



Rev. Brenda Presha

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has
welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:7

The Reverend Brenda Williams Presha is newly appointed to serve as Assistant Pastor at Ben Hill United Methodist Church. Rev. Presha is no stranger to Ben Hill. In 2006, she attended here during the pastorate of The Reverend Richard D. Winn, Sr. Rev. Winn was her pastor at Hoosier Memorial United Methodist church where Rev. Presha served 7 years in lay leadership.

Rev. Presha is an ordained and licensed minister, and an endorsed chaplain with more than two decades of servant leadership to the church and the community through ministries of Service, Word, Sacrament, Order, Compassion and Justice. She believes that her call is a gift from God to the Church. Rev. Presha has committed her life to the gospel, and to the proclamation of the good news for the transformation of the world.

From 2018 until recently, Rev. Presha served at Hoosier Memorial United Methodist Church as Assistant Pastor preaching, teaching and providing pastoral leadership to Outreach and Missions. These areas included Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Gilgal Ministries, Higher Education, Health and Wellness, SMART Lunch SMART Kids, SWEEAC, Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets to needy families. Rev. Presha also served as the Interim Children's and Youth Director leading ministry for Wonderful Wednesdays Tutoring Program, Sunday school, Children's Church and Choir. Rev. Presha collaborated the mission and vision of ministry areas with senior Pastor, Committee chairs and SPRC for strategic outcomes in sharing God's love within the congregation and the community. Rev. Presha provided oversight to budgeting for these ministries areas in partnership with ministry chairpersons, the Church Council and the Finance Committee. Under Rev. Presha's leadership the church experienced growth and development of the Wonderful Wednesday's Tutoring Program, the Intergenerational Women's Bible Study, and developed community relations with Peyton Forest Elementary School. In addition, the budgets for these areas were developed and established by connecting the goals of ministry areas to projected outcomes in ministry for budgeting purposes.

Rev. Presha previously served over ten years as clinical staff chaplain at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta providing spiritual and emotional support to diverse patients, families and staff in crisis by promoting a caring, inclusive and compassionate community. Rev. Presha developed and led Spiritual Resiliency Retreats for clinical Staff, as well as served as faculty for CHOA's accredited Clinical Pastoral Education Program. Other clinical pastoral experience includes Bereavement Services Manager and Volunteer services Manager for VITAS Hospice.

Rev. Presha's other ministry experience includes initiating and establishing an ESL program for parents of children at Argyle Elementary school to teach conversational English to a growing international community. There was increased attendance and program support every year. There was partnerships developed with community leaders and Cobb County School District, and the

program was awarded a bid for faith-based funding. There was leadership initiatives to increase cultural-ethnic awareness and to hire bi-lingual staff.

Rev. Presha is a native of the greater Atlanta area. She graduated from Howard University and earned her Master of Divinity with honors from The Church of God Theological Seminary. She is currently a doctoral candidate for a Doctorate in Ministry and Congregational leadership from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary and the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University. Rev. Presha has earned various awards, published articles and presented at national conferences regarding spiritual care, compassion, care giving and advocacy for cultural/ethnic considerations.

Rev. Presha is the proud mom of Alex who lives in Washington, D.C. They enjoy travel adventures together.

Rev. Presha's favorite Scripture and prayer comes from Ephesians 3:16-21 (NLT): May the flame of God's love be kindled even more in our hearts. May the unlimited resources of God empower us with inner strength through God's Spirit. May Christ make his home in our hearts as we trust in God. May our roots grow down into God's love and keep us strong. May we have the power to understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep God's love is. May we experience the love of Christ though it is too great to understand fully. May we be complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. All glory to God, who is able through God's mighty power at work within us to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to God in the church, and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! AMEN.