

Please welcome our interim pastor Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan



Rev. Dr. J. Ben Sloan (Pastor Ben) is a Columbia native who graduated from Dreher High School, Clemson University, Union Theological Seminary Virginia, and received his doctorate from Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA.

Ben is married to Kay, and they have three children, five grandchildren and a golden doodle.

Ben has helped start a church in St Louis, pastored churches in Hartsville, Asheville, Georgetown, and Chapin (19 years at Lake Murray Presbyterian). He has served as Parish Associate at his home church, Eastminster, for three years. These churches have ranged in size from 52 to 2,000 members. Ben was certified as an Interim or Transitional Pastor in 2022.

Ben says his goal as Interim Pastor is to help the church grieve losing its long-time pastor, maintain the worship and pastoral care of the church, and listen to where the church wants to go in the future as it prepares for its future senior pastor. Ben is grateful for the way God has guided him and his family in the past, and is hopeful that the time at Spring Valley will bear fruit for the glory of God.

We hope you will join us on October 19th after the 10:30AM service for a Jubilee Lunch in Potts Hall welcoming Pastor Ben.