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ELKIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALLS REV. ARLO TYSINGER

ELKIN, NC – Elkin Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), a 130-year-old community of Christian faith, announces the call of Rev. Arlo Tysinger as its next called and installed Minister of the Word and Sacrament.

“We are excited by Arlo’s commitment to following the Holy Spirit beyond our church walls to meet the unchurched, especially those who have been hurt by the church, and engaging proactively with the community to help others, resonated deeply with us; her creative energy and compassion are very contagious,” said Susan Stewart, Co-Chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Tysinger comes to Elkin from California, where she has served as head pastor at Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church in suburban Los Angeles for seven years. The 36-year-old California native has a life-long history of serving the marginalized in society. While in seminary she worked with Stand Up for Kids, a non-profit that works with street children in the Atlanta area who have been forced into prostitution. After graduating from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, in 2008, Rev. Tysinger served as an associate pastor for three years in Metuchen, NJ, before moving to her current position.

“I have a creative, caring, and courageous spirit and am called to serve a church where all are welcome as children of God,” said Tysinger.

“She has the chemistry to relate to my generation and understand what is needed to draw young people to church; she’s awesome!” said Caroline Alley, youth representative to the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Tysinger, her husband Zach, a North Carolina native, and their two young children, will be moving to Elkin in late January. Rev. Tysinger will be a member of Salem Presbytery and will begin her service with Elkin Presbyterian Church February 1, 2023.

[photograph attached]