



Come Meet Leah

2-4 pm Saturday, June 11, 2022

Join us for a reception in Spellman Hall so you can meet and greet Leah & her husband, Nat.

Hear Leah Preach & Member Vote

Sunday, June 12, 2022

Morning Schedule

10 am Worship
11 am Congregational Meeting

On **Sunday, June 12, 2022** there will be a hybrid congregational meeting (Zoom & in the Sanctuary) for the purpose of calling Leah Hrachovec as our Head of Staff. Hear Leah preach at morning worship. The congregational meeting will immediately follow the only worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary or on Zoom. In order to vote you must either be in person or logged into the Zoom meeting. Zoom info below:

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://westminsterpc.zoom.us/j/83170531645>
Meeting ID: 831 7053 1645

For more info on the PNC and our search process please visit westminsterpc.org/pnc or email the PNC at pnc@westminsterpc.org

The Pastor Nominating Committee is pleased to introduce

Dr. Leah R. Hrachovec

CANDIDATE FOR
HEAD OF STAFF



ABOUT LEAH



EDUCATION

- B.A. Psychology from Grinnell College Grinnell, IA (1996)
- Master of Divinity, Columbia Theological Seminary Decatur, GA (2002)
- Doctor of Ministry, Parish Revitalization, McCormick Theological Seminary Chicago, IL (2013)

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE



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- Pastor/Head of Staff, First Presbyterian, Stillwater, OK (2014–present)
- Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian, Stillwater, OK (2007–2014)
- Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry Indianapolis, IN (2005–2007)
- Ministry Intern Decatur, GA Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, (2004)
- Intern, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Child Advocacy, Washington, D.C. (2001–2002)
- Intern, Women's Ministries PCUSA, Louisville, KY (2000–2001)

PNC INSIGHTS

SCOTT LOCKLEDGE: "Strong in her faith, and gentle in her spirit."

PHYLLIS SIMMONS: "Her engaging sermons spoke to me."

PATRICE STILLEY: "God is so good in bringing us Westminster's first female Head of Staff. She is dynamic, thoughtful, and gifted."

RUTH SIMONSON: "Her deep faith, easy spirit, and approachable nature will be a wonderful presence, as she helps us grow individually and as a community. Hallelujah!"

ROB AVERY: "I'm confident in her grace and poise and absolutely excited to see where her leadership and expertise will take us."

STEVE BROWN: "Leah's warm, easy smile and welcoming style immediately makes you completely comfortable with her."

ANGELA EMRICH: "She shares Christ's love in every interaction by listening intently, asking questions and sharing of herself."

ERNIE KIMMEL: "Her belief in the generous nature of God's love is palpable. Her openness to work with people of other faith communities, as well as within the Presbyterian world is inspirational."

LYNAE YOUNG: "Leah aligns with Westminster's mission - Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known. Through her preaching and leadership, she teaches of God's love and encourages all to serve Him."

TERRI PENNINGTON: "Leah's deep love for Christ radiates a fire and light that quietly draws you in to know her and Christ better."

JIM SCANLON: "She is a gifted preacher, caring mother and spouse, and is a strategic problem solver with a record of working collaboratively with others. Westminster will be in excellent hands."

MEET Leah, Nat, Nora & Grant

Leah and her husband, Nat Cooper, both grew up in Oklahoma. They are proud parents of two great kids, Nora, 10, and Grant, 3.

Leah loves reading, gardening, hiking, and just about anything outdoors.

Nat is a healthcare executive and is charismatic and friendly. He loves to cook for his family and explore historic sites.

Nora loves horses, reading and playing outdoors. She is looking forward to fifth grade.

Grant has a clever sense of humor and likes Paw Patrol. He has another year of day care before heading to kindergarten.



LETTER FROM Rev. Dr. Leah Hrachovec

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

My family and I are eager to share life and faith with you. Alongside you, we will continue to navigate these challenging times amid global and national concerns, changing work life, and as parents, children, and people of faith, believing that Christ claims us, calls us, and helps us respond with generosity, hope, and love. As Paul once wrote to the Romans, whom he had yet to meet, "For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."

In you, I see a vibrant community of people who want to "Know Christ and Make Christ Known." Transitions in leadership can be challenging, and yet I know from your history that you are a church that has survived and thrived in the midst of change. You understand the importance of living out faith by God's Word and Spirit, and I appreciate how you have allowed yourself to be reformed during Westminster's impressive 130 years. Knowing that Christ is our center, may we make Him known – with joy, love, humility, courage and compassion – in the years ahead. The world needs the church only so long as we are the body of Christ together, pointing in word and in deed to the one who unites us, redeems our lives, and transforms the world now and forever.