgia

<b>Savannah Presbytery Commissioners</b>		
<b>Church</b>	<b>Minister Members Serving Churches</b>	<b>Ruling Elder Commissioner(s)</b>
Allenhurst	Ben Beasley	Jean Ann Lingle
Altama	Trip McKinnon <b>Excused</b>	Cathy Cox
Blackshear	Hampton Williams	
Brunswick Second	**Benjamin Holmes, CRE	
Butler Memorial	Don Johnson	Jessie DeLoach
Christ	Kenneth McKenzie	
First, Brunswick	Chris Noyes	Arthur Cook
First, Darien	Richard Grice, Stated Supply	
First, Douglas	Don Dilley, Stated Supply	
First, Eastman	**Louis Buckner, CRE	
First, Saint Marys	Rick Douylliez	
First, Savannah	Stephen Williams	Pamela Patterson
	William Shelburne, Associate Pastor	Mary Miller
First, Statesboro	*Rebecca Blackwell, Interim Pastor	Lois Roberts
Flemington	Greg Loskoski	
Fort Frederica	**Danny Grace, CRE, Stated Supply	
Grant Chapel	VACANT	
Henry Memorial	VACANT	Eileen Buckhouse
Jekyll	Bert Cramer, Stated Supply,	
Jesup	Pete Ullmann <b>Excused</b>	
McGregor	Wayne McDaniel, Stated Supply	
McRae	*Norwood Davidson, Supply	
Metter	VACANT	
Midway First	Jamil el-Shair	
Montgomery	VACANT	
Peabody Heights	*David Muntford, Stated Supply	
Riceboro	*Janet Odegaard, Supply	
Richmond Hill	Ed Ayers, Stated Supply,	Rodney Denmark
Saint Simons (2)	Bob Brearley, Co-Pastor	Leslie McCracken
	Alan Dyer, Co-Pastor	Michael Johnson
	Jann Briscoe, Parish Associate, \	
Skidaway Island	Jeff Garrison,	Laurel McKeith
	Deanie Strength, Parish Associate	
Iglesia Latina at Swainsboro	Ozeas Silva, Stated Supply	
Vidalia	*Ron Gilreath, Interim	
Walthourville	VACANT	
Washington Street	Ricky Porter	Eugene Smith
White Bluff	Eric Beene <b>Excused</b>	
Wilmington Island	Andy Meeker	

\* indicates a non-voting minister as Interim or Supply who is not a member of Savannah Presbytery  
 \*\* indicates a Commissioned Ruling Elder whose vote counts as an Elder Commissioner, not as a Minister Commissioner

## Voting Minister Members

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### \*Required to Attend Presbytery Meetings

#### \*Active Minister Members

Members serving Validated Ministries beyond the jurisdiction of the church (G-2.0503)

Mary Beene, Openings: Let the Spirit In **Excused**  
Nelle Bordeaux, Outreach/New Member Pastor at  
Wesley Monumental UMC ..... **Excused**  
Proctor Chambless, Interim, Cornelia PC .....  
Stuart Fletcher, Savannah Korean PC **Excused**....  
Rachel Greiner, Chaplain, Memorial Hospital.....  
Kathi Parchem, Interim Pastor, Monticello PC.....  
**Excused**  
Choongyun Yu, Pastor, Immanuel PC .....

#### Honorably Retired Members

Art Bishop .....  
\*\*Bob Brearley .....  
John Bressler .....  
George Brink .....  
Fairy Caroland.....  
\*\*Don Dilley .....  
Tom Dunlap.....  
\*\*Richard Grice .....  
Harry Horne.....  
Larry Kennon .....  
John Law .....  
Diane Lovin.....  
Bob Morgan.....  
Bill Platt.....  
\*\*Wayne McDaniel.....  
Thomas Mueller .....  
Carl Schlich .....  
Steve Tisinger.....  
Jessie Truvillion .....

