

First Presbyterian Church of Aberdeen



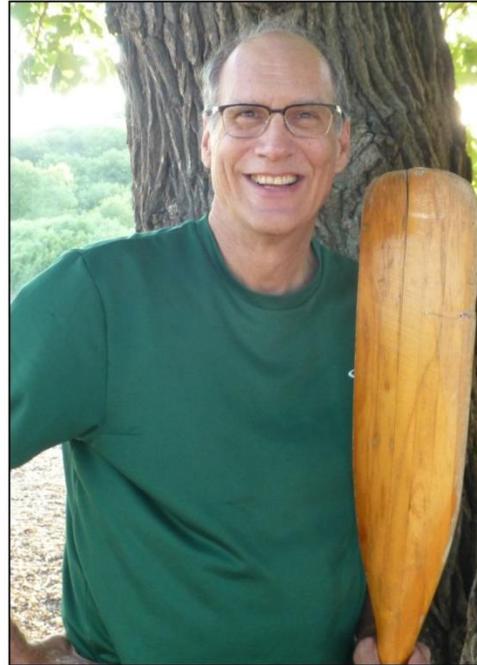
Rev. Charles Guth

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 13, 2022



*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.*



LETTER FROM PASTOR CHUCK

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

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Congregational Meeting to Call Our New Pastor

February 13th, 2022

AGENDA

Opening Prayer	Pastor Dave (Moderator)
Call to Order	
Report of the PNC	Floyd Plemmons
Time to Get to Know the Nominee	Members of the PNC
(Time for conversation, questions, and sharing)	
Motion to Call the New Pastor Including Terms of the Call	Floyd Plemmons
Opportunity for Questions and Answers on the Motion	
Recording of the Results of the Vote	
Election of Those to Sign the Call of the New Pastor	
Elect Commissioner and Alternate to the Presbytery Meeting Where this Will be Acted On. Two Elders Present to Attest the Action of the Congregation.	
Pastoral Remarks	Pastor Chuck
Adjournment/Closing Prayer	Pastor Dave

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TERMS OF CALL

For Pastor Charles "Chuck" Guth

Cash salary	\$30,000
Housing allowance	\$30,000
Social Security Reimbursement	\$ 4,590
Medical & Pension	\$22,200
Dental & Vision	\$ 1,118
Car Allowance	\$ 510
Continuing Education	<u>\$ 1,530</u>
Total	\$89,948
One time moving allowance (non-budgeted)	\$ 5,000
Vacation	4 weeks
Study Leave	2 weeks