



MEET REV. BRENT ANDERSON

From Our INTERIM/TRANSITION SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Dear friends, on behalf of the Interim/Transition Search Committee, we are very excited to bring you good news! This committee has been working very hard to find someone to lead our church in this time of transition. At the beginning of our work, we felt the importance of finding someone not just to supply the pulpit on Sunday morning, but someone with significant training and experience in interim/transitional ministry. Someone who would be able to lead, nurture, and support the staff; someone with experience with implementation of strategic plans; someone with a steady presence; someone to provide pastoral care and spiritual direction to our congregation; someone to listen to and learn about our congregation and help us build on our strengths. Therefore, it is with great joy that we introduce to you

THE REVEREND BRENT ANDERSON

Introducing Our Interim: Rev. Brent Anderson brings more than two decades of ministry experience across diverse settings—from rural North Carolina to the heart of Paris, France, and vibrant suburban congregations in Georgia, Washington, and Illinois. With a pastor's heart, a teacher's curiosity, and a steady presence, he helps congregations understand their unique gifts, build on their strengths, and move with confidence into what God is calling them become.

A Journey of Faith & Service Brent's call to ministry began early, nurtured by a love for the church's people and his involvement in youth ministry. After earning his Bachelor degree from Pacific Lutheran University, he attended Princeton Theological Seminary, where he completed his Master of Divinity in 1999. His path since then has been anything but ordinary—marked by a wide range of pastoral experiences that have shaped him into the deeply grounded and adaptable leader he is today.

His ministry has taken him across the country and around the world: serving in youth ministry on the California coast, a parish associate in Paris, France, an assistant minister in Geneva and Lausanne, Switzerland, as an associate pastor in Georgia, and as a pastor in multiple congregations from Seattle to North Carolina to Chicago. Each call has deepened his appreciation for the variety and vitality of Christ's church. Whether here or around the globe, Brent has sought to embody God's love and foster meaningful connection among God's people.

A Calling to Transitional Ministry Brent is especially gifted in walking with congregations through seasons of change. As a

trained transitional pastor, he helps communities reflect on their history, discern their identity, and prepare for the next chapter of ministry.

"There's something sacred about the in-between," he says. "When a congregation pauses to ask, 'Who are we now?' and 'Who is God calling us to be?'—it opens the door to transformation and renewal."

His recent work in congregations in the Presbytery of Chicago reflect his passion for helping churches grow in health, clarity, and trust. He brings specialized training in conflict mediation, congregational systems, and strategic planning, along with a pastoral commitment to listening, healing, hope, and equipping others.

Beyond the Pulpit Brent's ministry extends beyond the local congregation. He has served on multiple committees and commissions in presbyteries across the country. He has led retreats, taught leadership workshops, and contributed to city and presbytery visioning efforts. His leadership is marked by collaboration, encouragement, and a genuine desire to see others flourish in their callings.

In 2020, Brent took an unusual detour—becoming a police officer with the Greenville Police Department in North Carolina while also serving as a ¾ time pastor. Brent wanted to be the change he wanted to see in the world. As a full-time patrol officer, Brent served his community by enforcing laws, responding to emergencies, and helping ensure the safety and well-being of Greenville's citizens. Whether responding to a critical incident, standing beside a family in crisis, arresting criminals, or simply offering a listening ear after a difficult shift, he sought to bring compassion and calm into moments of stress, chaos, confusion, and pain.

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A WORD FROM PASTOR BRENT:

"I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve with First Presbyterian Church during this season of transition. Every church has a story to tell—of God's faithfulness in the past, God's presence in the present, and God's promises for the future. My hope is that together, we'll listen well, love one another deeply, and discern the next faithful step God is calling us to take."



Fun Facts About Brent:

- Pastor Brent is a member of the Ko-Kwel Tribe (Coquille Indian Tribe) on the southern coast of Oregon.
- Pastor Brent's father played in the NFL for the Rams, Redskins, and Giants and once owned the Seattle Sounders soccer team.
- Pastor Brent's mother lives in Arizona and is married to a retired ELCA Lutheran pastor
- Pastor Brent's wife, Becky, is a physical therapist who works with children in public schools.
- Pastor Brent's son, Gabriel, recently graduated from Queen's University and is pursuing his MBA before heading to medical school.
- Pastor Brent's daughter, Miriam, lives in Paris, France where she is pursuing a degree in Art for film and theatre.
- Pastor Brent played both Football and Soccer in college.
- Pastor Brent is one of the few PADI certified scuba divers for high-altitude diving
- Pastor Brent loves to play golf and watch his favorite NFL team, the Seattle Seahawks, on Sunday afternoons.

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