#### \*Members at Large (G-2.0503B)

Mark George .....  
Claire Williams ..... Excused

\*\*Listed also as a pastor of church

\*\*\*Listed also as Elder Commissioner

## Other Voting Members

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### \*Officer of the Presbytery

Russell Gladding, General Presbyter/Stated  
Clerk/Treasurer

### \*Presbytery Council

\*\* Ozeas Silva, Moderator  
\*\*Ed Ayers, Moderator Elect  
Johnye Gillians, Moderator of Council  
Paul Scott Chair, Stewardship & Finance  
\*\*Alan Dyer, Chair CPM  
\*\*Andy Meeker, Chair COM  
\*\*Will Shelburne, Co-Chair DET  
\*\*Jamil el-Shair, Co-Chair DET  
Jean Vernon, Member At Large, District 3  
Molly McCarthy, PW President

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### Presbytery Staff

(NV) Liz Richardson..Business Administrator  
(NV) Beth Sutton.....Staff Associate –  
Communications  
Stephen Tisinger..... Assoc. Presbyter Mission

(NV) – Nonvoting

## Call to Order & Opening Prayer Moderator TE Ozeas Silva

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### Worship Candidate Annie Franklin Preaching

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### Welcome & Organization Moderator Ozeas Silva

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### Committee on Ministry TE Andy Meeker

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The Committee on Ministry presents for your consideration the following who seek to be ordained and/or installed as Ministers of Word and Sacrament:

- **Annie Franklin:** Annie is under the care of Western North Carolina Presbytery. She has completed a dual degree – Masters of Divinity and Masters of Christian Education – at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, passed her ordination exams and has been certified ready to receive a call. She has accepted the invitation from the APNC to become the Associate Pastor at St. Simons Presbyterian Church. She comes before us seeking approval to be ordained to this position and received as a minister member of our presbytery upon her ordination and installation.
- **Elizabeth Stow:** Betsy has been under care of Savannah Presbytery for the past several years. She has completed her Master of Divinity studies at Columbia Seminary in Decatur, GA, passed her ordination exams and has been certified ready to receive a call our Committee on Preparation for Ministry. She has been accepted into the year-long Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Residency Program at Gunderson Health in La Crosse, Wisconsin. John Knox Presbytery has approved this position as a validated ministry. She comes before us seeking approval to be ordained by Savannah Presbytery to this CPE position.

From the Book of Order (emphasis added)

The call to ordered ministry in the Church is the act of the triune God. This call is evidenced by the movement of the Holy Spirit in the individual conscience, the approval of a community of God's people, and the *concurring judgement of a council of the Church*. (G-2.0103)

In addition to possessing the necessary gifts and abilities, those who undertake particular ministries should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world. They must have the approval of God's people and the *concurring judgment of a council of the Church*. (G-2.0104)

Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. *The council responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation and suitability for the responsibilities of ordered ministry*. (G-2.0104b)



The Committee on Ministry met with each of these candidates earlier this week and began a conversation that continues with the examination on the floor of the presbytery. As is our tradition, members of COM will ask the first several questions.

While the above citations from our Book of Order give us some guidance as to the nature of the examination, there is much latitude as to the questions we can ask. Views on the Bible, Reformed Theology, Worship and Sacraments and Presbyterian Polity are all appropriate (and these categories correspond with our denomination's ordination exams). This task of examination is an important one – one is ordained only once (at least as a Minister of Word Sacrament)! The COM hopes and prays that this time will celebrate our Reformed faith and theology and make us proud to be Presbyterians!

### **Ann Elizabeth Franklin, Candidate**

#### Short Bio

Annie was born in Charlotte, NC, but her parents quickly chose to move back to their small town of Morganton, NC to raise their family. Annie was baptized and confirmed at First Presbyterian Church of Morganton where she first felt the call to ministry while volunteering with Vacation Bible School.

Annie graduated from North Carolina State University, where she studied International Relations. At NC State, Annie was active in Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM) and served on the Leadership Team her sophomore through senior years. It was during this time that Annie's call to ordained ministry took its shape and she began to act upon it. Upon graduation, Annie served as the Campus Ministry Intern at the Presbyterian Student Association at the University of South Carolina. After a year of campus ministry, Annie continued following God's call to ministry and left for Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

Annie, very recently, graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary with a Masters in Divinity and a Masters in Christian Education. While in seminary, she served at First Presbyterian Church and Westminster Canterbury. She completed Clinical Pastoral Education at VCU Health Systems in Richmond, VA. In her free time, Annie enjoys running, daydreaming about puppies, and spending time with her husband, Thomas!

