

## Welcome

We hope worship today will engage your mind, stir your soul, and touch your heart, preparing us to faithfully serve God in the world.

A special welcome goes to all worship guests — we are honored by your presence. We invite you to participate fully in worship, our program, and common life of our congregation, and hope you will feel at home among us. Please visit the hospitality booth to receive a special gift. If you have any questions about our church, please speak with a pastor or elder.

After the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services, join us for coffee in the parlor.

**Ushers are available for assistance** this morning. **Large-print bulletins** are on-hand — just ask an usher. For worshippers who struggle with their hearing, we have a hearing loop installed in the floor of the sanctuary. To receive the loop signal manually, activate your T-coil or the telephone setting on your hearing aid or cochlear implant. If you are unsure, please consult your audiologist. If you don't wear hearing aids, but need assistance, please ask an usher for a loop receiver.

Please know, if you need to step out of the sanctuary for any reason, you can watch the service on *livestream* in the hospitality suite. Also if you can't make it to church, you can watch the 11:00 a.m. service *live* on our website - or later during the week at your convenience.

### • Children Are Welcome

We believe that worship is the response of the whole people of God, and that includes children! Families are welcome to sit together throughout the worship service. If you are interested, child care for newborns up to five years old is provided by a trained, caring staff each week in the nursery behind the sanctuary.

Parents, ask an usher for a **worship bag** for your children so they can engage in creative activities while remaining in worship.

### • Thinking of Membership?

Are you excited by the ministry of First Presbyterian Church? Would you like to know more about this vibrant congregation and the Presbyterian Church? The next new member class is Sunday, March 10.

### • In Our Prayers

Missionaries: Drs. Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta (Indonesia)  
Cindy Corell (Haiti)

A complete list of members and friends who are in our prayers is available in the fellowship hall foyer and in the church office.



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### • Mission and Justice Committee

The moderators of the mission and justice committee would like to invite the church community to join their committee meetings on the second Tuesday of each month in room 225. On Tuesday, February 12, a guest speaker will share how we can become involved with Children First, the Sarasota Head Start program that meets on our campus.

### • Library News

Our library has a copy *Doing Good . . . Says Who?* (also for sale at the Fair Trade kiosk), recommended by our Faith Focus Weekend keynote speaker, Dr. Hunter Farrell. This book is a stimulating discussion of a new way of sharing our time and resources to help others — doing “with” instead of doing “for.”

### • First Presbyterian Church and iTNSunCoast Renew Contract for 2019

For many, getting a ride to church and around town is a challenge! That is why First Presbyterian has renewed its partnership with iTNSunCoast to help you get to church and the other important places you need to go. iTNSunCoast is a dependable, local non-profit that provides rides using volunteer and paid drivers who use their own cars. Rides are available seven days a week.

**Cost:** If coming to church, you pay just one way! First Presbyterian will pay the other way as well as the \$50 annual membership fee for First Presbyterian Church members for 2019. If using iTN for non-church related rides, you will be responsible to pay the cost both ways. Rides to and from eye appointments may be discounted. Ask iTN when booking.

For more information or to become an iTNSunCoast member, call (941) 364-7530 and tell them you are a member of First Presbyterian Church, or register online at <https://www.itnsuncoast.org>. If you have any questions, contact Cheryl Track, (941) 320-3828.

### • Floral Dedications

If you would like to provide sanctuary floral arrangement(s) for particular dates in 2019 you can sign up on the flower calendar located in the sanctuary narthex or call Connie Waymer at (941) 924-7847. Please give your contact phone number, the name(s) of the honorees and the occasion of the dedication. The price for a single arrangement is \$35 and two arrangements are \$70.

### • Wear Your Name Tag

Please remember to wear your name tag each Sunday. It is especially helpful to worship guests, new members, and seasonal residents. Replacements may be ordered by calling the church office at (941) 955-8119. The cost is \$5 for a pin or \$7 for a magnet.

### • Text Giving

Are you interested in the convenience of contributing by text message? Text FPC2050 to 73256 to donate via text. Standard rates may apply.



