





The Session introduces and welcomes
The Rev. Susan Haynes
Our new Pastoral Associate
for Pastoral Care and
Mission & Outreach



Susan Haynes will begin her ministry with us at Faith on May 15, 2020.

As Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care and Mission & Outreach Susan will share in preaching and worship leadership with specific responsibilities to:

Inspire, support and direct, in consultation with the Congregational Care Planning Team, the individual Shepherds and the overall Shepherd Group / Flock process

Serve as Staff liaison and resource to the Congregational Care Planning Team.

Provide primary pastoral care response to the needs of members and friends of the congregation.

Serve as staff liaison and resource to the Mission and Outreach Planning Team.

Education

Bachelor of Business Administration, Georgia State University Master of Divinity, Columbia Theological Seminary

Pastoral Experience

Bridge Interim Pastor, Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church , Duluth GA November 2019 - present

Interim Senior Pastor, Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA, Jan. 15, 2018 – Aug. 4, 2019

Interim Senior Pastor, Newnan Presbyterian Church, Newnan, GA, Feb. 1, 2016 – Aug. 31, 2017

Associate Pastor, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roswell, GA, Jan. 5, 2004 to Jan. 31, 2016

Acting Head of Staff, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roswell, GA, Sept. 2007 – Aug. 2008

Pre-Organizing Pastor, Hamilton Mill New Church Development, Hoschton, GA Nov. 2002 – Dec. 2003

Director of Family Ministries, Ray-Thomas Memorial Presbyterian, Marietta, GA Jan. 2003 – Dec. 2003 Prior to attending seminary, Susan held various positions in the business world, including owning and running a small business.

Prior to becoming a Teaching Elder, she served as a Deacon (ordained at Stockbridge Presbyterian, Stockbridge, GA) and as a Ruling Elder (ordained at Ray-Thomas Memorial Presbyterian, Marietta, GA).

While serving as a Ruling Elder in Cherokee Presbytery, Susan was a Commissioned Lay Pastor, served several years on the Committee on Ministry (one year as Chair), was Moderator of Presbytery 1987-88, and was a Ruling Elder Commissioner to the 1994 General Assembly.

Susan's involvement in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta as a member minister for the past 16 years has included chairing the Committee on Ministry and serving as Clerk of the Permanent Judicial Commission.



Photograph of Susan and her daughter Christie

From Susan Haynes:

I am joyfully anticipating plugging into the energy that I've observed at Faith Presbyterian Church. From all my conversations with Jim, the Search Committee, and then the FPC Session, I have been impressed with the way in which FPC has embraced the reality of who you are...a church of mostly empty nesters and retired folks...who are energetically and actively engaged in the worship, ministry, and mission of FPC. I know it will be exciting, challenging, and fun to be a part of all you are doing in the Blue Ridge community.

Being at Faith means I get to more fully focus on pastoral care. While I have enjoyed my time as a senior pastor and head of staff for churches in transition, I have missed the day-to-day pastoral care aspect of ministry. For me, there is no greater privilege than walking with someone through the joys and sorrows of life.

Faith's dedication to reaching out to the vulnerable is another reason I am excited about joining with you. I believe hands on mission...Jesus in the flesh...is equally as important as the money the church gives to support those who live on the margins. I look forward to working alongside you in various outreach ministries and getting my hands dirty working in the FPC garden!

Being at Faith also reunites me with former ministry partner and colleague, Dr. Jim Simpson. Jim and I share a desire for excellence in all aspects of the church's worship, ministry, and mission. Our mutual love for the Lord Jesus Christ and that desire for excellence will be the driving forces as we team together with the FPC Session and all of you to worship God and be the hands and feet of Christ for each other, the community, and the world.

It is with thanksgiving to God and gratefulness to the FPC Session and Jim that I will be soon among you.

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All are welcome to all of our activities.

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Mission Statement: By God's love and grace, we are Called, Committed and Led.

Vision Statement:

Called by God to be Faith Presbyterian Church of the North Georgia Mountains, we welcome all to join together to worship God.

Committed to following Jesus' example, we joyfully share God's love, grace and gifts with all in our church family and community.

Led by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to grow spiritually in this community of Faith.