

Introducing Our New Pastor, Rev. Marcus Lambright

Dear Friends,

The Designated Pastor Search Committee (DPSC) is thrilled to announce that Rev. Marcus Lambright has accepted the call to become the Designated Pastor of Community Presbyterian Church in Mountainside.

Rev. Lambright brings tremendous passion for ministry. He is currently a teaching elder in the Presbytery of the Coastlands. In 2013, he graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity (MDiv). Since then he has served the church at the local, presbytery, and national level. Most recently he served as an interim pastor for the Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church in Princeton (2018-2019), and as the Pastor for Congregational Life at the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton (2019-2021).

A person of deep faith, he is passionate about deepening the engagement of the church in the community. When COVID hit and in-person services were suspended, the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton's hunger ministry could no longer serve hot meals indoors. Knowing this service was critical to members of their community, the ministry pivoted to providing bagged lunches for people. Rev. Lambright worked with the city agency in charge of housing the homeless to assist those who were displaced or in need, and also worked with colleagues to provide spiritual support to the medical professionals who were working tirelessly through the early waves of the pandemic. His work in Trenton shows Marcus's commitment to sharing God's love in very tangible acts of mission and outreach.

Rev. Lambright grew up in Ohio, but has lived in New Jersey since 2010. Outside of ministry he enjoys playing sports, watching movies, and studying foreign languages. He and his wife, Kelsey, and their nine-month-old daughter, Celeste, are currently living in Princeton, but will become Mountainside residents when they move into the manse later this month.

Rev. Lambright's strong faith, his passion for the Church, and his approach to ministry stood out among a field of very capable candidates. He has the unanimous support of both the DPSC and the Administrative Commission. Please join us in welcoming Marcus, Kelsey, and Celeste to Community Presbyterian Church of Mountainside.