

REV. DR. TRACEY DAVENPORT

EDUCATION

Tracey graduated from George Mason University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and worked at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas as a liver and kidney transplant nurse for seven years. She attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, earning her Master of Divinity in 1998 and was awarded the W. P. Newell Memorial Fellowship. She earned her Doctor of Ministry from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 2011. Her doctoral project was "Fight the Good Fight: Christian Resistance to Evil."

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

Tracey was ordained at Grace in March 1999. Over the last 21 years, she served as Associate Pastor for Christian Education and Family Ministries at First Presbyterian, San Angelo, Texas; as Pastor at Stockbridge Presbyterian in Stockbridge, Georgia; as Senior Pastor/Head of Staff at Harundale Presbyterian in Glen Burnie, Maryland; and most recently as Interim Senior Pastor for Chula Vista Presbyterian Church in Chula Vista, California. She loves to preach, teach, and share the lives of her brothers and sisters in Christ.

Tracey served on multiple Presbytery committees and commissions, taught New Testament for commissioned lay pastors, staffed Walks to Emmaus and Presbyterian Pilgrimages, served as mentor for two Company of New Pastors groups, and opened the Maryland State Senate with prayer multiple times. She published a collection of sermons and a paper on the Holy Spirit in Worship. Tracey has led many mission trips and two trips to the Holy Land. She can't wait to go again!



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Tracey Davenport was born in Honolulu, Hawaii and grew up in the Navy in multiple places along all three U.S. coastlines. Her family settled in Plano, TX in 1981, where she attended Clark and Plano Senior High Schools and joined Grace Presbyterian Church. She married Jack in 1989. Jack is a software engineer working in the national defense sector. After marrying, they remained active at Grace in choir, young adult Sunday school and Bible study. In 1995, overwhelmed by the unconditional love of God for us in Jesus Christ, Tracey felt the call into full-time ordained ministry.

Jack and Tracey have two grown daughters. Taylor lives in Nashville, works as the volunteer and communications manager for Project Transformation Tennessee, and will marry Will Hudson in February. Alia lives in San Diego, where she works, attends college, and enjoys all the fun San Diego has to offer with her boyfriend Chandler. Jack and Tracey have one dog, a Welsh corgi named Sweetie. They love to read, root on their favorite football and baseball teams, try new restaurants, watch movies, listen to music, hike, and travel



the world.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

I believe in the One Triune God, who alone is worthy of worship.

I love Jesus. I have loved him ever since I learned that he loved me by singing *Jesus Loves Me* with the motions when I was three. I love his teaching, his miracles, his compassion, his inclusion, and his love. I am amazed by his death which frees us from the power of sin and death and I am overjoyed by his resurrection from the dead. I believe he now sits at the right hand of God and that one day every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. I believe he is coming again.

I believe in God: the same God who came in the flesh in Jesus Christ. I believe God created the world and all that is in it; that God rules the created order in wisdom and love; that God loves us with an everlasting love; that God chose Abraham and Sarah to begin a people in order to bless the whole world; that when we strayed from God's wisdom and love, God called prophets to bring us back, strongly desiring relationship with us. I believe that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I feel the power of God's Holy Spirit, poured out upon all who believe. The Spirit of God lives in me: guiding, challenging, correcting, and comforting me. The Spirit of God is active in the church and in the world, blowing where it will, bringing life out of death, enthusiasm out of apathy, hope out of despair, peace out of chaos, and courage out of fear. The Spirit of God is making us into who God is calling us to be.

I am fed, challenged, and constrained by the Scriptures, the written Word of God, which is our rule for faith and life. I know I do not live them perfectly, but if I confess my sin, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive my sin and cleanse me from all unrighteousness.

I am strengthened by the Sacraments, which through faith by the power of the Holy Spirit, impart what they represent: Baptism – the washing away of sin, new birth, dying and rising with Christ, the mark of the New Covenant; and Holy Communion – the body and blood of Christ broken and spilled out for me for the forgiveness of sins and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet to come.

I have pledged to serve the church with all that I am and all that I have. The church, as the Body of Christ, is called to worship the Lord with gladness, to fulfill the Great Commission, to be salt and light in this world, to be ambassadors for Christ, and to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and visit the sick and imprisoned in the name of Jesus Christ, working toward the new heaven and new earth. I believe in the resurrection to eternal life for all who believe and that when I die, I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.