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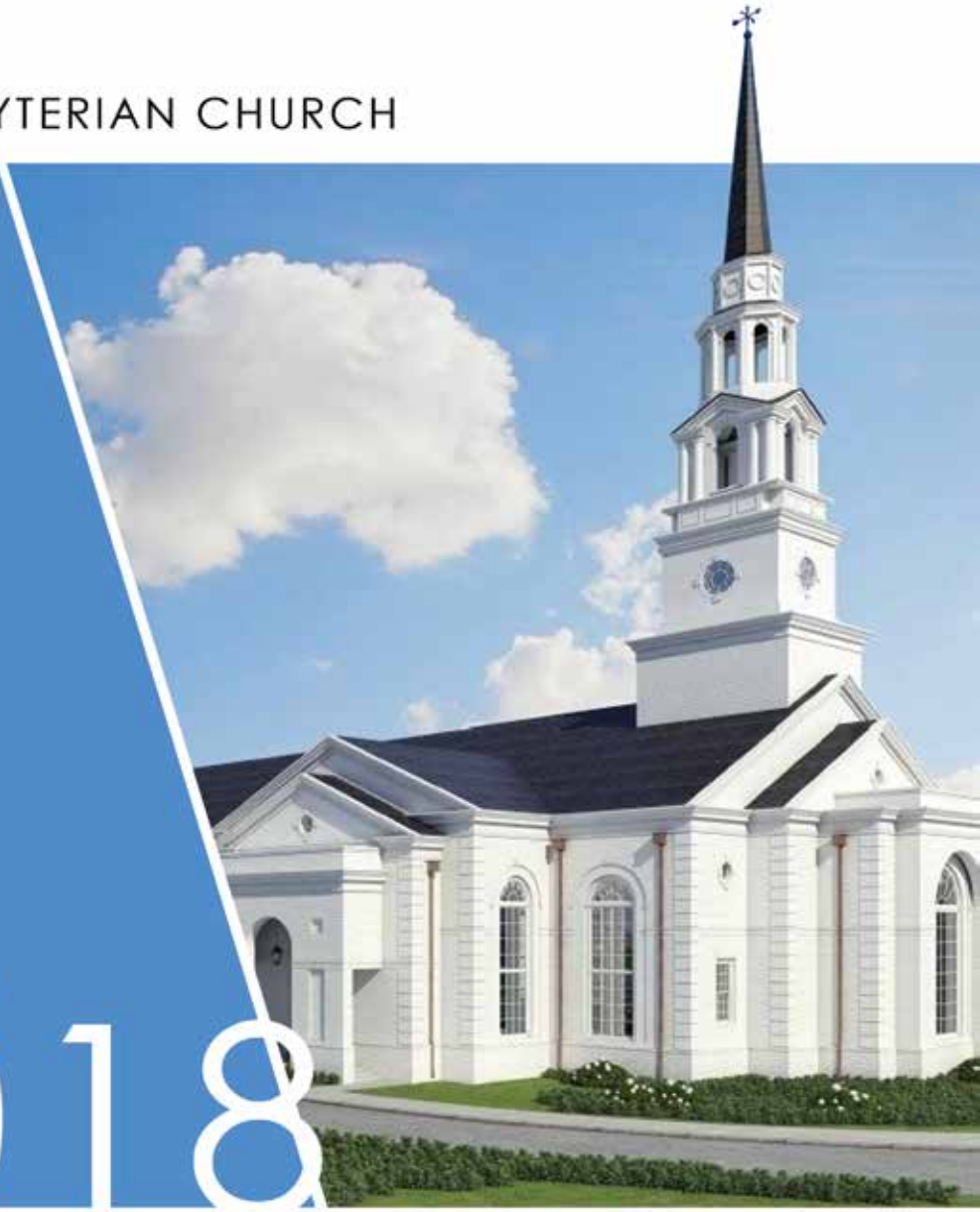

JULY 15,

2018

PNC REPORT

THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

would like you to meet...

COMING AUGUST 19!

Associate Pastor with an emphasis on
Young Adults, Mission and Contemporary Worship

NATHAN SEE

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

NATHAN SEE has devoted the first fourteen years of his church career to full-time youth ministries in Columbia, Missouri, and Littleton, Colorado. Prior to beginning his ministry, Nathan graduated from Truman State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with minors in both Psychology and Religion (while still making time to be crowned Homecoming King!). In addition to his undergraduate studies, Nathan received his Certificate in Youth and Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary and obtained his Master of Divinity with a concentration in Family Ministry from Denver Seminary.

