



420 N Broadway, Aberdeen, WA 98520

## **SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

January 24, 2022

Dear Church Family,

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is excited to announce that with God's guidance and provision, we have chosen a pastor nominee to present to the congregation. We want to invite all of you to worship on February 13, to meet the Reverend Charles (Chuck) Guth and his wife, Cheryl. He will be leading worship and preaching. Following the service, there will be a congregational meeting for church members to vote on accepting him as our next pastor. If accepted by the congregation, Chuck and Cheryl hope to be in Aberdeen around the first of April.

We want to thank you for trusting us during this long process. We sorted through approximately 125 possible candidate applications. After a process of elimination, we had a list of approximately 12 candidates to consider. We reviewed each one's information and then discussed how those candidates would fit with our church's mission, hopes, and dreams.

Next, we selected four candidates to interview. Chuck's objectives and passions were exactly what we had outlined in our Mission Study and Ministry Information Form as desired by our church family. It was our unanimous decision to invite Chuck to come to Aberdeen to visit us for a weekend. He and Cheryl were here for 4 days during the first part of January. We were able to spend time together touring the area and the church building, enjoying meals together and conversation. Chuck preached in a neutral pulpit at The First Presbyterian Church of Lacey on January 9.

Following our time together, we unanimously felt God's leading in asking Chuck to be our nominee presented to the congregation. He and Cheryl enthusiastically accepted. They have done a lot of research about us and have been watching our worship services online. Chuck and Cheryl are looking forward to becoming a part of our church family and community, if accepted.

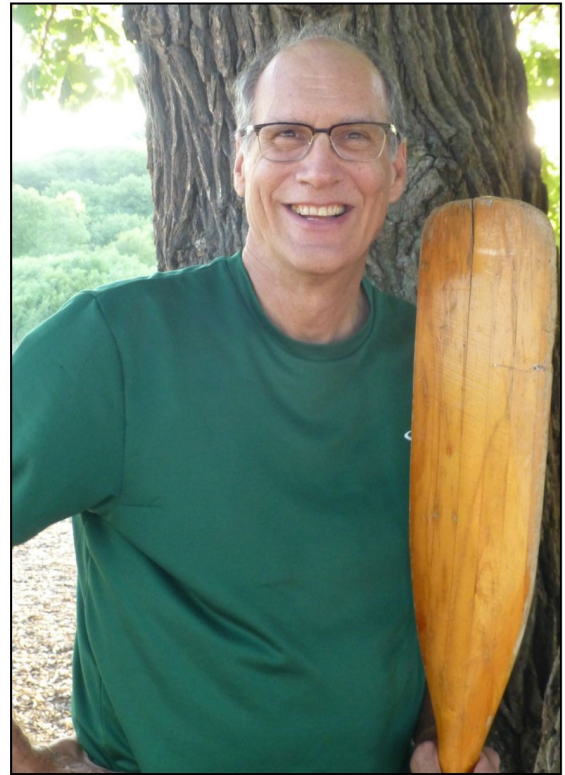
We are very excited for what God has planned for our congregation with Chuck as our next pastor. We are eager for you to meet Chuck and Cheryl. It is our belief we will all grow in our love for God, our love of each other, and our love of our community together.

Grace and Peace,

Floyd Plemmons, Sara Cavin, Scott Light, Steve Cavin, Margo Hood, Leslie O'Brien & Thirza Krohn  
Pastor Nominating Committee

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*Please join us for worship as we introduce  
Pastor Charles "Chuck" & Cheryl Guth to the congregation.  
Sunday, February 13th @ 10:00 AM  
A congregational meeting will follow worship to vote on terms of call.*



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Dear Friends:

I'm incredibly grateful to God, and the PNC, to be writing to all of you! I'm so honored to have been selected by the PNC to be your next pastor. It was an absolute joy working with them through these last several months. Cheryl and I had a delightful time visiting Aberdeen just a few weeks ago.

So, who am I? If I had to choose one word to describe myself it might be "eclectic." My early childhood was in what is now South Sudan (Africa) where my parents were missionaries; when I was in third grade we moved to Toronto, Canada. I got my BA from Wheaton College, a master's degree from Denver Seminary, and spent four years in Aberdeen, Scotland where I earned a PhD in theology. (I told the PNC that First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen's MIF really got my attention because of my wonderful memories of our "first" Aberdeen!)

I met my wife Cheryl in our first year of college. She sat next to me in an English Composition class—and we started talking. In the years and decades since she's become my best friend. Her background is just as diverse as mine. She was a preacher's kid, and in our life together her time has centered around being a loving wife and mother, and serving others using her training in education and church ministry. We have two children. Our daughter, Hilary, lives in Vancouver, BC, and our son, Charles, and his wife Amelia, are currently living in Geneva Switzerland, but plan to return to the US later this year.

I've worked in three different churches through my career, for the past fifteen years as Minister of Discipleship and Congregational Care at a suburban church about 20 miles north of downtown Chicago. Between churches in North Carolina and Illinois I taught New Testament and Theology at a seminary in Calgary, Canada. I've also held a few jobs you might not expect to see on a pastor's resume. I owned my own remodeling business for a few years, I've been the Maintenance Supervisor of a retirement community in Florida, and I've been a computer network administrator (like I said: eclectic!). I've always appreciated the way these last roles contribute to my understanding of day-to-day life for those not in church ministry and let me help people from all walks of life explore what it means to follow Jesus in their everyday lives.

Here are a few of my passions as I think about my ministry as a pastor:

- I'm passionate about helping people get to know God better. I love teaching and preaching in a way that makes the Bible accessible, interesting, and relevant to people of all ages, and I love helping them explore how being a follower of Jesus makes a

difference in their daily lives.

- I'm passionate about worship that is simultaneously reverent, engaging, and friendly—that brings people into God's presence and nurtures their love of God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- I'm passionate about connecting with people in and through their life experiences—rejoicing with those who rejoice, and helping those who suffer find hope in the “God of all comfort” and “Great Physician.” Listening to people, chatting with them, and—most of all—praying with them brings me a deep sense of fulfillment.
- I'm passionate about nurturing a community of faith where people love and serve one another as the body of Christ, and missionally serve the surrounding community as a witness to Jesus Christ.
- And through it all, I'm passionately committed to modeling—to the best of my ability—the credibility of our faith and the transformative impact of walking with God in all of life.

Finally, what do I do for fun? I love spending time with my family, whether in person or via technology. (Family Zoom calls, spanning nine time zones, are a new favorite.) I love canoeing, hiking, camping, and generally spending time in the great outdoors—including walking 3-5 miles a few times a week for exercise. A highlight canoe-camping trip was a six-day solo canoe camping trip in remote lake-country a couple hundred miles north of Lake Superior back in 2019—before COVID shut down trips into Canada. I'm looking forward to exploring the beautiful Pacific Northwest in the months and years ahead!

Cheryl and I are truly excited to be coming to Aberdeen and look forward to getting to know each one of you as we grow together to be imitators of God and disciples of Jesus.

May God's grace and peace be with each one of you,

Chuck