## First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota

Announcements  
February 3, 2019

### • Welcome New Members and Families!

This morning at the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship services we welcome our 17 new members. We are delighted they have joined the FPC family. Be sure to extend a friendly greeting to them!

#### Joe and Jo Dogoli

Joe - previous business owner  
Jo - retired educator

#### Jeffrey Dolinar

Retired

#### Janet Griffiths

Retired senior systems programmer,  
Federal Reserve Information Technology

#### Paul and Cathy Kolonich

Paul - retired police sergeant  
Cathy - retired administrator, General Motors

#### Wendy Mastripolito

(husband, Joe)  
Wendy - executive assistant, Home Shopping Network

#### Jerry May

(wife, Barbara)  
Jerry - retired financial advisor

#### Steve and Jan Papenfuss

Steve - retired dermatologist  
Jan - retired French and English teacher

#### Jason and Ashton Smith

**Selena, Caleb, Katie,** Jason, Jr. and John  
Jason - owner/operator, Jason and Sons  
Countreewide Tree Service  
Ashton - nurse, Nursecore/SMH

#### Rick and Nancy Spaulding

Rick - retired commercial construction superintendent  
Nancy - director, reimbursement policy, United Healthcare

### • Souper Bowl of Caring

**Today** is Super Bowl Sunday, and after each service our children and youth will be stationed at the exits of the chapel and sanctuary to receive your donations toward the “Souper Bowl of Caring” effort. The “Souper Bowl” is a grassroots effort to collect donations to assist organizations that feed the hungry. Last year, our “Souper Bowl” contributions totaled over \$2,200. **The money raised this year will help us sponsor another meal-packing event at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 7.**

## Opportunities for Children and Youth

### • “& Families” Picnic in Payne Park - Today

Children, youth and families... Around 12:00 noon we will gather in Payne Park for some “bring your own” picnic fun.

We have flag football planned for the whole family and a few other activities to raise awareness about hunger! Make plans to join your family at First.

Bring your own picnic lunch, something to sit on (camp chairs or a picnic blanket) and any yard games you have to share. Look for the blue tents by the playground!

### • Fresh Bouquets for Valentine’s Day!

Share love with those special people in your life! Our youth will have a selection of fresh flowers you can choose from **next Sunday, February 10** from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the north courtyard. A small bouquet is \$10 and a large bouquet is \$20. If you would like to pre-order a bouquet, call the church office (941) 955-8119 or email Kelly (kfitzgerald@firstpressarasota.org) by Friday, February 8. You can also call and sponsor a bouquet to be delivered to one of our homebound members. Donations will help youth attend Summer Adventures.

### Faith Focus Weekend Featured Book

Please make sure to buy a copy of *Doing Good...Says Who?* in preparation for our Faith Focus Weekend February 8-10 with our keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell. This book is excellent preparation for Dr. Farrell’s Saturday morning presentation discussing an exciting collaborative plan for volunteering that differs from the traditional charity model. This book is beneficial for all volunteers, donors, churches and other non-profits. The cost of the book is \$15 and is available at the Fair Trade Kiosk.

### • Are You A Seasonal Resident? This Invitation Is Just For You!

If you’re an FPC seasonal resident, only here for a few months each year, please accept this invitation to a luncheon on **Sunday, February 17**. Come make new friends with the other “snowbirds” in our congregation and find out about the activities taking place at FPC.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 17**, after the 11:00 a.m. service in our fellowship hall courtyard (weather permitting). Reservations are required. If you plan to attend, call the church office (941) 955-8119 no later than Wednesday, February 13.

### • Fellowship Hall Renovations

The renovations so far look wonderful! *The New Song service is worshiping in the sanctuary and coffee fellowship is in the parlor during the construction time.* Thanks to all those who have given generously and continue to give to our capital campaign.

### • The Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held **Sunday, February 24**, at 12:00 noon in the sanctuary. We will receive reports of the session, deacons, and other organizations of the church and elect one elder and two deacons for the class of 2021. We will also transact any business of the church corporation, and review and approve changes in the pastors’ terms of call.