Before we even met Nathan, we were impressed with his thoughts regarding his passion for family ministry and missions. With regard to family ministry, Nathan wrote, "..as I have grown in understanding and in my faith, my calling to ministry has evolved as well. The most obvious thing that God has put on my heart is family ministry... I feel called to equip, encourage and empower parents to be active participants in the Christian education of their children." And as for his heart for missions, Nathan wrote, "Important aspects of instituting change [when it comes to mission work] are casting an articulate vision, walking with and listening to people as they process the implications, and empowering congregation members to take an active role… this mission shift will continue to strengthen both the church and the community around it. Instead of simply 'doing mission work,' people can better live missional lives."

The Pastor Nominating Committee Joyfully and Unanimously
Recommends to the Congregation

NATHAN SEE

and Nominates Him as Associate Pastor of the
First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Edwin Hinds
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Lauren Benton

Rev. John Brearley
EX OFFICIO

Beth Campbell

Ryan Earnest

Stewart McLean

Bree Moore

Amy Wilkes

The Presbytery of New Harmony grants permission for our congregation to meet today for the purpose of electing a pastor and approving the terms of call.

The Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery approved the examination of Nathan on July 10, 2018. With this approval our congregation now proceeds to extend an official call. Two further offical steps will follow. Nathan will preach and be examined for ordination at a called Presbytery Meeting on July 31, 2018. Upon completion of this part of the process, he will be ordained and installed at First Presbyterian, Myrtle Beach, this Fall. Nathan and his family plan to be introduced at all three worship services on Sunday, August 19, 2018.

NATHAN

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

In many ways, the Reformed faith has not only been the belief system of my family, but it has also been part of my family's cultural heritage. I remember stories my grandfather told of his great-grandparents building their Presbyterian church with their bare hands soon after arriving in Northeast Missouri in the 1880's. Personally, I was baptized as a child and began my faith journey at the United Presbyterian Church of Washington, Iowa. It was a loving place that instilled the basic tenets of Christian faith, but the practical application of Christ's words and life first clicked when I went on a mission trip to rural Tennessee in ninth grade. Through serving others and in being the hands and feet of Christ, my faith ceased being primarily a cultural heritage and began to be the way in which I engaged the world. This experience changed how I viewed Christ's message, life, death, and resurrection, and I knew then that I had to live my life in response to this incredible truth.

When it came time to decide on a vocation in college, I realized I had a passion to teach others. The only problem with this thought was that I had no passion to teach one of the subjects I could learn at my liberal arts university. One day while deliberating this fact, it dawned on me that teaching about God's story of love and redemption WAS something that I had enough passion to teach about for the rest of my life. This idea was reinforced in that next summer when I was able to help start a youth ministry at a church through the PCUSA Summer Missions program in a small Native American Reservation in Metlakatla, Alaska. This was a transformative experience where I got to really invest into

people full-time and see how the relationships I fostered allowed me unique opportunities to share the Good News of the Gospel.

In 2004, I became the Director of Youth Ministries at the First Presbyterian Church in Columbia, Missouri, and had the pleasure of serving there for just over ten years. Connecting with youth and doing my best to relate their stories to the story of God's love and grace has been a challenge that has caused me to continue to grow spiritually in the way I think, speak and act. I am thankful that God used me there as an instrument to work through. However, starting in 2011, I felt like God was leading me down the path to minister to a broader audience, not just to youth. This awareness led me to the completion of my Master of Divinity degree in May of 2017 and into the ordination process through the PCUSA.

I am now excited to respond to God's call on my life at the First Presbyterian Church of Myrtle Beach. Over the years, my work with youth has ignited a passion for supporting young families as they raise children in the Christian faith and engaging young adults into the life of the church after leaving the friendly confines of a youth ministry. I am excited at the prospect of doing these things as well as leading others in two other areas of passion: contemporary worship and mission (where my faith first came alive). I cannot wait to see what God will do in Myrtle Beach in the years to come. My wife, Morgan, and I are extremely excited to raise our children (Tyler and Georgia) in this wonderful place.

