

Introducing Our Senior Pastor Candidate...

Read a greeting from our candidate and learn more about his background.

Reverend Chris Griggs

There is an old adage that goes something like, "If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans." Sixteen years ago when I sensed a call into full time ministry my response to that call was not conditional, but I did mention to the Lord that I wasn't sure pastoral ministry in a congregational setting would be the best fit. Nine years ago when I was ordained to pastoral ministry in the congregational setting as an Associate Pastor, I mentioned to the Lord that I was willing to follow Him wherever He might lead, but that I wasn't sure a Senior Pastor role would ever be the best fit.

Today, as I am with you as the PNC's candidate for Senior Pastor, I think it may be most prudent not to volunteer to the Lord any qualifications I might have! While the path that has led me to be here with you today is not one

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which I have orchestrated, it is one for which I am very thankful. As it turns out, God's plans are better than our plans and God's ways are better than our ways; and I'm looking forward to experiencing what God's plans for this congregation and for our ministry together might be!

I must tell you that I am thrilled to have the chance to be with you today and to be the PNC's nominee for Senior Pastor. As I have learned about this congregation over the past months I have been impressed with you all. I have seen your commitment to one another, your commitment to ministry

and most of all your commitment to Jesus Christ. There is much more that I don't know about you all than I do know. But, from what I have learned already, I am convinced that the outstanding tradition of ministry in this place is going to be carried forward in new and exhilarating ways. You are a remarkable bunch and I feel blessed by the prospect of walking alongside you in the season ahead.

You will find on the reverse side of this letter some information about me, my family, education, experience and interests. My hope is that this information is just the beginning of our getting to know one another. I pray that in the coming years God will knit us together in shared ministry and that our lives will support one another on the adventuresome path of Christian Discipleship. I believe that we will learn from one another, that we will grow close to one another and that we will marvel at the work that God does in our midst.

Looking forward to it more than I can possibly express,

Chris



Join us for the Congregational meeting and lunch after the service.