### • Presbyterian Women

If you registered for the tour of Beth-El Farmworker Ministries **this Tuesday, February 5**, please arrive at the church no later than 10:00 a.m. to carpool.

### • Presbytery Meeting at First Presbyterian

We will be hosting the regional presbytery meeting on **Thursday, February 28**, and celebrating the retirement of the general presbyter, Graham Hart. Graham and Linda Hart worship regularly with us; we are their church home. We will welcome individuals from congregations from Bradenton to Naples. If you would like to volunteer, contact Rachel Martin (941) 955-8119. Please plan to come at 1:00 p.m. and enjoy worship service and a reception for Graham.

### • Invest in Children



Plan to come to the second annual Brentwood Art Show in the forum on Sunday, February 17, anytime between 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Enjoy the amazing artwork and meet some of the artists and teachers from Brentwood Elementary School. Refreshments will be served.

### • SURE Rally!

Mark **Monday, February 25**, at 6:00 p.m. on your calendar to attend this significant SURE event. The 19 congregations of SURE will gather at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, (1031 South Euclid, Sarasota) to hear updates regarding affordable housing and restorative justice (out-of-school suspensions). We’ll be energized learning how we definitely make a difference when we fill the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium on Monday, March 25, 6:30 p.m. for the annual SURE Nehemiah Assembly. Rally with us when, in unison, we enthusiastically answer the First Presbyterian roll call!



### • Fair Trade Kiosk

During the renovation of the fellowship hall the kiosk will be located in the north courtyard, between the sanctuary and the parlor. Please come by and pick up a book for Faith Focus Weekend.



### • Of a Peacemaking Persuasion

*Be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.* - Romans 12:2



### • Stewardship Thought

*Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.* - Martin Luther King, Jr.

### • Week At a Glance

Sunday	Chapel Service	8:15 AM	
3-Feb	Worship Service	9:00 AM	
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM	
	Spiritual and Moral Issues in Modern Fiction	10:00 AM	
	Parenting Class	10:00 AM	
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12	10:00 AM	
	Worship Service	11:00 AM	
	“& Families” Picnic in Payne Park	12:00 PM	
Tuesday	Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM	
	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM	
5-Feb	Staff Meeting	10:30 AM	
Wednesday	Sisters Of The Road	10:30 AM	
	6-Feb	Bible Study	12:00 PM
	Foundation Meeting	5:00 PM	
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM	
	Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM	
Thursday	7-Feb	Mixed Level Yoga	9:00 AM
	Pastor Development - Sermon	9:00 AM	
	Pastor Development - Sermon	1:00 PM	
	Vinyasa Yoga Class	5:30 PM	
Friday	New Song Rehearsal	7:00 PM	
	8-Feb	Pastor Development - Sermon	9:00 AM
8-Feb	College of Elders and Deacons Dinner	5:30 PM	
	Saturday 9-Feb	Faith Focus Weekend - Rev. Hunter Farrell	9:30 AM
Sunday	10-Feb	Chapel Service	8:15 AM
	Worship Service	9:00 AM	
	Coffee Fellowship	9:30 AM	
	Pastor Development - Faith Journeys	10:00 AM	
	Sunday School Pre-K - 12	10:00 AM	
	Worship Service	11:00 AM	
Coffee Fellowship	12:00 PM		

## • **Adult Education Classes**

### • **Two New Classes Start Today**

#### ***Spiritual and Moral Issues in Modern Fiction***

**Sundays, February 3 (except February 10) - March 31**

**10:00 a.m. in room 203**

Our course leader, Dr. John G. Parks, always has an interesting class. As serious literature, good stories offer what Mathew Arnold called a “criticism of life.” As such, stories invite readers to a reflection upon our condition in the world. This often entails grappling with spiritual and moral issues such as innocence and guilt, loyalty and betrayal, choice and fate, meaning and emptiness, hope and despair. Our exploration will be prompted by reading stories by Nathaniel Hawthorne, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, Albert Camus, ZZ Packer, Ottessa Moshfegh, T.C. Boyle, and Elizabeth Tallent. We may find that these stories offer a diagnosis of our condition and a challenge to our beliefs. Copies of stories to be studied will be available as class hand-outs or available to students via email.

