

General Bio - Charlie Lee

Charlie is a native of Asheboro, NC. He attended First Presbyterian Church there and participated in all aspects of church life while growing up. He particularly enjoyed his time as a member of the youth group attending retreats and conferences like Montreat.

Charlie is a graduate of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. After his time there, he served as the full-time program director for a Christian Camp & Retreat Center in Oxford, NC called Camp Oak Hill. He then attended Wake Forest University Divinity School. In 2015, Charlie received his Doctorate of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL.

Charlie currently serves as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC. He has served in this call for the last 12 years and has been blessed with the opportunity to work in many different areas of ministry within the same congregation. He began serving in the areas of youth ministry and missions. A highlight of this season of ministry for Charlie was the opportunity to lead and serve on annual mission trips both domestically and abroad. Mexico, Jamaica, Haiti, and China are just a few of the locations in which he served. The faith formation that took place during these trips, especially among the youth, was something that Charlie found particularly meaningful.

He eventually transitioned to a more generalist role focusing on growth, new members, worship, administration, and continued work in missions. When First Presbyterian Church entered into its own time of pastoral transition, they called upon Charlie to serve as their Interim Head of Staff. He would hold that position for two years. During that time and under Charlie's leadership, the congregation was able to do more than simply maintain the status quo, rather they made significant progress towards accomplishing their strategic goals.

Charlie is blessed with a wonderful family, wife Lindsay, and children Jackson & Eliza. Charlie and Lindsay are high school sweethearts and lived in Greensboro when they were first married. Lindsay graduated with a nursing degree from UNCG and has worked mostly in the areas of Hospice and Oncology. She just completed a master's degree to become a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Jackson is in the 7th grade and enjoying Middle School. He also enjoys playing basketball and soccer.

Eliza is in the 4th grade of a Spanish Immersion Elementary School. She also plays basketball and enjoys singing in the Girl's Choir of Wilmington.

The Lee family is not complete without their two lovable dogs, Lacey & Finch.

Brief Written Greeting from Charlie

Dear Starmount Presbyterian Church,

I am excited for the opportunity to serve as the next pastor of your congregation. I cannot wait to join you in person and to begin a new season of ministry together. The more I have learned about Starmount over the past several months, the more I have been impressed by the mission and ministry that occurs there. The long list of mission projects is remarkable and shows a passion for giving life to your faith in Jesus Christ. I am eager to learn more about, not only these mission projects, but all aspects of congregational life at Starmount.

It has been a pleasure to work with and get to know the Pastor Nominating Committee. They have been outstanding representatives of your congregation, and I am grateful for their work. They described Starmount as a close knit community of faith, and I am honored that you might welcome me into this community so that we might together listen for where God may be leading us in the future.

In his greeting to the Roman church, Paul describes his eagerness to come and be present with that church so that they “might be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.” I too am excited and eager to be present with all of you so that we may also be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

In Christ,
Charlie Lee