

We welcome Josh LeClerg, to our Grace family!

Josh grew up in Portland, Oregon and moved to Irmo, SC in 7th grade. He graduated from high school in Chapin, SC where his mother and sister (a student at Spartanburg Methodist) still reside.

Josh is a graduate student at Winthrop studying neuroscience. He'd eventually like to pursue a PhD in biology research associated with learning disabilities. He currently works at Winthrop as both a teaching assistant and a tutor in the Academic Success Center.

While an undergraduate at Winthrop, Josh sang in the Winthrop choirs under the direction of Jeremy Mims. It was through our music director, Jeremy Mims, that Josh was introduced to our campus minister, Olga-Maria Cruz and WELCM. As an openly gay individual, Josh has had bad experiences with churches in the past. He was, understandably, hesitant to try a new church. Through Jeremy's example and Olga-Maria's encouragement, Josh decided to give Grace a try. We're certainly thankful he did!

Josh first started attending during Holy Week (specifically Maundy Thursday) in 2021. Holy Week is a very spiritually important time for Josh. He appreciated the fullness of the services he experienced at Grace during Holy Week. He appreciates that Grace values all members not just for their financial contributions, but also for their service to the church and the community. On most Sundays, you can find Josh in the balcony running our audio/visual panel.

In his limited amount of free time, Josh plays Pathfinder with a group of friends. He also likes to sing. While quarantined it's COVID, he taught himself to crochet. He enjoys figuring out how to do new things.