#### ***Parenting Class***

**Sundays in February (except February 10)**

**10:00 a.m. in room 225**

Parents of teens and parents who are eager to learn more about parenting a teen are welcome to this class. Children and youth should sit this one out.

We will watch clips from the movie *8th Grade* discussing the struggles of the lead character and how we can faithfully parent through many of the same issues our teens will encounter. This film has been nominated for many awards and will provide much for us to discuss.

There will be no preparation required for attending class each week. We'll start each class with a brief introduction of the day's topics before watching designated clips and diving into the parenting issue.

### • **Coping with Grief and Loss**

Join Vic Ford, D.Min., MFT, parish associate, for this six-week bereavement support group beginning **Thursday, February 21**. It will meet in the parlor from 5:30-7:00 p.m. This group will offer you support, encouragement, and the beginning of your healing journey in a safe, confidential environment. This group will be in place of GriefShare. Contact Cheryl Track, faith community nurse to sign up and for more information, (941) 320-3828.

### • **CPR Class**

On **Monday, February 11**, from either 9:00-11:00 a.m. in room 203 or 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the forum, learn how to save a life. The cost is \$25 or \$35 for healthcare providers. You will learn how to use our AED (automated external defibrillator). We have two on the campus, one in the fellowship hall outside the kitchen and the second one by the elevator inside the church office. To register, call the church office (941) 955-8119 by Wednesday, February 6.

### • **Presbyterian Outlook Article**

Recently a wonderful article about our church, written by Mary Elle Hunter with photos by Kay Dunn, was published in the *Presbyterian Outlook*. It depicts the transformative difference that the many faithful retired pastors (and commissioned lay pastors) and their spouses make each week in the life of our congregation. We are very grateful for the witness and participation of

Jerry Bedford	Dwight Ferguson	Jinny Miller
Bob Brightman	Vic Ford	Ron Miller
George Chorba	Taylor Hill	Paul Reiter
Floyd Churn	Jean Johnston	Trisha Senterfitt
Dent Davis	Maurice Luker	Tony Wolfe
Doug DeCelle	Marvin Miller	

and the late John Cairns, the late Ray Woody and others. If you would like a copy of this article (featuring descriptions of our *Invest in Children* partnership with Brentwood Elementary School and the Manasota Interracial Book Club), please stop by the church office or the library on the second floor of the educational building.

### • **Musica Sacra Presents Stabat Mater by Karl Jenkins** **Co-Sponsored by FPC**

Don't miss this concert on **Monday, February 25**, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This program is a part of our Sanctuary Concert Series.

A limited number of discount tickets are available for \$20 in the church office for FPC members and friends. Please make your check out to Musica Sacra. Tickets online and at the door will be \$25.

### • **Letters from Anne and Martin**

Combining the iconic voices of Anne Frank and Martin Luther King, Jr., this compelling production evokes the timeless message of hope for peace and a more united world. A discussion led by the Hon. Charles E. Williams will follow the performance.

Embracing Our Differences, the SCBA Diversity and Inclusion Committee, the Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee and the Boxser Diversity Initiative present “Letters from Anne and Martin” on **Tuesday, February 5** at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Beth Shalom (1050 S. Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota).

General Admission-\$30 | VIP-\$100 | Students-\$10  
Call (941) 350-1089 for tickets.

### • **The Language of Racism and Intolerance**

Racism continues to overshadow much of the progress that is being made in the United States and in the world.

On **Thursday, February 21**, at 6:30 p.m. the Boxser Diversity Initiative will bring together leading national experts to discuss this at the New College of Florida, Mildred Sainer Hall (5313 Bayshore Road, Sarasota).

## **Pastoral Development Seminar**

### **Faith Focus Weekend**

**February 6-10**

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This year's Faith Focus Weekend will be **Friday - Sunday, February 8-10**. Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell, Director of World Mission Initiative, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Atlanta. Rev. Farrell will be addressing the College of Elders and Deacons Friday, February 8, at 5:30 p.m., giving a presentation to the church and community on **Saturday, February 9**, at 9:30 a.m., and preaching Sunday, February 10, in all worship services. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Saturday presentation, **February 9**, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Please make plans to join us on both Saturday and Sunday!

