

TEACHING ELDERS AVAILABLE FOR SUPPLY PREACHING

The following is a list of teaching elders (and commissioned ruling elders) who are available for supply preaching. The individuals listed below have been approved by the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery. Individual churches should make direct contact with these individuals; however, if your church is having difficulty acquiring a supply preacher, please feel free to call the Presbytery for assistance.

Providence Presbytery Teaching Elders

Rev. Janet Gessner Alford 130 Mills Lane (O)803-984-6810
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Rev. Alford most recently served a congregation in Alexandria, VA as Associate Pastor for Christian Education prior to returning to Providence Presbytery. Her particular interest is in adult education, teaching Reformed Theology and church history, and leading workshops and retreats. She is passionate about the reformed understanding of Christian vocation. She is also a trained Disciple Bible Study teacher.

Rev. Craig C. Butler 2287 Blue Ridge Way (H)803-366-2247
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Rev. Butler is a state licensed independent social worker, a nationally credentialed social work diplomat, and a certified clinical marriage and family therapist. He is the Marriage and Family Minister and part-time parish associate at the First Presbyterian Church of Rock Hill. Before moving back to Providence Presbytery, he was the pastor of three Presbyterian churches in the Presbytery of the James.

Rev. Wayne Dickson (HR) 369 Monroe Road (H)803-283-2393
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Rev. Dickson was born in Clover, SC, grew up in China Grove, NC, graduated from Catawba College in Salisbury, NC (1962, graduated from Erskine Theological Seminary in Due West, SC (1965), and served churches in Covington, GA and Lancaster, SC. He retired from New Cut Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, SC, September 2012 after serving the congregation as pastor for over 22 years. Caring enough to share the Gospel.

Dr. Barry Lambert (HR)

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Dr. Lambert has been a part of Providence Presbytery for many years and he has served full time at Riverview and Woodlawn churches. He also served Uriel, Van Wyck, and Cornwell churches as stated supply. He was ordained in 1973 and was Honorably Retired on Aug. 7, 2016.

**Rev. Thomas B. McPhail (HR)
(Tom)**

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Rev. McPhail recently retired from Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church after serving as pastor for over 15 years. He has had interim pastor training and has served at First Presbyterian Church, York, as parish associate.

**Rev. Robert O. Moss, III (HR)
(Bob)**

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Rev. Moss served Providence Presbytery as the Associate Presbyter for Education and Church Development from 2001 to 2007. He has served several of our churches as interim pastor since his Honorable Retirement in 2007. He is serving Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, as parish associate.

**Rev. Winifred Ellen Rinehart (HR)
(Winifred)**

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Rev. Winifred recently moved to Rock Hill after retiring. She has served churches in Wyoming, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

Rev. Betty Salmond

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Rev. Salmond graduated from seminary in 2008 and was ordained in November 2009. She served as a hospice chaplain for a time. She is very active in church and the presbytery, and has preached in several of our churches.

Dr. T. Mark Verdery

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Dr. Verdery is the General Presbyter and Stated Clerk of Providence Presbytery. Previously he was pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, for approximately 20 years.

Rev. Megan G. Watson

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Rev. Watson most recently served as the Associate for Christian Education at Unity Church in Fort Mill. She is now a member-at-large in Providence Presbytery and a stay-at-home parent to James and Elizabeth who are in elementary school.

Rev. George Frank Williams (HR) 248 McLure Woods Drive

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Rev. Williams has served churches, both large and small, in Virginia, Michigan, Washington State, Kansas, and Texas. Since moving to Chester, he has served as supply in several churches within the presbytery and conducted seminars. He is available to do a seminar on AThe Star of Bethlehem. @

Teaching Elders Who Are of Other Presbyteries or Denominations

Rev. Annette Bedford

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Rev. Bedford is a member of Charlotte Presbytery. She served Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church, Chester County, as temporary supply pastor. Skills include Missional Outreach, Leadership Development and small group development. Experienced in helping congregations discern their role in the community of faith. Skilled in leading groups and teams, and public presentations, serves as a supply pastor, teaches Bible study groups, and participates in the Spiritual Direction and Education area at Mercy Hospital, Charlotte, NC. Also actively helps individuals and groups understand the spiritual practice of Centering Prayer and meditation.

Rev. Jim Burton

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The Reverend Jim Burton is an honorably retired minister member of the Presbytery of New Harmony, PC (USA). Serving in the denomination as a member since 1975 and an ordained minister who was graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1987, he is available for preaching, teaching, officer training, retreats, and interim ministry. He is a trained and experienced interim pastor from Ohio and lastly from Sumter, SC. Jim lives in Manning, SC.

Dr. Franklin Fant

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Dr. Fant is the Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations for Presbyterian Communities of SC. Prior to taking this position, he served on the PCSC Board of Trustees for 9 years and was the pastor of Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church in Columbia for almost 11 years. He is glad to supply preach, serve as liturgist and/or provide a Minute for Mission during worship about the ministry of Presbyterian Communities. He is also available to speak at church gatherings of any kind and can arrange to have other speakers from the organization come to make presentations in their areas of expertise.

Dr. Peter Hobbie

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Dr. Hobbie, the George and Emma Cornelson Professor of the Christian Religion, Emeritus, came to Presbyterian College in 1990 after serving three years as chaplain and professor at Bethel College in Tennessee. He received an A. B. degree from Davidson College, and a D.Min. and Ph.D. in Church History from Union Presbyterian Seminary. He taught courses in American Religion, the History of Christianity, World Religions, Christian Doctrine, and the African-American Religious experience. He retired in 2014 and continues to reside in Clinton, SC.

Rev. Valerie Phillips

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Rev. Phillips concluded her ten year ministry as associate pastor at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte last September when she became the caregiver for her mother, who suffered with Alzheimer's. Ms. Phillips is a member of Charlotte Presbytery and is currently serving on the committee on ministry there. Prior to coming to North Carolina she served churches in Tucson, Arizona and Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Rev. Elliot Smith

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Rev. Smith serves as president of Thornwell Home for Children, our presbytery and synod ministry with children in need and their families and one of the primary ways we help keep the promises made in Baptism. He welcomes the opportunity to share the inspiring story of Thornwell's ministry with the churches of Providence Presbytery and the difference we make in the lives of God's children with our prayers and offerings. Rev. Smith is available for worship participation as guest preacher, liturgist, minute for mission, as well as presentations to adult Sunday School classes, Presbyterian Women and other church groups, including church fellowship suppers – any time the church comes together.

Rev. Lucy K. Youngblood

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Rev. Youngblood has been a hospital chaplain and a solo pastor. She is a member of West Virginia Presbytery and works for Palmetto Health Hospital System while studying to become an RN. She is skilled in pastoral care, spiritual care, public speaking and teaching, and moderating meetings.

She prefers to be contacted by her cell phone number or email.

Providence Presbytery Commissioned Ruling Elders Cadre

Shirley Harris

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Mrs. Harris has completed the courses offered at the South Carolina Lay School of Theology sponsored by the presbyteries in South Carolina and is eligible to be a commissioned ruling elder. She is an elder in Woodlawn Presbyterian Church in Sharon.

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Mr. McDonald has completed the courses offered at the South Carolina Lay School of Theology sponsored by the presbyteries in South Carolina and is eligible to be a commissioned ruling elder. He is an elder in Carmel Presbyterian Church in Chester.