

EDUCATION

Claremont Graduate University,
Claremont, CA
Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion
and Theology

Duke Divinity School,
Durham, NC
Th.M.

Columbia Theological Seminary,
Decatur, GA
M.Div.

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
B.A., History

CHURCHES LOVED AND SERVED

Pastor, First Presbyterian Church,
Jonesboro, AR

Pastor, Covenant-Community Presbyterian
Church, Pittsburgh, PA



**Matt will begin his ministry as
Associate Pastor for Outreach and
Mission on Sunday, June 11.**



FAMILY



*My family joined first Presbyterian
Church of Grand Haven, Michigan,
when I was three years old, and I have
been Presbyterian ever since. As a youth
I enjoyed not only the weekly youth
group meetings, but the lock-ins, mission
trips, and supper conferences. The church
was second family which taught me the
Christian Faith.*

*Rebekah and I met at Columbia
Theological Seminary and married the
summer after graduating.*

Rebekah Diehl and Matt have one
daughter, Meier DiehlBussell,
aged nine.

REVEREND DOCTOR MATTHEW WILLIAM BUSSELL

Associate Pastor for Outreach

First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro



***I believe the church is called to make a
difference in the world as the
community sent by God to share God's
love and grace.***

First Presbyterian, please welcome your new
Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission, the
Reverend Doctor Matt Bussell. Outreach and
mission is the heart of what the church of Jesus
Christ is called to be, and that is his passion.

Gerard Davidson,

Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Chair





WHAT OTHERS SAY

Rev. Emily Hook, pastor, Eagle Rock, Virginia:
He is a "great encourager" who is easy to work with, really encourages instead of dragging—people along, and gets along with a wide variety of people with diverse opinions.

Dr. Rebekah Evans, leader, Moms Demand Action, Jonesboro, Arkansas:
Matt is always on the front lines battling homelessness and has been successful drawing the local government together to participate.

Rev. Dr. C.W. Campbell, Poor People's Campaign Organizer, Jonesboro, Arkansas
Rev. Bussell has a heart for people. Humanity matters to him. He cares about his community and all those in his community. He is not afraid to stick his neck out, which he really did for the Poor People's Campaign. Rev. Bussell reaches out to people in an effort to establish and build a relationship and he is supportive of those relationships once established.



WHAT MATT'S BEEN DOING LATELY...

"In the seven years that I have served in congregational ministry, God has slowly transformed my faith....Where my faith used to focus on what I believed, it is now focused on what I and the church do to join the mission of God in the world."



Chaired the Matthew 25 team of the Presbyterian Mission Agency board of the General Assembly

Serves on the coordinating committee for the Mission Agency board of the General Assembly

Wrote an overture to create a new confession for the Book of Confessions; served as Overture Advocate prior to final approval

Collaborated with community leaders to aid those impacted by a tornado, Poinsett County, Arkansas

Served as Vice Moderator for the Committee on Ministry, Arkansas Presbytery

I believe that the church is called to be a community of faith that extends beyond Sunday mornings to include a deep sense of connection. I feel called to be part of a community which laughs and cries, mourns and rejoices together, supporting each other in love.