### **Annie Franklin**

PIF ID: 100028727

Narrative Questions

1. Describe a moment in your recent ministry that you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

In my time as a hospital chaplain, I encountered a patient who had vastly different beliefs about ministry and how God acts in the world. I was invited in for a visit and immediately he asked about CPE and what I wanted to do afterwards. I replied that I felt called to be a pastor in a church when I finished seminary. He then asked if I was familiar with 2 Timothy. I said I had read it. He then explained that he believes the role of pastor was one only for males. I stayed and asked him a few questions about his biblical interpretation. We both realized that we interpret the bible very differently, but we also discovered that we both believe God is at work in humanity and providing comfort to those that are sick. We prayed together for healing and God's continued guidance in our lives. I identify this as a moment of success in my recent ministry because it was a time when two people on the opposite end of a theological spectrum sat together in a sacred space and explored how God could be at work in the world.

2. Describe the ministry setting to which you believe God is calling you.

I believe God is calling me into congregational ministry. God is calling me to be guide a church, to guide God's children, in their most difficult times and in their times of strength. As part of my call, I will proclaim the love that God has for humanity in Jesus Christ and to discern with a church what that means for us and how we live our lives. I sense God is leading me into an associate pastor role in a church that is both adventurous and rooted in tradition. I envision serving a congregation with a youth ministry program and a congregation where intergenerational ministry is embraced. Therefore God is calling me to a congregation filled with families, young

and old who are seeking to grow more in their faith as the whole body of Christ is embraced, included, and united.

3. What areas of growth have you identified in yourself?

I must be very intentional with how I manage my time. There are too many things I want to do, too many people to spend time with, and too many tasks that need to be done all the time. Realizing that I cannot do all the things I want to do is tough for me and I feel incredibly disappointed in myself when I cannot give enough time to things I've said yes to because there are only 24 hours in a day. I have learned to discern God's presence in this area of growth as I have learned to listen to God's calling on the gifts I've been equipped with.

Another area of growth I identify in myself is preaching. When I began discerning my call to ministry, I was very hesitant about proclaiming God's word from a pulpit. To my own surprise, I found preaching to be a sacred way to tell the Christian story. I have found God at work in me as I research a text and God pours a message out through me from behind a pulpit. Even though I've found a new love of preaching, I hope to continue growing in the role of pastor as preacher.

4. Describe a time when you have led change.

In a recent internship, I found myself working in a secular preschool in a faith-based retirement community. The intention of the internship was to develop faith-based intergenerational relationships between the residents and the children in the child development center, but the child development center was not as open to the incorporation of faith in these relationships as we originally thought. To fulfill the requirements of the internship for the school, the curriculum had to be shifted and adapted. God was definitely at work in the relationships between the residents and the children. We then modified the curriculum to explore and propose ways in which these kinds of intergenerational relationships could be fostered in the church and promote intergenerational faith formation.

It was difficult realizing that the curriculum needed to be changed for me to learn what God was guiding me to learn. However, the curriculum of the course was adapted from its original goals and has left me with resources for intergenerational ministry that I am excited to use in a church setting.

## **Statement of Faith**

I believe in the Triune God who is revealed to us as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God's everlasting love brought creation into being. God's love for humanity is shown by the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is fully human and fully divine. Jesus lived a life of humility, meekness, and quiet strength proclaiming the Kingdom of God on earth. Jesus was condemned by humanity and died on the cross for the forgiveness of the sins of humanity. Jesus was dead for three days before being raised from the dead delivering us from death. The Holy Spirit equips us, guides us, and breathes life into us. The Holy Spirit guides us to love one another, illumines the ancient scriptures to us, and charges us to see God's grace in a world filled with brokenness and darkness.

Although humanity was made from dust in the image of God, humanity sins. Despite our sins, an undeserving people has been saved by God's endless and freely given grace. Sin separates us from God, but God's everlasting grace is sufficient. We respond to God's grace with repentance and seeking forgiveness and celebrating the love and grace of God. We respond as the body of Christ.

The body of Christ, the Church, receives this news of salvation and we act. In the Sacraments, we receive God's grace with action. In Baptism and in the Lord's Supper, we experience God's grace. In Baptism, we are claimed by Christ and become witnesses of Christ's love. At the table, we remember Christ breaking bread and sharing wine with sinners. When at the table, we proclaim the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Sacraments are a sign of God's love for humanity.

We wait both joyfully and impatiently for Christ to return knowing that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God. God is ever-present in humanity and in the world. God's grace is sufficient and brings about redemption in a world filled with brokenness.