### • **Pastoral Development Seminar**

We look forward to our six returning guest pastors with resource leader Rev. Dr. Sally Campbell-Evans, a Presbyterian/Methodist pastor. She is ordained in the Presbyterian Church and currently serves as an associate pastor of congregational care in Tampa. *In the chapel on Thursday, February 7, at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and on Friday, February 8, at 9:00 a.m., show your support of these young leaders in the church by listening to their sermons and giving feedback.* Come and hear more about their faith journeys in the adult education presentation in the forum on **Sunday, February 10, at 10:00 a.m.**



**Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell, February 6-10, 2019**  
**Faith Focus Weekend Keynote Speaker**

Rev. Dr. Hunter Farrell became the director of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's World Mission Initiative in 2017. WMI hosts many conferences and workshops and welcomes many global mission guests. It also provides seminary students with faith-stretching and ministry-shaping global mission experiences.

Prior to coming to the seminary, Hunter was the director of World Mission for the PC (USA), overseeing strategic direction and partnerships. He has served as a Presbyterian mission co-worker in Congo and Peru, organizing an international network of churches, non-profit organizations, and universities to address issues of poverty and justice, health, development, evangelism, education, and theological education.

Hunter attended Pontificia Universidad Católica (doctor of anthropology), École Pratique des Hautes (post-graduate diploma), Fuller Theological Seminary (MDiv), and University of Texas, Austin (BA).



**Rev. Dr. Sally Campbell-Evans**  
**2018-2019 Pastoral Development Seminar Leader**

Rev. Dr. Sally Campbell-Evans is a Presbyterian/Methodist pastor in Tampa. She is ordained in the Presbyterian Church and currently serves as associate pastor of congregational care at Hyde Park United Methodist Church.

Rev. Campbell-Evans has previously served other congregations in nurturing ministries. She shares her church's vision of "transforming lives, creating Christian community, and healing our city and the world." It is her desire to help people become Christians and grow as disciples of Christ. She looks forward to deepening relationships with our PDS pastors during their returning seminar.

Sally attended Florida Center for Theological Studies (DMin), Union Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Presbyterian College (BS). She is married to Rev. Clarke Campbell-Evans, also a pastor. The couple has a daughter and twin sons.



**Rev. Alex Becker, Associate Pastor**  
**Covenant Presbyterian, Malvern PA**

Alex Becker grew up in Wooster, OH where he lived next door to and attended Wayne Presbyterian Church during his entire childhood. He graduated from Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, PA with a degree in Biblical Studies and earned an M.Div. at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Alex is currently serving as the associate pastor of Covenant Presbyterian, Malvern, PA. He has previously served at Langcliffe Presbyterian Church, Avoca, PA, the Henryville Community and Mount Lebanon Presbyterian Churches in Henryville, IN. He has also served as support for the Sweaty Sheep New Church Development and on staff at Churches Uniting in Christ.

Alex and his wife, Corinna, have been married nine years. They live with their two dogs, three cats, and one rabbit. They take a lot of joy in their little zoo of a house, and if they are not there they are likely to be out playing board games with friends, reading books at a park, or taking a hike. They have two fun-loving nephews and are expecting three new nephews or nieces to join their extended family early this year.



**Rev. Ashley Cheek, Family Pastor**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Sumter, SC**

Ashley Cheek serves as Pastor of Family Life at First Presbyterian Church, Sumter. Her husband, Nick, is the senior pastor at the same church. He participated in our Pastoral Development Seminar last year. Ashley and Nick have three children, Lydia, Nicholas and Ada.

She describes her husband and children as her first call and the reason she feels so blessed to serve as Pastor of Family Life. Ashley believes that family ministry is essential to a healthy church. "It is the church that empowers the family to radically love the world, serve the community and proclaim the gospel in real and tangible ways."

As a family, Ashley and Nick and their children enjoy any adventure, especially hiking, impromptu dance parties, bikes, and traveling wherever their beloved minivan takes them.



