



# First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest

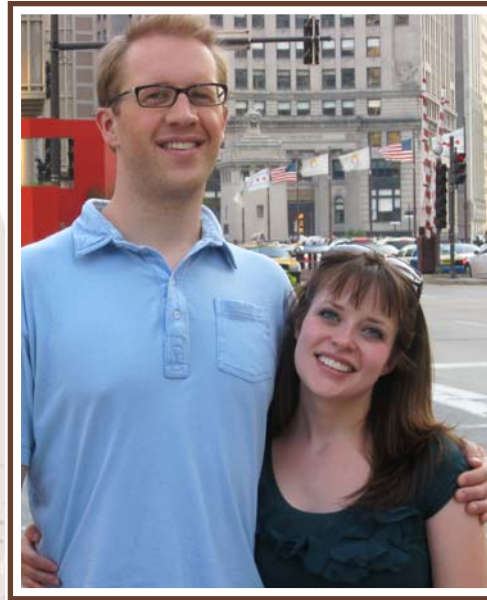
## Welcome

from the Designated Associate Pastor Committee

Our committee feels excited about filling the designated Associate Pastor position for Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation. Our new Associate Pastor will nurture and grow the faith of our young people, particularly teens and college age. We were anxious to preserve the treasured legacy of our 30 year old work trip experience, enhance Confirmation, continue putting on fun youth-oriented activities, while developing in our youth a lifelong love of Christ. We are thrilled to introduce Reverend Erik Dailey as our unanimous candidate.

Meeting since May, the Committee began to chart an ambitious schedule to have a new youth pastor on board this fall. We shared a strong desire to meet the challenges ahead: strengthening Confirmation as the "cornerstone" of our faith formation, growing our Sunday youth fellowship and keeping our college age members engaged in church. We also want to grow our interactions with nearby Lake Forest College students through such programs as the weekly Bible study and our Sunday evening services. We want to continue ministering to our young dads. The promise of Rally Day and the launching of our SESQUICENTENNIAL year added momentum and energy to our search.

We had a sense from our first conversation with Erik Dailey that he would be an amazing fit - both spiritually and personally. After meeting with many core groups from the Congregation, we made a "wish list" of qualities and attributes.



We wanted someone who:

- ❖ ministers through a Christ-centered faith
- ❖ practices reformed theology
- ❖ is good with youth and young adults
- ❖ has strong communication skills [including new media]
- ❖ has demonstrated work trip/mission experience
- ❖ acts as an initiator and is highly organized
- ❖ has a record of excellence

We put the tough questions to Erik ...

How would you handle this situation?  
What would you do in this case?

We liked his authentic answers and charming wit. We heard him preach at a nearby church and spent a weekend in the company of him and his lovely wife Millason. We introduced him to some younger members of our church .

We got to know his commitment to prayer, family and God. **We are thrilled that he accepted our call!** We think that God has presented us with a singular opportunity here at First Church. **Erik will preach in worship on Sunday, September 27.** Following the 9:00AM service, a congregational meeting will be held to vote on the call. The Daileys will then join our congregation in October. **We hope that you will join us to greet Erik on Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 - with love and promise!**

In Christ,

*Designated Associate Pastor  
Nominating Committee*

Joe Burger, Kay Friedberg,  
John Gescheidle, Todd Harris,  
Bernie Layton, Dawn Neal and  
Julia Fiske Parker, moderator

**Meet and Greet**  
**Reverend Erik Dailey**  
**Saturday, September 26**  
**10:00 - 12:00 PM**  
**in Fellowship Hall**

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**All are invited**  
*to meet our candidate for*  
**Associate Pastor for Youth and**  
**Young Adult Faith Formation**  
*The congregation meeting to*  
**vote on his call will be held on**  
**Sunday, September 27 at 10:00 AM**

Meet our candidate for  
**Designated Associate Pastor  
for Youth and  
Young Adult  
Faith Formation**  
Reverend Erik W. Dailey



Our candidate, **Reverend Erik Wilson Dailey** met his wife Millason at Princeton Seminary. Both ordained Presbyterian ministers, they married in 2008, bringing their respective ministries to Columbia, South Carolina. For three years, Erik was Associate Pastor for Youth at Shandon Presbyterian Church, a 1400 member church with similar demographics to our own. Millason currently serves as Associate Pastor for Christian Education to a 700 member Presbyterian congregation. She is originally from Cartersville, Georgia. Both Erik and Millason look forward to making our community their home.

A native of Colorado Springs, Erik attended University of Colorado (BA in English) at Boulder. Erik holds a Masters of Divinity from Princeton and a Masters in Sacred Theology from Lutheran Seminary in South Carolina. He was awarded the Mary Long Greir- Hugh Davies Prize in preaching at Princeton. At Shandon P.C., he created alternative worship styles and led innovative work (mission) trips across the U.S.

Erik says that his love of young people and faith have guided him to ministry. He writes, ***"My faith is intertwined in all of my professional and personal endeavors. I strive to be open and genuine."*** He looks forward to being part of a collaborative team, and is excited about working with the senior highs and the Faith Formation team of Reverend Amy Pagliarella - Children and Director Kristie Finley - Middle School Youth and Parents. ***"Kids value their relationships,"*** Erik noted. ***I try to help them see that spirituality is not an obligation but part of their life as a whole."***

Your entire nominating committee is excited about having Reverend Erik Dailey come to First Church. Erik and Millason are a faithful and talented couple who we know you will embrace with open arms as part of our church family.

The Daileys are thrilled to join our congregation and our community. We are pleased that God led them to our congregation!