I am a beloved child of God. I am claimed by God through the waters of Baptism. I am a broken person in the midst of a broken world, but I and the world are both forgiven and redeemed from our sins through the life and death of Jesus. The Holy Spirit gives me life and guides me to live a Christ like life full of love, compassion, and teaching. I believe that I am not perfect, but with God's watchful eye, Jesus' lessons and sacrifice, the Holy Spirit's living ways, claimed by God.

## **Ann Elizabeth Franklin**

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### **Presbytery Information:**

Presbytery of Western North Carolina

First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, NC

Ecclesial Status: Candidate for Ministry effective 7.26.2016

### **Formal Education:**

- Masters of Divinity and Masters of Christian Education, Union Presbyterian Seminary, 2018 (anticipated)
- Graduate Certificate in Patient Counseling, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2017
- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, North Carolina State University, 2013

### **Work Experience:**

- Pastoral Care/Child Development Center Intern at Westminster Canterbury, Richmond, Retirement Community, Aug-Dec 2017
  - facilitated intergenerational interactions between children and residents
  - developed manual to facilitate intergenerational interactions with applications to congregational ministries
- Chaplain Intern, VCU Medical Center, Jun-Aug 2017
  - provided pastoral care to patients, their families, and hospital staff
- Youth Ministry Intern, First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Aug 2014-May 2017
  - planned and organized Sunday Youth Fellowship, small group dinners, bible studies, and service opportunities
  - with God's help, supported spiritual development of youth
- Campus Ministry Intern, Presbyterian Student Association at the University of South Carolina, Aug 2013-Aug 2014
  - provided pastoral care to university students
  - organized weekly worship and fellowship gatherings with students
  - guided spiritual formation of college students
  - cultivated student leadership team

### **Service to the Church:**

Student Assistant, 222nd General Assembly, 2016

Young Adult Advisory Delegate, 219th General Assembly, 2010

### **Leadership Competencies:**

Hopeful, Teacher, Communicator, Technologically Savvy, Culturally Proficient, Task Manager, Collaboration, Self Differentiation, Flexibility, and Personal Resilience

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## **Biographical Sketch**

**Elizabeth J. Stow**

**June 2018**

Originally from Suffolk, Virginia, I did my undergraduate work at Wingate College (now Wingate University), near Charlotte, North Carolina. I majored in music and minored in English, graduating in May of 1995. The following summer, I began graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania), earning a Master of Arts in Historical Musicology in December of 1997.

For a time, I worked at my former school, Nansemond-Suffolk Academy (Suffolk, Virginia), as a Library Assistant and a Theater Assistant. In August of 1998, I returned to Pittsburgh and worked as a Communications Specialist for the Consortium Ethics Program, a medical ethics education network based out of the University of Pittsburgh. I returned to school in January of 2001 to pursue graduate studies in the School of Information Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh, graduating in April of 2003 with a Master of Library and Information Sciences. I remained in my position with the Consortium Ethics Program until I relocated to Savannah, Georgia, to begin work as the Liberty County Children's Librarian with Live Oak Public Libraries, in May of 2004.

After commuting from Savannah for two years, I moved to Hinesville, where I was working, and settled into the community there. When my immediate supervisor resigned to take a new position in the summer of 2008, I was appointed to the position of Interim Area Coordinator for the Liberty County branch libraries (Hinesville and Midway). While both serving as the Interim Coordinator and continuing as the Children's Librarian, I applied for the open position, and in November of 2009, I was promoted to Public Services Coordinator.

In August of 2013, at the urging of a long-time library patron, I applied for the position of Pianist and Choir Director of Allenhurst Presbyterian Church. I was offered the position, and I began my responsibilities on September 1, 2013. I joined APC the following February.

After a time, I began to sense a call to full-time ministry in music and pastoral care. After much conversation and prayer, I applied to Columbia Theological Seminary. After I was accepted, I resigned my library position in July of 2015, moved to Decatur, Georgia, and began my seminary journey on August 10, 2015. My seminary field work included a supervised ministry internship at Columbia Presbyterian Church in Decatur (2016-2017) and a Clinical Pastoral Education Internship (1 unit) at the VA Medical Center of Atlanta (Summer 2017). I also served as a supply pastor or substitute musician at area churches on several occasions. I graduated from seminary on May 19, 2018, and will begin a year-long CPE (chaplaincy) residency at Gunderson Health System in La Crosse, Wisconsin on August 20, 2018.

