



*The Pastor Nominating Committee  
Joyfully Introduces*

REV. DR. HERBERT "HERBIE" MILLER

**Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,**

What a privilege and joy it has been to serve as your Pastor Nominating Committee. Upon accepting our commission in early May 2024, the PNC quickly began to organize. We set to work identifying each member's gifts and strengths to ensure that we used our God-given talents to His glory. Over our 12-month journey, we asked for you, the congregation, to walk alongside us, and we used the tools you helped develop to set our direction and course.

We held fast to our guiding scripture verses, Proverbs 3: 5-6: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

We can sincerely say that without your prayers, patience, encouragement and understanding, and the ever-present power of the Holy Spirit, we would not have had the strength to persevere.

As a result of our experience together as a PNC, we have learned more than we have room to share in this space. One important takeaway is that we have grown as a family of believers. When there was uncertainty, we prayed for discernment and reassurance. Instead of asking for clarity or a smooth path when there was difficulty finding a way, we prayed for the ability to trust God and one another. And, when we asked for the Holy Spirit to speak to us, we not only listened intently for an answer, we each heard the same thing at the same time. It is with full and humble hearts that we praise God and give thanks for the entire PPC community. And, we are excited to introduce Rev. Dr. Herbert “Herbie” Miller for the position of Sr. Pastor of Palmetto Presbyterian Church.

In Christ, your PNC,

Claire Apple	Brittany Greer
Sarah Nielsen // co-chair	Bo Nutting
Shane Shaarda // co-chair	Rick Thomas
Anna Turner	



## **Palmetto Presbyterian Church Mission: Making and growing disciples for the glory of God.**

We feel called to life-long spiritual growth; teaching, empowering, and encouraging each other in our faith formation, at every age and stage of life.

We feel called to be a congregation that develops  
a servant heart in its members.

We feel called to be a welcoming, inclusive,  
non-judgmental Christian community.

We feel called to be a congregation that reaches out  
to our neighbors who may be non-believers,  
unchurched, or uninvolved in corporate worship.

# *A Note from Herbie*

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! I wanted to take a moment to write to you—the congregation of Palmetto Presbyterian Church—on this important day as you gather to vote on my candidacy to become your next senior pastor.

Over the past six months, I've had the sincere pleasure of getting to know the remarkable individuals you elected to the Pastor Nominating Committee. From our very first conversation, I sensed something special. In their questions and comments, in the tone of their voices, and even in their body language, I recognized people who were at peace—with themselves and with one another. They were deeply invested in the mission of Palmetto Presbyterian, and most importantly, they were people deeply in love with Jesus Christ.

Speaking from the candidate's side of the table, I can say without hesitation that your committee represented you well. They extended genuine kindness, asked thoughtful and discerning questions about my theology and vision, and modeled grace throughout the process. The spirit of joy and harmony that marked your PNC convinced me there was an “X factor” in them—something intangible yet unmistakable—that drew me beyond casual interest and into the serious, prayerful discernment that Palmetto might be my next call.

As I began exploring Palmetto more deeply, I immersed myself in everything I could—an occupational hazard of my graduate training! I read your mission study, pored over your website, spoke with references, and listened closely to your PNC. What I discovered was a shared bedrock conviction: that the gospel of Jesus Christ is the center of our identity, both individually and as a church. And that Christ-centeredness isn't just a phrase—it shapes our priorities and decisions.



I was especially struck by the language on the church's homepage, which beautifully captures the theological heartbeat of this congregation:

*"In the midst of asking tough questions, we pull good news from the gospel. Our worship service is a joyful and uplifting experience where the focus is not 'what must I do to be saved,' but what Christ has already done to save me. In true Presbyterian form, we start with God. Anything we do is a response to God's grace."*

This is the gospel.

Christianity proclaims that our lives are sustained by God's love, and that our only hope in life and in death is found in the unmerited grace given to us in Jesus Christ. The church can do many things, but if it is not a place where the gospel is proclaimed, it has lost its mission. When I read those lines on your website, I felt an immediate sense of theological alignment and joy.

