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Emily Béghin

Emily was born in Carmel, Indiana and spent her first 12 years of childhood as a Methodist in Indianapolis. In 2002, Emily moved with her family to Scottsdale, Arizona. There, they immersed themselves in the life of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church. Emily graduated in 2012 from the University of Arizona, Tucson, with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in German. She went on to study at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas, and graduated in 2015 with a Master of Divinity.



As an avid musician, Emily has played trumpet in marching bands and folk groups, as well as playing with different church groups. She founded the first all-female a cappella group, *Dolce Voces* at the University of Arizona. In addition, Emily volunteered with FAIR--Foundation for Animals in Risk, and launched *Kindred Spirits*, a group at Austin Seminary. She has spent time working with children, youth and young adults, and participated in *UpLift*, a homeless ministry in Austin. Fortunate to visit Greece and Scotland, Emily loves to travel. She can often be found walking her dog, *Bandit*. She's a fan of *Doctor Who*.

Emily's hope is that the church will always seek to draw close to God, following in the way of Jesus Christ, moving with compassion, kindness, and grace. "Doing this is not always simple or easy. It comes with the price of our whole hearts and undivided attention." Emily hopes that her time at First Pres will be full of healthy learning opportunities and an occasion for flourishing in ministry.

Daniel Ervin

Daniel was born and raised on his family's farm near Statesville, North Carolina. He grew up as a member of Concord Presbyterian Church, where his



family has been active for many generations. Daniel graduated from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina, in 2011 with a degree in Social Work and a minor in Spanish. During that time he was active in the Presbyterian Campus Ministry and served as an AmeriCorps Volunteer, working with homeless and at-risk youth in Raleigh. Daniel graduated in 2014 with a Master of Divinity from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond,

Virginia and completed a second degree there in May 2015, a Master of Theology with a focus in liturgical and practical theology.

Daniel feels especially called to parish ministry at this point. He's particularly intrigued with the way worship intersects with the world and daily life. And while his interests are many and varied, he enjoys camping, tinkering with technology, traveling, playing the organ loudly, and reading.

Angela Ryo

Born in Seoul, Korea, Angela immigrated to the United States with her family at age 9 and grew up in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. Upon graduating from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign as an English major, she went on to study education and became a certified high school English and ESL teacher. Sensing a strong call to ordained ministry, Angela entered McCormick Theological Seminary in 2010. There she served on the Student Session as well as the Board of Trustees as the elected student representative. Angela has also worked as the Interim Coordinator for the Center for Asian American Ministries, conducting qualitative research to improve and empower Asian American faith communities in the Greater Chicago area. After graduating from McCormick, Angela worked at a non-profit youth residential facility funded by the Office of Refugee and Resettlement, teaching English to undocumented, unaccompanied minors.



In her free time, when she is not enjoying the company of her husband and her two children, she loves to take long walks, watch documentaries on food, and drink good coffee. As a high school teacher and a youth, college, and young adult director for the last fifteen years, Angela has discovered that her calling is both to be a bridge as well as raise up bridge builders in the ministry of reconciliation.

Angela is thrilled to enter into the life and ministry of First Pres “where one can freely ‘live the questions’ instead of always looking for the right answers... [as she joins] God at work to create communities of love, grace, peace, justice, freedom, creativity, and wholeness in this broken and fragmented world.”



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