

**The Pastor Nominating Committee of
Roswell Presbyterian Church
is pleased to introduce**

*The Reverend
Jeffrey J.
Meyers*



“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Matthew 22:36-40



Love for God ~ Love for ourselves ~ Love for others

Letter from the PNC

To our RPC faith family,

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). We are thankful for your support, involvement, prayers, and encouragement throughout this process. We appreciate the trust you have placed in us over these last eleven months and more importantly, the trust you have placed in God to guide us.

It is with great joy that the PNC unanimously recommends the Reverend Jeffrey J. Meyers to serve as Senior Pastor at Roswell Presbyterian Church. Jeff is currently the Teaching Pastor at North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

This brochure will introduce you to Jeff and his wife Courtney, and explain why the PNC is so thrilled to recommend Jeff to be our next Senior Pastor.

We believe God is calling Jeff to our church because his gifts fit the needs of our congregation. Briefly, Jeff is:

- ~a Christ-centered pastor whose love for God resonates through his life and his sermons
- ~a gifted preacher who shares Biblical truths and weaves in stories and humor to create engaging messages that impact our daily lives
- ~a strong leader who effectively manages a wide variety of ministries and viewpoints and casts a vision for the future
- ~a dynamic teacher who inspires people to a deeper level of discipleship
- ~an energetic and approachable pastor who connects with people of all generations

It is with great humility and with gratitude for God's faithfulness that we enthusiastically recommend the Reverend Jeffrey J. Meyers be confirmed as Roswell Presbyterian Church's next Senior Pastor.

In Christ,
Your Pastor Nominating Committee

Paulette Brown
Tom Duane
George Dunaway, Co-Chair
Henry Hicks

Lori Howell, Co-Chair
Lynn Keenum
David Pynne
Sally Rhoden

Mark Roberson
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*Now to him who by the power
at work within us is able to
accomplish abundantly far
more than all we can ask or
imagine, to him be glory in the
church and in Christ Jesus to all
generations, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20-21

About The Reverend Jeffrey J. Meyers

“Over the past 10 years, I have had the unique privilege of watching Jeff grow as pastor, preacher, and leader. He has developed into one of the finest pastoral leaders of his generation. He is an especially gifted preacher, with an ability to make deep theological matters accessible to the rest of us.”

“During a time of deep crisis for my family, Jeff was called to serve as our senior pastoral leader. He was an effective and inspired pastoral leader - managing the staff, moderating the Session, and preaching. It was clear to all of us that he was ready to receive a call as a senior pastor of a dynamic congregation.”

“While there's no such thing as a perfect pastoral match between pastor and congregation, this one between Jeff Meyers and RPC seems about as close as it can get!”

**Rev. Dr. D. Scott Weimer,
Senior Pastor at North Avenue
Presbyterian Church**

Formal Education and Ordination

Bachelor of Arts (Business Administration)
University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Graduated June 2001

Master of Divinity
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
Graduated May 2006
Awarded “Religion and Society Fellowship” for his work on Christian ethics and human rights

Ordination
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)
October 25, 2009

Doctorate of Ministry (in progress)
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
Planned Completion 2018

Ministry Experience

North Avenue Presbyterian Church
Atlanta, GA
~Teaching Pastor (2012-Present)
~Acting Senior Pastor/Head of Staff (2015-2016)
~Associate for College and Young Adult Ministries (2006-2012)

Prior Experience

Aquinas Institute at Princeton University
Princeton, NJ

Princeton Presbyterians at Princeton University
Princeton, NJ

University Presbyterian Church
Seattle, WA



Getting to know Courtney and Jeff

Courtney is a native of Atlanta and a life-long Presbyterian. She has two sisters and one brother, and her parents still live in her childhood home. She attended Princeton University, where she majored in Religion, with a concentration in African American Studies. After college, Courtney attended Stanford Law School where she served as the co-president of the Women of Stanford Law.

She currently practices law at Alston & Bird LLP and is a member of the board of Ahimsa House, a non-profit dedicated to helping people and pets escape domestic violence. She has a passion for Jesus, animals (including their dog Percy), and spicy food.