## **Statement of Faith**

**Spring 2018**

I believe in one God in three persons, the sovereign creator of this world, of everything in it, and of all the realms beyond. God chose, from before the foundation of the world, to be in relationship with humanity, and God established, through our foremothers and forefathers, an eternal covenant to be our God, as we are God's people. God's father-and-mother-love surrounds me and overwhelms me, and in love God has known me and called me, even before I was born.

Human beings have violated God's covenant over and over, sinning against God, against one another, and against creation. Still, God loves us and entered our broken world to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ. Fully divine and fully human, Jesus understands our human condition—our sorrows and temptations, as well as our joys and pleasures. When he lived on the earth, Jesus showed us how to live life in relationship with one another according to God's purpose. Because of his radical message, Jesus

was accused of crimes he did not commit, suffered humiliation, and died an agonizing death by crucifixion. God raised him from the dead on the third day. Jesus has preceded us in the resurrection and will return at the end of time to rule over the new heaven and the new earth. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God freely gave to all the gift of "at-one-ment." In Christ lives all our hope of reconciliation with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

Jesus promised his disciples that he would not leave them orphans. In accordance with the Word of Christ, the Holy Spirit, our sustainer and guide, abides forever with us and in us, comforting us, convicting us, and interceding for us. An ineffable sigh, a creative and playful breath of God, the Holy Spirit hovers over the earth now as at Creation, bringing light to the darkness and life to all her creatures.

The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are a witness to God's creative love, holiness, and continuing involvement in the world. Written by humans of particular times and places and inspired by God, the Bible is the primary witness to the Word of God, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, God has called the Church into being, and the Holy Spirit moves within the church and all of her members, guiding them in conversation with the witness of scripture and present in the celebration of the Sacraments. The cleansing waters of baptism are a sign of our adoption by God and new life among the Body of Christ. As the church shares the meal of Eucharist, we give joyful thanks for the communion that God has with us and that we have with each other as members of the Body of Christ.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, the people of Christ's Church are called together, to work with one another and for one another, holding one another in relationship, in the name of the triune God. I have been set free through God's grace and called to walk and work together with Christ's church, to reach out to those who are downtrodden, forgotten, and lonely, and to share the good news that darkness and despair do not have the last word. I pray for courage to follow Christ in a life of service, to show kindness and compassion, and to testify with my life: the Lord is my strength and my song.

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## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Decatur, Georgia**

*Clinical Pastoral Education: Chaplain Intern, May 30 – August 11, 2017*

- Clinical assignments: Provided spiritual care to veterans and their families in Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Surgical Patient Floor, Community Living Center (Nursing Home Care Unit), Hemodialysis Unit. Facilitated spirituality groups in psychiatric care unit. Recorded care visits and group work in patients' charts and in the VA's "Event Capture" system.
- Call-Back Rotation: Participated in call-back assignments several times per month to provide spiritual care after hours and on weekends.
- Worship Leadership: Led three Protestant worship services during Sunday on call. Participated in sermon consultation with peers and supervisor after leading worship. Provided musical leadership for several worship services led by peers.
- Case Consultations: Presented seven verbatims to the group for consultation with peers and supervisor.
- Interpersonal Relations (IPR): meet with group of peers and supervisor once weekly for promoting connectivity and effectiveness in care relationships.
- Individual Supervision: Wrote and discussed weekly process notes with supervisor regarding such items as goals, learning experiences, working edges, spiritual or emotional growth.

### **Columbia Presbyterian Church; Decatur, Georgia**

*Minister Intern, September 2016 – May 2017*

- Shadowed pastoral staff, participated in worship activities, sought/accepted opportunities to participate in planning and leadership of Sunday worship, Taize services, special services (Pet Blessing, Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, etc.), memorial services (when appropriate), and others.
- Visited parishioners in home, in hospital, in nursing homes and rehab facilities (with pastor or alone).
- Attended Session and committee meetings, as appropriate. Participated in church-organized activities and outreach.
- Taught several Breakfast Club (Adult Sunday School) sessions. Co-taught Confirmation class with pastor.

### **Alenhurst Presbyterian Church; Alenhurst, Georgia**

*Pianist/Choir Director; September 2013 – July 2015*

- Played piano for Sunday Worship Service and special services as needed (Christmas Eve, funerals, etc.).
  - Congregational hymn accompaniment
  - Music before service, during offertory, post-service
- Assisted Pastor with selection of service hymns, using Revised Common Lectionary.
- Selected and rehearsed weekly special music with the choir.
  - Accompanied choir on piano or other instruments as appropriate.
  - Incorporated various styles (traditional, contemporary, global) to build repertoire and reach out to a broad range of worshippers.

