

Brief statement from

Rev. Arlo's PIF [read by Caroline Alley]

I am called to serve at a Church where members seek God through worship, study, community, discipleship, and mission. I am seeking a Church that is committed to following the Holy Spirit beyond their walls to meet the unchurched in new and exciting ways. I look forward to working at a church where the whole community works together to support and challenge each other to deepen our relationship with Christ. I believe that open communication, mutual respect, honesty, and encouragement are vital for any Church to thrive. I am called to a ministry setting in which church members are empowered to take risks and share honestly with each other so that we can support each other on our Christian journeys. I have a creative, caring, and courageous spirit. I love sharing the Word and Sacraments, creating new Christian Education experiences, sharing the Gospel, engaging in mission, and journeying with people. I have had a lot of experience in relational ministry, volunteer support, and helping churches engage with their community. I pray that I will be able to use these gifts in the next ministry setting I am called to serve. I have worked with diverse groups of people (different ages, economic positions, genders, political views, ethnicities, and sexual orientations) and I believe that I am called to serve at a Church where all are welcomed as children of God. God is calling me to a setting where I can help facilitate discipleship, share the good news, and help churches engage with their community



Introducing

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It is with tremendous enthusiasm and deep gratitude
that we call

Reverend Arlo Tysinger
as the next called and installed Minister of the
Word and Sacrament of Elkin Presbyterian Church.

Although her first name is Laura, she goes by her middle nickname: Arlo. Pastor Arlo was born and raised in the San Diego area of southern California. We think that's why she has such a warm sunny disposition that radiates a deep light from within. She is a joy to be around and has an incredibly energetic enthusiastic disposition that is very contagious.

Pastor Arlo has a deep Presbyterian heritage that dates back to her great-grandparents; her grandmother was the General Presbyter in Los Angeles during the early 1990's. Pastor Arlo grew up in Christ Presbyterian Church in San Diego where she was very active in church youth activities, summer camp programs, and worship leadership.

After graduating from high school in 2004, she attended UC Santa Barbara where she received her BA in theater arts. Throughout college, she spent her summers leading the junior high youth at her home church, serving as camp counselor at a YMCA camp, and at Calvin Crest Presbyterian Conference Center.

Her call to enter the ministry kept getting stronger throughout college so following graduation, in 2008 she entered Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia (Steve's alma mater).

Her activities throughout seminary are too many to list but we were most impressed by her work with *Stand Up for Kids*, an urban ministry helping homeless and street children in the Atlanta area.

After graduation from Columbia Seminary, Pastor Arlo served for 3 years as Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families at First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, New Jersey and then for 7 years as solo pastor and head of staff for Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church in a suburb of Los Angeles.

She met her husband, Zach Tysinger, while serving her church in New Jersey. Zach is a North Carolina native and grew up in Cary; he received his BA from Wake Forest University and loves to sing in the church choir.

Arlo and Zach have two children: daughter, Tristyn, age 4, and son, Teddy, age 2. Needless to say, they are a very busy young family!

The Pastor Nominating Committee is elated, grateful, and humbled that God has led us to Pastor Arlo and that God has led Pastor Arlo to EPC.



[Photo taken in Pullen Park in Raleigh, NC - the day after their weekend visit to Elkin, November 5 -7, 2022]