

God is so good! I am beyond excited to accept this new call to ministry, and I cannot wait to get busy serving the Church and this congregation. Tomorrow is day one of singing to the Lord a new song, and getting to know each of you is important to me. Please feel free to call me at the church to set up a time to get together over a cup of coffee, lunch, whenever suits your fancy!

My first days as a church musician began at the age of 12 as pianist for a small Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana. I was too young then to realize that God was preparing the way for me to use my God-given talents to serve others and to explore my own faith journey! The Lord has opened one door after another over the years, and I have been blessed to serve congregations in Louisiana, Alabama, North Carolina, New York, Washington, and several in Georgia.

A little bit about me ...

I am a lover of people! I am a child of God, mother of four grown children, grandmother to one beautiful grandson, and an avid fan of SEC football (my blood runs orange and blue - War Eagle!). As the daughter of two professional musicians, my life has always been defined by music. My mother began teaching me to play the piano at the age of three, and my father presented me with my first violin a year later. In junior high, I wanted to join the big, loud brass section of the band but was told by the director that my embouchure was better for a wind instrument, so I became a flautist.

Growing up on the sidelines of many a halftime show (where I was positioned in the stands and told to not move because both parents were out on the field) and in the front row at many an orchestral concert (where I was also planted in my seat and told to not move and to not talk because my father was the conductor and my mother was principle cellist), I was trying to decide between becoming a high school or college band director or orchestra conductor, but God had other plans.

Fast forward several years, little did I know that all types of sacred music and crafting meaningful worship services would become my life's passion. Teaching the rich heritage of the Presbyterian Church, sharing the stories behind the Church's great hymns of faith, and cultivating the gifts and talents of others all bring me great joy. I look forward to learning what speaks to your heart in worship!

Faith journey: Life has not always been easy or kind, but the Lord has always been by my side, and I have been blessed abundantly. Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior, my Rock amid life's storms, and the Author of my salvation. The Lord is my Shepherd.

After 22 years raising my children in Peachtree Corners, I moved to Social Circle with my dog, Molly, to reside closer to my son Alex, his wife Ivy, and my precious grandson, Liam.

Fun facts: Andy Devine once played my violin in Show Boat; I once played flute with the Seattle Symphony in high school; I played the role of the fiddler in Fiddler on the Roof in college (the most difficult part was getting on the roof and not dropping my violin!); I have twice sung as part of a mass choir in Carnegie Hall, once with the Atlanta Sacred Chorale under the baton of Eric Nelson, performing the Robert Ray Gospel Mass, and once under the baton of Jonathan Willcocks, performing The Sounds of War and Peace: A Great and Glorious Victory (many members of my previous church choir joined me in this performance).

Hobbies: Digging in the dirt (some call it gardening!), reading, all types of word puzzles, board games and jigsaw puzzles, enjoying my dog, trying out new recipes, and watching sports and HGTV.