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COMMENTS FROM OUR PNC MEMBERS

We know that the Congregation will share the excitement felt by the Pastor Nominating Committee as Nathan and Morgan and their family join us as a part of the FPC family. It has been a joy to get to know them. In our time together, it was clear to us that God was guiding us to a ministry together at First Presbyterian. Nathan will be a tremendous asset to our Church and we couldn't be more pleased as we nominate Nathan as our choice for Associate Pastor. *Edwin Hinds*

With unanimous consent and excitement, our committee is over the moon to present Nathan See to our congregation as our next Associate Pastor. His passions for ministry perfectly align with our passions and goals for our ministries here at FPC. As one of his references told us, "In 2 to 3 years, you will look back on your decision to call Nathan and think that you were the luckiest." We already feel lucky and blessed to call such an extraordinary minister to our Church. We can't wait for all the years to come! *Lauren Benton*

Our committee was very fortunate to find Nathan, who was our #1 choice, and we were so excited that he felt the same way about FPC. His family will be a great addition to our congregation and we will be blessed by Nathan's energy and excitement! *Beth Campbell*

When the Spirit is truly at work it often becomes incredibly obvious to everyone in the room. Such was the case in all of our conversations with Nathan See. You will be so impressed by him as a minister. You may be even more impressed by him as a person. And you may be most impressed by how well his entire family fits into First Presbyterian. We are most blessed! *John Brearley*

Nathan brings such a exciting energy to FPC that we were all immediately drawn to him during our first discussion. His ambitions within the church are all the same qualities we were looking for. *Bree Moore*

Nathan has a familiar quality about him; his passion and drive for community will help lead FPC to continue great mission work. We are all excited to welcome the See Family to FPC and the Grand Strand. *Stewart McLean*

We are overjoyed to welcome the See Family to the Myrtle Beach community. Nathan is an extrovert in nature and will bring enthusiasm and dedication to FPC. His visions for family ministry, contemporary worship, and missions will enrich and engage our congregation as we expand to our new campus. *Ryan Earnest*

I think God chose Nathan to be in front of our search committee. He exemplifies all of the characteristics that our congregation looks for and believes in. I can't wait for everyone to have the opportunity to experience Nathan and his lovely wife, Morgan. *Amy Wilkes*

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Paul's words in Romans 12:1 are foundational in how I articulate my personal faith and the lens from which I view ministry. Faith begins with the understanding of and trust in God's providential and merciful work in the world. The only way finite humans can come to the knowledge of an infinite God is for that God to reveal this truth to humanity. God reveals this through events (Ex. 14:13-31, Josh. 6), in the incarnation (Jn. 1:9-18), and in audible divine speech and scripture that is continually illuminated by the Holy Spirit (2 Tim. 3:16).

Within God's revelation to us is the foundational belief in one God (Deut. 6:4). However, we see that this God lives and works in three distinct, but inseparably unified ways in the persons of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). The persons of the Godhead are distinct, but of the same substance (homoousios) and nature (Phil. 2:6). The Trinity is a mutual indwelling and fellowship (perichoresis) that is one in action and intent (Jn. 16:14-15).

This unified action and intent is seen in the transcendence of the Father's sovereign authority over creation and in the immanence of the Father's providential sustaining of all created order (Isa. 63:16). It is seen in the salvific work of the fully divine and fully human Christ for a humanity struggling with sin. Through Christ's life, crucifixion, and resurrection, restoration and salvation are possible (2 Cor. 5:17-20). In an incredible gift to humanity, Christ's work credited his righteousness to us and allowed us the opportunity of eternal life (Rom. 5:21). It is also seen in the Spirit who convicts us to recognize the need for that gift (2 Cor. 6:11, Jn. 16:8) and testify to what Christ has done on our behalf (Jn.15:26), as well as being the active agent in a believer's ongoing sanctification.

When we understand and trust in the work of the Trinity, Romans 12:1 notes that we are compelled to respond as living sacrifices to God. It is essential that we be drawn into the fellowship of others who also share faith in God and who are serious about living out the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. This idea is reinforced by scripture's description of the church using metaphors of family and being a part of a body (1 Cor. 12:12, 27). The church brings believers together in order to support one another in the faith (Col. 1:28) and to glorify God as a corporate group (Col. 3:16). The church also exists to preach the Word of God (1 Jn. 1:1-3). Through presenting the "glad and joyous news" of the Gospel, we share the message of the reconciliation that comes from God's work and results in everlasting life (The Second Helvetic Confession 5.089). **NS**

DEAR FPC,

My wife, Morgan, and I love the prospect of being a part of your wonderful community! During our visit, we really enjoyed seeing how God is working through you all. We were both impressed and excited by the life-giving ministries that you are already doing and the great potential of what God will do in your new building.

What impressed us the most from our trip to Myrtle Beach was your people. Your nominating committee and staff (along with everyone else we got to meet) were incredible ambassadors of your church and showed a graciousness and hospitality that makes your church truly special. Your church already felt like family, and First Presbyterian of Myrtle Beach is a place we can see ourselves both doing ministry and raising our two children, Tyler (8) and Georgia (4), for years to come.

NATHAN SEE

WELCOME NATHAN AND FAMILY!

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