



Faith Presbyterian Church

From the retiring pastor:

Ten years ago, when I was interviewing for the position of Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church, I was introduced to the recently retired Pastor, Stuart Robertson. He informed me that whoever was called to Faith Presbyterian Church would be blessed by serving a loving, intelligent, and imaginative group of people. At the end of 10 years of serving as their pastor, I can only say that he was probably more correct than even he knew at the time.

It has been a real privilege to meet and serve as Pastor to people who are recognized around the country as leaders in their disciplines.

You will find in this congregation professors, retired professors and instructors of Philosophy, Chemistry, Physics, Statistics, Aeronautical Engineering, Geology, Communications, History, Animal Sciences, and other disciplines. Some are authors of several books. Most have a keen knowledge of how Christianity is surviving and progressing in other parts of the world through their students and colleagues who are from other continents.

Their next pastor will have opportunities to learn from them and to inform them in matters of the Word and Theology. This is a small rural congregation with world-wide connections and influences.

Not all of the members of Faith Presbyterian are Academics. Several serve in positions that support academia in one way or another. Others have taught in the public school system. Some are mechanics and repairmen. In other words what you will find here is one of the most well-rounded representations of the body of Christ anywhere in this country.

It is also an interesting group from a theological perspective. One of the former pastors was Dr. Hughes Oliphant Old, author of several books on church history, worship, and theology. Dr. Robertson, my predecessor has taught Hebrew for several years at Purdue. Drs. Robertson and Olds were both graduates of Princeton while the founding pastor and I were both graduates of Pittsburgh Seminary.

This congregation was until 2013 a part of the PCUSA and is pleased with its current affiliation with the EPC and Midwest Presbytery. It has a long tradition of electing and ordaining both men and women to be Ruling Elders and Deacons and intends to continue that practice.

While this congregation could be described as evangelical, it is in some ways much wider than the normal understanding of that term, and at the same time, as far as Worship practices, much narrower, preferring traditional worship with a smattering of more recently published hymns.

Our Sanctuary was designed in consultation with Dr. Old, and is a reflection of Early American architecture and Reformed Theology and Worship.

It has truly been a joy to minister to this congregation and be a part of the unique rural/small town/academic community. And I highly recommend both for those of you who are searching for your next pastorate.

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