



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FULLERTON

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APNC Introduces Our Candidate For Associate Pastor

It is with great joy that the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) presents **Joshua Matthews**, our candidate, to serve as Associate Pastor of Youth & Families.

Early in our search process, the APNC established strengths we felt an Associate Pastor would possess. Our Associate Pastor would be the spiritual leader and teacher for our youth and families. He or she would have strong communication skills, and experience in recruiting, training and motivating volunteers to assist in delivering youth programs. Our Associate Pastor would assist the Head of Staff in worship, preaching, and pastoral care. He or she would value building strong personal relationships within our congregation—and in our community. We feel that God has prepared Joshua Matthews to be just such a leader for First Presbyterian Church of Fullerton. We feel God's guiding hand in bringing us to a unanimous decision to select Josh as our candidate for Associate Pastor of Youth & Families.



Josh Matthews currently is the Youth Ministry Director at Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Ventura, CA where he has served in this capacity since June 2004. He started in ministry as a Middle School volunteer leader while still a high school student. Josh later took on staff positions as a Middle School Intern and Middle School Director. Josh also worked part-time as a Network Administrator for a software company in Ventura before working full-time at Eastminster.

Josh is a California native, raised in Ventura. He graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology. He received his Master's of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena in 2008.

Josh's interests include playing softball, spending time with his family and friends, fantasy baseball, rooting for the Dodgers, working on computers, gardening and watching movies. His parents, Lewis and Jean, still live in Ventura. Josh's two brothers (Mike and Adam) live in Poway and Santa Barbara respectively.

Josh met his wife Liz at church while they were serving as volunteers in Youth Ministry. Liz is also a California native, born and raised in Ventura. She attended Cal Lutheran University, and is currently working as a Mary Kay Independent Beauty Consultant and part-time in property management. Her interests include music, walking, raising two beautiful girls, spending time with family and friends, going to the beach, and watching movies.



Josh and his wife Liz have been married 6 years. The first member of the family that Josh & Liz welcomed is Brutis—their 6 year old Pug. Their oldest daughter Zoey is 3 years old, and their youngest daughter Reagan is 6 months old.

Josh and Liz are both thrilled to be starting this new chapter of their lives at First Presbyterian Church of Fullerton. Their desire in their search process was to go wherever they felt God calling them, and FPC is where they have heard His call! Josh & Liz are excited to become part of the church community, meet new people and serve the Lord in Fullerton. Josh is looking forward to shepherding the youth and families of FPC as well as serving the Pastoral needs of the larger congregation. From the start Josh felt like FPC was in a time of new growth in ministry and felt like he wanted to be a part of a church like FPC.

Your APNC Enthusiastically Recommends Josh Because ...

- He loves Jesus Christ and acknowledges Him as his Lord and Savior.
- Josh has a *passion* for youth ministry, and loves to teach youth to become followers of Christ—he will be a wonderful spiritual leader.
- Josh is enthusiastic and joyful.
- He has experience in recruiting volunteers and training & motivating them to deliver programs—he is an effective communicator.
- We all knew when we met Josh that God had chosen him for us!
- Through our experiences combing through many applications, conducting interviews and meeting with candidates—and wondering when we would be led to the right person, our prayers were answered when we met Josh.

For all the above reasons, your APNC has prayerfully & unanimously selected Joshua Matthews as our candidate for Associate Pastor of Youth & Families. We know you will welcome and embrace Josh and will love and support him as he answers this call from God.

Prayerfully submitted by your APNC,

Robert Doidge, Co-Chair

Danny Monson, Co-Chair

Sara Bergstrom

Jan Bussman

Betty Murphy

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Congregational Meeting and Brunch on Sunday, May 23, 2010

On Sunday, May 23rd Josh will preach at a single worship service at 10:00am. There will be a Congregational Meeting after the service for the purpose of voting on the recommendation of your APNC. Please join us for a light brunch, to be served in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 11:00am Congregational Meeting.