

Elizabeth Coates
Plymouth's New Assistant Minister

We are delighted that Elizabeth Coates has accepted our invitation to serve as Plymouth Church's Assistant Minister. Liz will be a great addition to our congregation.

Liz has served as Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation at First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Georgia, for nearly ten years. She is a graduate of the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University. Her undergraduate studies were in literature. She is ordained and has overseen a variety of ministries ranging from fitness and recreation to missions and adult discipleship. She loves hanging with her five-year-old nephew Hunter, running, and exploring. Liz has served on several non-profit boards and enjoys teaching, preaching, and leading mission groups around the globe. Her references were particularly impressed with her work in foster care, prison ministry, and young adults.

Liz was at Plymouth on our Kickoff Weekend. Candidates for ministerial positions often end up talking about what they would like to do, but Liz talked about what she is already doing. Her present church has 1200 worship on a typical Sunday morning. Her experience overseeing multiple, successful small groups will serve us well at Plymouth. We have begun conversations about mission trips and church retreats.

The best assistant ministers are often extroverts. Liz is a person who makes connections happen. When asked about weaknesses a co-worker said, "She works too hard." Liz loves the church, loves people, and makes good things happen. She is a genuine Christian who will help us be a more genuine church.

Liz writes, "I am enthusiastic about the next chapter of life that God is leading me to at Plymouth Church."

Liz's start date is still a little up in the air. We were looking at the first week in December, but her house has, amazingly, already sold, so she may get to Brooklyn in mid-November.

Liz's decision to be a part of Plymouth says good things about our congregation. We are blessed to share church with Liz.