Jeff grew up in Spokane, Washington as the first son of John and Ginny Meyers. He has a younger brother and sister. Jeff loves to run, read, and get to know people over coffee. He is a loyal fan of the Washington Huskies football and Gonzaga basketball teams. According to Jeff, when Courtney cooks, he does the dishes.

Jeff and Courtney met in 2009 while she was doing her independent academic research on two historic African-American pastors from Atlanta. They were married in 2013 in Sea Island, Georgia. They support each other's careers wholeheartedly, while making sure to prioritize time each week for time together. They are a couple with a deep commitment to God and each other.

Jeff and Courtney are hopeful and excited about meeting the people of Roswell Presbyterian Church and beginning a new journey together!



"Jeff is a deeply committed Christian and has the gifts, skills, heart, soul and mind to lead your congregation into the exciting future that God has in store for you. In my opinion, the congregation who calls Jeff will be getting one of America's brightest and best young Senior Pastors! I do not make that statement lightly."

"I believe that Jeff could lead Roswell into the greatest days that your church has ever known."

**~Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell,
Executive Director of Macedonian
Ministry, and a mentor to Jeff**

Excerpts from Jeff's Statement of Faith

"As a doctoral student, Jeff is smart, motivated, enthusiastic, a joy to have in class, and an encourager of fellow students."

"As a preacher, Jeff is a witness, proclaiming a reality bigger than us and calling us toward that reality. He is good at using stories and self-deprecating humor and at modeling community and connectedness. Jeff is genuine and authentic."

**Rev. Dr. Tim Hartman,
Assistant Professor of Theology at
Columbia Theological Seminary**



"I believe in the living, Triune God of grace revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as witnessed to in Holy Scripture.

I believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Creator of heaven and earth whose initial commitment to Abraham to bless him in order that he might be a blessing to others set the tone for the rest of the biblical narrative.

I believe in God's Son, Jesus Christ, who fulfilled the law and prophets and who ultimately expresses God's self-giving love for the world.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who continues the work Jesus Christ began by drawing us up into the mission of God and sends us out, empowering us as ministers of the Gospel in and for the world.

I believe the Church is called to witness to God's ministry of reconciliation sent into and for the world and that the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a vital piece of God's great movement to redeem the world.

I believe God invites every person to live in response to the love of Christ in his or her own unique way, using the particular gifts God has granted him or her in worship and service."

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1:1-5

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

"The PNC was looking for a Senior Pastor who would inspire us from the pulpit as well as in group and one-on-one settings. Jeff is a dynamic preacher who connects with people of all ages and will help all of us grow in our faith. His energy is infectious, and I know he is excited to get to know our congregation and lead us forward. I am excited about the great things that are ahead for RPC."

George Dunaway, PNC Co-Chair

"I know in my heart that God was at work during our Senior Pastor selection process, and it was God who identified Jeff long before the committee did. There are not enough words to express the joy and excitement I feel about Jeff being at RPC. I cannot wait to see how God will work through him to further His church and all of our lives."

Lori Howell, PNC Co-Chair

The Church to which Jeff Feels Called

(Excerpts from his Pastor Information Form)

"I feel God is calling me to a church that lives out the following values and practices:



~Preaching and teaching that emphasizes both spiritual formation and missional living

~Commitment to recruit, train, and develop spiritual leadership for all spheres of Christian life

~Emphasis on asking not how members can be served, but how God is calling us to serve those in need both locally and globally

~Appreciation for those saints who have gone before us and who have passed the Gospel onto us so that we might pass it on to others

I believe that God is calling me to serve a church characterized by these values as we grow together into the people God has called us to be."

Looking Ahead*

Monday, January 30
First Day in the Office

Sunday, February 5
First Sunday Preaching

Sunday, February 12
Installation Service

**These dates represent tentative plans to welcome Jeff and Courtney to RPC. Other events may be added and details will be updated/confirmed at a later date.*



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