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HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE

REV. DAVID STARK

The Reverend David Stark has been a Presbyterian Pastor since his ordination in 1984 following graduation from Princeton Seminary. After serving 8 years in a Presbyterian Church in Denver, he moved to Minneapolis in 1991 as an

Associate Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina, MN, where he served for 12 years. It was during his time at this church that David began writing books for churches and nonprofits, and began consulting with churches and for profit organizations.

Rev. Stark has continued this off and on for the last 20+ years. He has consulted in various areas of ministry and leadership writing books that have helped shape his ideas. These tools which he has gleaned have been published in 16 books and workbooks to date and have benefitted over 300,000 people. The books *Working with Purpose*, *Lifekeys*, have sold hundreds of thousands of copies. He recently published an eBook entitled: *Getting through the Covid 19 Crisis – a Biblical journey back to freedom*.

During his time in Minneapolis, he spent 3 years as the interim Senior Pastor at a large church with a staff of 40+ people. During the time of

the pandemic, God lead David back into the pastoral ministry, which has culminated in his call and discussion to First Presbyterian Church in St. Joseph, Missouri, if confirmed by the congregation.



WE NEED ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will vote on calling Rev. Stark as our designated pastor as well as elect our Elders and Deacons on June 20th following worship. More info on page 2.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

June 20, 2021 Following Worship

A Congregational Meeting will be held following worship on June 20, 2021, to **vote** on calling The Rev. David Stark as our designated pastor. We will also elect Elders and Deacons who will begin serving July 1. Those who have been nominated for the Class of 2024 are Elders: Karen Parham, Jerry Reeves, Diane Watson; Deacons: Ruth Fountain, Cheryl Rasmussen, Jan Thielan. If you intend to nominate someone from the floor, they must agree to serve before you make the nomination.

WHAT'S THE PROCESS AND HOW IT WORKS?

Our session, following a congregational survey and advice from a Presbytery commission voted that we should seek a Designated Pastor as the next Teaching Elder or Pastor to lead our congregation. This involved asking a small group from Presbytery to carefully read and choose three candidates from many that the Presbytery committee felt could be good leader for us in the next three years.

The committee prayerfully undertook this task and did indeed recommend to the committee selected by First Presbyterian Church three names. Your committee Ed Andres, Emily Fite, Dave Lichliter, and Diane Watson visited via ZOOM with each of the three candidates. After prayerful consideration we asked one of the persons recommended, David Stark, to visit with us in St. Joseph. We were pleased with David and his suggestions and ideas that he had to offer. He in turn has indicated that he is interested in leading our congregation through the coming few years. We now must vote to accept or reject him as our pastor to lead us into the future.



JERRY ANDERSON MEMORIAL SERVICE



There will be a memorial service for Jerry Anderson on Saturday June 12th at 2:00pm at First Pres. There will be a reception in the Center Room following the service.

COME AND MEET DAVID

Saturday evening, June 19th, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

David Stark will share an ice cream cup and visit with each of you who attend. Those of us who were part of the Designated Pastor committee have had an opportunity to visit with him and this is your chance to meet him before worship on Sunday the 20th. We'll have a congregational party complete with ice cream and balloons and an opportunity to visit with each other and with our prospective new pastor. Don't miss your chance to share this unique moment in the life of First Presbyterian Church.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

JUNE 20 AT 10:30AM



Worship this particular Sunday morning will be a unique experience in the life of First Church. We will hear David Stark offer his candidating sermon. He is coming to us as the Designate Pastor elect and it is our responsibility to listen with care and then guided by the Holy Spirit will cast our individual vote to select or reject him as our pastor for the future. This is a responsibility for each as we take this opportunity to guide our church's future. Please make a special effort to join in worship on Sunday the 20th of June.

If you are unable to attend this service and meeting but would like to cast a vote, Teresa, our Administrative Assistant, has offered to come join us and provide this service via Zoom if there are enough people to RSVP. Please contact her at (816) 341-9789 or Activist816@gmail.com for more information.