



Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Pastor Nominating Committee is pleased to present Rev. Barrett Abernethy as the new Senior Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Abernethy and his family are coming to us from Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church right outside of Atlanta. He is a native of Texas and lifelong Presbyterian. His wife Braegan was born and raised in Alabama. Their daughter Evelyn (Evie) is 8 years old and will be in the third grade this year.

Barrett and Braegan met at the University of Alabama when he was obtaining his master's degree in history. Braegan is a graduate of the University of Alabama (both undergraduate and graduate degrees) and is currently the Department Head for Resource Acquisitions at the Georgia State University library. We are also looking forward to welcoming Barrett's parents to Louisville in 2026.

Barrett both applied for the position and was recommended by outside sources. Dr. Ted Wardlaw (past president of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary) noted that Barrett was a "first class guy" and distinguished himself at the seminary both academically and as student body president. He shared that Barrett is very intuitive and a hard worker. He added that Barrett knows how to connect, stand beside and walk with people.

Barrett shared that his faith journey is a testament to the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit moving in, through, and around the faithful communion of saints who've nurtured and loved him. He noted that this journey has taught him humility, empathy and concern for others. It is his hope that he can lead and be led by those qualities and is excited to see what the next part of the journey will reveal.

Please join us as we welcome the Abernethys to be a part of our Second Presbyterian Family!