As I prayed about the possibility of coming to Palmetto with my family, I asked Jesus to help me see clearly: to see this church as it truly is, and to see myself as I truly am. I prayed for clarity about my strengths and weaknesses, my priorities, and my vision for ministry—and the courage to be honest about those things in my conversations with the PNC. (As anyone who's interviewed for a job knows, there's always the temptation to say what you think others want to hear.) But one of the greatest graces of this process is that I haven't felt the need to pretend. From the very beginning, there's been a sense of mutual honesty and trust between the PNC, the presbytery, and myself. That authenticity has been a gift—and a sign of the Spirit's work.

It is an honor to be considered by you today. If called, I look forward to beginning a long and fruitful season of ministry with you this summer—building on the rich, Christ-centered, gospel-shaped legacy of this congregation and stepping together into the future God is preparing for us.

With gratitude and hope,

*Pastor Herbie Miller*

## EDUCATION

B.A. - Kentucky Christian University (Jan. 1997 - Jan. 2001)

M.Div. - Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan University  
(Jan. 2003 - Jan. 2006)

Ph.D. - University of Dayton (Jan. 2008 - Jan. 2015)

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

### **MorningStar Presbyterian Church Matthews, NC**

#### **Temporary Pastor, 2024-present**

- Preach Sunday worship
- Lead weekly Christian Education
- Pastoral care and outreach

### **National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership New York, NY**

#### **Teaching Fellow, 2024-Present**

- Consultant Christian Clergyperson
- Co-writer/developer 12-part education series  
"Coming Home to Covenant"

### **Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Charlotte, NC**

#### **Senior Pastor/Head of Staff, 2020-2023**

- Preach traditional and contemporary worship
- Manage 11 person staff
- Oversee general operations of the church (\$1.1m budget)
- Work with Elders, Deacons, Stephen Ministers regarding pastoral care

### **Corinth Presbyterian Church Dayton, OH**

#### **Solo Pastor, 2015-2020**

- Preach
- Teaching ministry fostering spiritual growth
- Oversee outreach efforts toward marginalized population

# About Pastor Herbie

Rev. Dr. Herbie Miller is a pastor, preacher, and leader who seeks to help people encounter the love of Jesus and grow as his disciples. Throughout his ministry – whether preaching on Sunday mornings, offering care in hospital rooms, leading congregations, or building friendships in the wider community – Herbie has sought to root himself deeply in the life of the church and the neighborhoods God calls him to serve.

Herbie brings twenty years of pastoral and teaching experience, along with a strong commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ and a heart invested in community life. His academic background in theology and church history has shaped his ministry by giving him deeper resources to preach with clarity, teach the Christian tradition with wisdom, and offer guidance and grace across life's journey. Herbie draws on both his pastoral and academic experience to live out his calling in ministry, which is simply to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.



He is a visionary leader, very adaptable, and someone who is easy to work with. I will typically call him first when ruminating over an issue to talk through it, knowing Herbie will see it from all dimensions.

***Rev. Jill Harman - Former Student, Associate Pastor, Fremont First United Methodist Church***

## *ABOUT PASTOR HERBIE, CONT.*

In addition to his pastoral and teaching ministry within the church, Herbie is deeply invested in building bridges, fostering dialogue, and forming connections beyond its walls. He is especially grateful for two professional opportunities that have allowed him to do just that.

First, Herbie has written a forthcoming book, *The World Is Large Enough for Us All* (Bloomsbury Press), which tells the story of the historic 1837 debate between Alexander Campbell and Bishop John Purcell over Protestant and Catholic relations in America. The project deepened Herbie's conviction that respectful conversation across different belief systems is not just possible, but necessary for a vibrant church and society.