- Created alternative arrangements of music as needed to fit the ensemble.

### **Live Oak Public Libraries; Savannah, Georgia**

*Liberty County Area Coordinator; November 2009 – July 2015*

- Managed two library branches in Liberty County.
- Served as liaison for Library Administration, local Board, and local City and County officials.
- Served on system-wide committees and assisted at system-wide Library events.
- Participated in collection maintenance, removing outdated or worn materials and making location decisions.

*Children's Librarian, Liberty County; May 2004 – December 2009*

- Provided story times and special programs for children, teens, and families.
- Taught computer classes for children and adults.
- Provided library presence at community events.
- Served on system-wide committees and assisted at system-wide Library events.
- Participated in collection maintenance, removing outdated or worn materials.

### **Mt. Lebanon Public Library; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

*Children's Services, Library Intern; December 2002 – April 2003*

- Worked at front desk and helped library customers as needed.
- Worked at the reference desk, answering in-library and phone reference questions.
- Provided story times and special programs for children and families.

### **University of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

*Consortium Ethics Program, Communications Specialist; July 1998 – April 2004*

- Conducted literature searches for representatives and faculty
- Managed databases for Consortium records, on-site educational programming schedules, and media library.
- Produced newsletters, event and informational brochures, and class materials.
- Responsible for updating information and posting newsletter articles and events announcements on the website.
- Created and compiled information from evaluation forms for all Consortium programs.

### **Nansemond-Suffolk Academy; Suffolk, Virginia**

*Library/Technology Assistant; September 1997 – June 1998*

- Performed cataloging, shelving, and circulation duties in a dual school library system (K-7 and 8-12).
- Trained parent volunteers for various duties.
- Assisted in year-end collection inventory.
- Provided technical assistance to faculty (using email and printers).

### **University of Pittsburgh; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

*Teaching Assistant; September 1995 – May 1997*

- Responsible for teaching recitations for "Introduction to the History of Western Art Music"
- Sharpened communication skills through lecture, question-and-answer, and review techniques, and demonstrated ability to organize and present information in a comprehensible and succinct fashion.

*Graduate Assistant, Music Library; May – August 1997*

- Sort and inventory microfilms of Renaissance music manuscripts.
- Sort and organize periodicals.
- Circulation and shelving duties.



- Assist with preparations for library renovations.

### **ACADEMIC TRAINING**

#### **Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia**

Master of Divinity, May 2018

University of Pittsburgh, School of Information Sciences, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

#### **Master of Library and Information Science, April 2003**

University of Pittsburgh, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

#### **Master of Arts in Historical Musicology, December 1997**

Wingate College, Wingate, North Carolina (now Wingate University)

#### **Bachelor of Arts in Music, magna cum laude, May 1995**

English minor

### **ECCLESIASTICAL STATUS**

PC (U.S.A.) Candidate, Savannah Presbytery

Candidacy Date: May 23, 2017

Certified Ready to Receive a Call: May 9, 2018

Member, Allenhurst Presbyterian Church, Allenhurst, GA

Membership Date: February 9, 2014

### **Description of Ministry at Gundersen Health La Crosse, Wisconsin**

The CPE Residency Program begins on August 20, 2018 and lasts until August 26, 2019. As a chaplain, and part of the interdisciplinary care team, I will be providing spiritual care for patients of the 325-bed Gundersen Health System hospital facility. Patient units also include a Level II trauma center and an inpatient psychiatric care unit. Gundersen is recognized for its end of life care, among other distinctions.

I have recently been offered (and have accepted) a position on Gundersen's Hospice team as the year-long resident, which means that I will be seeing patients in their homes. Additionally, I will work on the weekday and weekend on-call rotation in the hospital, which includes all patient units. Sunday on-call includes providing a worship service for the inpatient psychiatric care unit and an evening prayer service in the Worship Center. I will be responsible for sacramental ministries as appropriate.

## Committee on Resolution and Thanks

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### Adjournment with Prayer

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Save the Date

Fall Stated Meeting  
Tuesday, October 23, 2018  
Montgomery Presbyterian Church  
Savannah, Georgia