



"Bayside Presbyterian Church is a covenant community of Christ's people seeking to know and do the will of God."
-From BPC Mission Statement

Introducing Rev. Kate Rascoe, M.Div., Nominee for Associate Pastor:

BPC Associate Pastor Nominating Committee introduces Rev. Kate Rascoe, M.Div., as its nominee for Associate Pastor at Bayside Presbyterian Church.

A letter from Rev. Rascoe:

Dear Bayside Presbyterian Church,

I am so excited to be considered for the position of your Associate Pastor! I am looking forward meeting each of you, and learning what God is doing in the world through you. In parish ministry, I have felt that my calling has been to help people live out the commandment to "love thy neighbor" through the ups and downs of life. I enjoy the rhythm of a church's weekly routine in worship and gathering, and find preaching to be a joy and a privilege. I seek to create healing and a connection to God and neighbor through the study of scripture, worship and ritual, and personal interaction. I am truly looking forward to doing this with the Bayside community.

In addition to having a true heart for worship, mission, and pastoral care and counseling in its many forms, I also have a deep love for Hampton Roads. Although I was raised a "military brat" (My dad was career Navy medical), I spent many of my formative years here. PEVA and the souls of Green Acres Presbyterian Church in Portsmouth shaped me, helped me discern God's call on my life, and ordained me to ministry. I have been many places and have done many things, but this position of Associate Pastor at Bayside feels to me like the Spirit calling me home, both geographically and spiritually.

As my family and I take some time to say goodbye to our current home in Texas, and transition to calling Hampton Roads home, I ask that you pray for us. Please know that, although I do not yet know you each by name, I am already praying for you. I hope to see you soon!



With the love of Christ,
Rev. Kate Rascoe

BIO

Before moving to her current home in Texas, Kate had never lived in one place for longer than four years. The Navy, and then her own life have moved her often. A constant for her has been the Presbyterian Church. From California to Florida, from Virginia to Illinois and back, the church has been a consistent home.



A lifelong Presbyterian, God prepared Kate for ministry from an early age. Youth group, PEVA committees, campus ministry and summers working on the staff of Montreat Conference Center shaped her as a pastor years before it was “official”.

After graduating from Vanderbilt University (BA – Psychology & Religious Studies), Kate spent a year as a missionary in Miami, FL through the PC(USA)’s Young Adult Volunteer program. After that experience, she completed a degree at Columbia Theological Seminary (M. Div.), followed by a year-long Clinical Pastoral Education residency at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. Now she considers herself to be a “student of life”.

Over the last decade, Kate has served a variety of ministry settings. Her calm presence and loving nature have served her well as a chaplain and the pastor of two small churches. (Westminster Presbyterian Church; Whiteville, NC and Pipe Creek

Presbyterian Church; Pipe Creek, TX). She has loved the settings in which she has served, but also is thrilled to be joining a multi-staff congregation, with colleagues close by!

Kate has served the larger church as a summer camp chaplain in NC and TX, as a chaplain and Director for the Mo-Ranch Women’s Conference and as a commissioner to the General Assembly in 2012. In 2009, she and her husband founded Couples in Ministry, a retreat for clergy couples at Mo Ranch.

On a personal note, Kate is married to the Rev. Clayton Rascoe, and they have two daughters, Ruth (5) and Carolina (2). Their twelve year old dog, Nevah, completes the Rascoe Clan. The family loves to travel, visit with friends and family and be outdoors. In the spare time she can find, Kate enjoys reading (just about anything onsale at Amazon!), knitting, and live music of all genres.



Kate is grateful to be called back home. Hampton Roads has always been the place she identifies as home base. Her parents and sister are members of Green Acres Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth. While it will be difficult to say goodbye to so many good friends in Texas, she is excited about her family’s new adventure, and looking forward to serving a new church within the denomination that has always been home for her.

"Kate is very **meticulous** and thorough in her **work habits** and has done much with limited resources. Her greatest strength is **resilience** and her ability to use **diplomacy** when involved in potentially difficult situations."

Karen Stocks
Stated Clerk, Mission Presbytery

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"I was on the APNC that hired Kate and think the world of her. She has a **good integration of** real life **testimonials** with scripture and her messages. She is famous for bringing two churches together who had not spoken for over 100 years!"

Kimberly Rogers
Parishioner

"Ministry is something she has felt called to for a long time...She will bring Bayside wonderful training from college and seminary in addition to travel and volunteer **mission service** she has done...Kate also brings **experience** from serving two previous congregations as pastor. You will find her to be a solid and reliable pastor who I know you will quickly get to know and love."

Walt Hunting
Pastor Emeritus
GreenAcres Presbyterian Church

"Kate is one of the **best listeners** that I have ever met. She is quiet and self-assured with a **deep faith** that is very evident."

Bobbie Brenton
Bayside Presbyterian APNC

"Kate has become a dear friend and a trusted colleague during her ministry in our Presbytery. She leads with **integrity, thoughtfulness**, and a **deep and abiding faith**. I can trust Kate for opinions and ideas that are well thought out, **well-articulated**, and considerate of others and their positions. She is **innovative** and **creative** in worship, **tender** and **nurturing** with God's children of all ages, and **courageous** and challenging in her discipleship."

Rev. Monica Smith
Friend/Colleague

"Kate's quiet, **even-tempered** manner makes conversation flow easily which is needed in pastoral care."

Nancy Pouliquen
Bayside Presbyterian APNC

"Kate goes about her work in a quiet and honest way, always with a twinkle in her eyes! She is **warm and caring** and for several years served faithfully as the chaplain for the women's conference. She was the director of the conference (400 women) this year (2013) and did a tremendous job. She was always **confident, calm** and **reassuring** along with a **great sense of humor** when she addressed the assembly."

Barbara Kiser
Co-Director of Womens' Conference
Mo Ranch