Second, Herbie currently serves as a Teaching Fellow with The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, where he is helping to create a Christian-Jewish adult education curriculum called *Coming Home to Covenant*. This work has expanded his heart for interfaith understanding and strengthened his belief that Christian maturity involves both deep roots and open hands.

Herbie is a pastor who shepherds the people of God by preaching the good news, fostering spiritual formation, equipping leaders, and walking alongside others in every season of life. At the heart of Herbie's ministry is his belief that the best gift the church can offer the world is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Herbie loves serving in congregational ministry because he has the joy of witnessing how God works through this local expression of the Body of Christ. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the church is a place where grace is shared, friendships are formed, lives are changed, and disciples are sent out in Christ's name.

Herbie met his wife Aimee in college and they will celebrate 25 years of marriage this summer. They are the parents to three daughters, Sophie, Sidney, and Savannah.

# Getting to Know the Miller Family

**HERBIE** enjoys traveling, seeing new places, and meeting new people, in addition to being a pastor and educator. He loves planning trips and is known for his ability to organize a detailed vacation using his trusty Excel spreadsheets. Some of his favorite moments are spent sitting on the porch in the morning with a cup of coffee, soaking in the peacefulness of the outdoors. Whether hiking, spending time at the beach, or exploring the mountains, Herbie loves being outside. He enjoys a wide range of music, from 90s alternative rock to contemporary Americana, and he keeps up with current events and leadership topics through podcasts. When it comes to reading, he prefers nonfiction and is currently enjoying David McCullough's biography of John Adams. Herbie also loves movies, especially action thrillers like the Jason Bourne series.



**AIMEE** is a devoted wife and mother, and family time is one of her greatest joys. She is loyal and encouraging in both her personal and professional life. Whether spending time with family and friends, or working, she is passionate about helping people feel seen, valued, and appreciated. She has worked in administrative support, office management, and nutrition and wellness. Currently, she works as a trainer at a 9Round Kickboxing gym, where she combines her love for staying physically active with helping people get stronger and healthier. Aimee enjoys working out, walking, spending time at the beach, reading, doing crossword and sudoku puzzles, and listening to Christian praise and worship music.



**SOPHIE** is a 17-year-old senior with a heart for serving others. You'll often find her cooking, baking, or crocheting – usually creating a gift. She enjoys caring for plants and spending time in nature. She is an avid reader, often finishing 100 books a year. A talented musician, Sophie sings, as well as plays both the guitar and piano. This fall, she will begin a new chapter at Milligan University in Johnson City, Tennessee, where she has been accepted into both the Honors Program and the Ministry Leadership Program. She plans to major in Intercultural Studies and minor in Spanish.

**SIDNEY** is a 16-year-old sophomore with a passion for the performing arts. She enjoys singing, dancing, and acting, and is currently in her thirteenth musical theatre production. When she's not on stage, Sidney loves spending time with friends, being in the sun, shopping, and exploring her interests in decorating, design, and fashion. She is a music enthusiast with a special knack for memorizing lyrics and choreography. Sidney is extroverted, easily connects with new people, and brings vibrant energy to everything she does.



**SAVANNAH** is a 13-year-old seventh grader who loves being active. She earned a black belt in Tae Kwon Do by the time she was 11 years old, and more recently has taken an interest in playing tennis. She also enjoys singing, acting, and dancing and has been in the cast of seven musical theatre shows. She loves shopping, often convincing her dad to take her to the mall for her next purchase. She cherishes time with family no matter the activity – simply taking a walk, watching a movie, or traveling together. When she's relaxing, Savannah loves playing Roblox, board games, card games, or dreaming about her next adventure.



Herbie is a man of deep faith, has a strong sense of family and love of his friends. He has a pastoral heart and truly cares for those around him. He is ready to run WITH his congregation and would be a perfect fit for Palmetto!

**Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Ott - Mentor, President, Leading Moments LLC**



**The Miller Family plans to relocate to Mount Pleasant this summer.**

**Installation Service will be announced at a later date.**



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