**Rev. British Hyrams, Associate Pastor**  
**Central Steele Creek Presbyterian Church**  
**Charlotte, NC**

British Hyrams is from Chicago, IL and the surrounding suburbs. She is a graduate of Purdue University with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and holds two master's degrees from Union Presbyterian Seminary - a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) and a Master of Arts in Christian Education (M.A.C.E.).

In her early career, British worked with Andersen Consulting and later as an IT project manager for various healthcare organizations. After deciding to leave the corporate world to raise her three children with her husband, she accepted a position as an adjunct college math instructor. During her seminary education, British was appointed as the seminary's student representative to the Trustee Board and completed several internships. British has served at Central Steele Creek Presbyterian church for four years - originally as the Director of Christian Ministries and currently as Associate Pastor. She is a cancer survivor with a zest for new experiences and a passion for lifelong learning. She seeks opportunities to build bridges with people of varying perspectives as an integral part of her Christian service and witness.

British is married to her college sweetheart, Kevin. Jamal, Akilah, and Aman are their young adult children who continue to bring them blessings.



**Rev. Patrick McElwaine, Associate Pastor**  
**Clemmons Presbyterian Church, Clemmons, NC**

Patrick McElwaine grew up outside of Roanoke, VA. He earned his M.Div. from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, a B.A. in English from Roanoke College, and received Clinical Pastoral Education training at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Patrick is the Associate Pastor of Clemmons Presbyterian Church in Clemmons, NC. He is a "generalist" associate with ministry focus in the areas of congregational care, fellowship, worship, and youth. Patrick and his family joined CPC to journey together as Jesus' disciples in July 2016. Patrick was selected to participate in the 2018 Kittye Susan Trent Symposium for Newly Ordained Ministers at Second Presbyterian Church of Roanoke, VA as well as the Vital Church Institute's two-year Barnabas Leadership Group.

Patrick met his wife and best friend, Allyson, while studying together at Roanoke College. They have two children: Malachi (2 1/2) and Bridget (1). In addition to serving Christ's Church, Patrick enjoys being with his family, reading, getting outside, and trying new things - new food, new places, and new adventures!



**Rev. Allysen Schaaf, Associate Pastor**  
**Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, GA**

Allyson Schaaf was born and raised in Lincoln, NE. She spent her teenage and college years in NC. She was ordained as an elder at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, High Point, NC. At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill she studied Exercise and Sport Science. Her involvement and leadership in Presbyterian

Campus Ministry led her to Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, where she earned a dual degree (M.Div. and M.A.C.E.)

Allyson is in her fifth year as the Associate Pastor for Youth and their Families at Decatur Presbyterian Church. She has a leadership role in supporting youth pastors and bringing together youth of the presbytery. Allyson is passionate about bringing creativity and new life into worship and faith exploration. In seminary, she spent several months with the Presbyterian church in Ghana and found a love for connecting with others of different backgrounds and cultures.

She and her husband, Nathan, have an energetic beagle, Milo. Together, they enjoy cooking and baking, exploring the North Georgia mountains, kayaking and camping. Allyson also likes to read by the water while Nathan is fishing.



**Rev. Kelly Staples, Associate Pastor**  
**NorthPark Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX**

Kelly Staples is originally from Shreveport, LA, where she lived until college. Her dream of being a music publisher led her to Middle Tennessee State University with studies in Recording Industry Management. She worked on Music Row in Nashville for a year and a half after college. At that time, she felt God's call on her life, leading her to study at Austin Presbyterian

Theological Seminary.

Kelly married and moved to Fort Worth, where she took a part-time job as a youth director at NorthPark Presbyterian Church, Dallas. Seven years and five positions later, she is still at the church where she started out with her current focus on youth ministry. Kelly is passionate about what youth ministry looks like in the current over-scheduled, over-competitive youth environment. She is developing an interest in communications and how we can use the digital world to do ministry and connect with others.

Kelly and her husband, Garrett, their two daughters and the family's two cats live in Arlington, TX. Kelly has a 45-minute commute to work every day. She enjoys trying new foods and listening to podcasts on her long daily drive in the Dallas/Ft. Worth traffic.