



THE SUNDERMEIERS

Tony, Katie,
Jonathan (Jonny) and Luke

After nearly a year of searching, First Presbyterian's Pastor Nominating Committee found a pastor who accepted our call. We introduce with joy, Reverend N. Anthony (Tony) Sundermeier as our candidate for the position of pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Allentown.

Pastor Sundermeier, who grew up in the Mayfair section of Philadelphia, received his undergraduate degree from Eastern College ('97 B.A. Theology) and his graduate degree from Princeton Theological Seminary ('03 M.Div.). He is currently half-way through his Doctor of Ministry degree in Leadership Formation at Biblical Seminary in Hatfield, PA. Tony has served churches in Moorestown, NJ, Wayne, PA, and Bonn, Germany, and is currently serving as the Preaching/Teaching Pastor, an Associate position, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Chester, PA. Tony also liaisons the Outreach Team at Westminster, has served as the Lead Pastor for Westminster's satellite campus called the 'Dilworthtown Community Church', and is active in mission. Tony is a regular teacher in The Academy for Theology and Spiritual growth – an educational ministry of Westminster. Tony is married to Katie, who is also ordained in the PCUSA, and she currently serves as the Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care at Westminster. Katie is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Princeton Theological Seminary. The Sundermeiers have two sons, Jonathan (Jonny) age 6, and Luke, 15 months.

Pastor Sundermeier comes to First Presbyterian Church to serve a congregation that desires spiritual formation for the sake of missional living, as the church does not exist for itself. He is committed in his preaching, teaching and leadership to inspire congregations to bear witness to the love in God in Jesus Christ to their neighborhood and to the world.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude to the PNC of First Presbyterian Church for the way they represented you and the way they represented our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Hospitality, vision, thoughtfulness, and prayer were their trademark and my imagination and vision was captured by their hopeful expressions of what has been and by what could be. In them I witnessed a church not only committed to worship, strong preaching, and comprehensive spiritual formation for all ages but also committed to justice, mission, and advocacy beyond its walls. As the Call came from the PNC we embraced it as God's call and were thrilled to accept! We look forward to getting to know you and learning of God's continued faithfulness through the work and witness of FPC. We also look forward to dreaming new dreams for the Kingdom with you and visioning for new patterns of faithfulness which love and bless Allentown and the world. Truly exciting days are ahead – thanks be to God! - Pastor Tony Sundermeier