

Press Release

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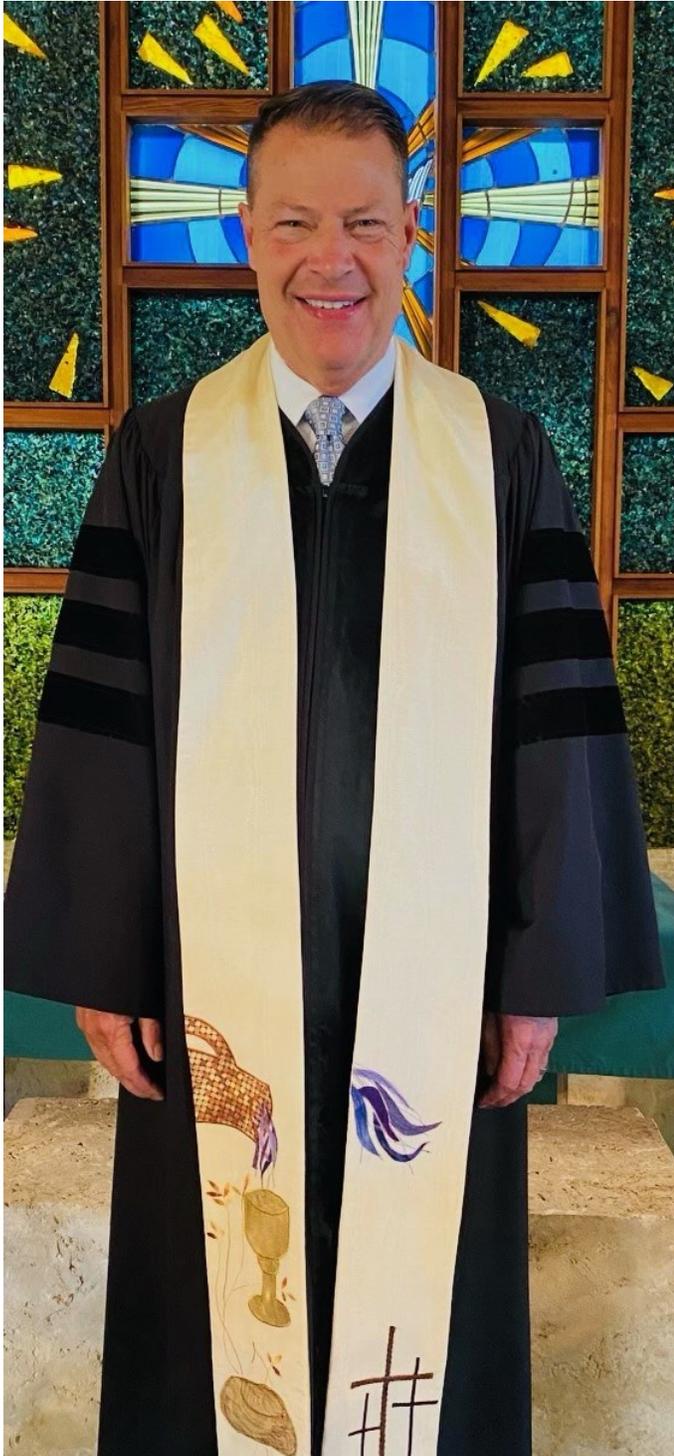
The Session of Lake Murray Presbyterian Church is excited to announce the selection of an interim pastor, The Rev. Dr. Daniel Hagmaier. Dr. Hagmaier will begin his service to the church on December 9th. Lake Murray Presbyterian Church holds two worship services each Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30. The congregation has robust programs for children and youth, and is engaged in mission service locally, regionally, and internationally.

About Dr. Daniel Hagmaier

With more than two decades of experience as a Presbyterian pastor, Dr. Hagmaier is recognized within the denomination as a successful church leader and builder of strong congregations. He has served as a Transitional Senior Pastor and Senior Pastor to mid-sized and large churches. In every church Dr. Hagmaier has served either as an installed or transitional pastor, each church has grown in members. Dr. Hagmaier served in two churches that added over 140 new members in just two years each. He has served in churches in Florida, California and Georgia.

Dr. Hagmaier has served as the Moderator, President of the Board of Trustees and Chair of Council at various presbyteries. He is currently the Pastor at Peace Covenant Presbyterian in Key West while also preaching to 250 congregants 20 miles up the road at a community called Venture Out. Dr. Hagmaier is also preaching, leading worship and playing the piano at a 129-year-old Bahamian/African American Congregation in Key West.

Dr. Hagmaier is a graduate of Florida Bible College, has a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary. Dr. Hagmaier preaches with no notes and loves to teach.



Dr. Hagmaier is married to Jaye J. Hagmaier who is a jeweler by trade and will be joining him on this journey. They keep an eye on two children, Shane, who is a manager for Intel Corporation in Portland, Oregon and Shawna, who is a General Manager of a Staples Store in Sarasota, Florida. Daniel and Jaye J. love to fellowship, dance, and travel.

FROM THE INTERIM SEARCH COMMITTEE

It was an honor to serve on this committee with Cheyrl Boone, John Harris, Mary Higginbotham, and Merideth Strawhorne. Over the course of 3 ½ months, we had over 30 people apply for the position, conducted 8 Zoom interviews and 2 in person interviews. We listened to countless sermons, read and re-read PIFs, checked references and last but certainly not least, prayed...a lot.

I would like to share some thought from our committee on how and why we chose Daniel to join LMPC.

- Daniel is a high energy individual: You can see that he loves his job and enjoys preparing a church for its future pastor.
- He is an intentional listener: Daniel stayed focused on interview questions and personal conversations during his visit.
- He is not afraid to ask: He is successful at raising money and participation for stewardship projects.
- He is committed to LMPC: Daniel was one of a few willing to make a permanent move to LMPC and not commute from out of town.
- His wife, Jaye J: It is nice to see Daniel's relationship with his wife and the commitment they have to each other. Jaye J also enjoys participating in the church.

My initial impression of Daniel was that he is excited about his work. I like his preaching style. He preaches without notes, so his sermons are like a conversation. Yes, his style is a little different than what LMPC is used to, but I think his enthusiasm will awaken the spirit in our congregation. Daniel's primary assets are his outgoing personality, his knowledge of the Bible, his ability to fundraise and his willingness to accept a challenge.

I am excited about the energy that Daniel can bring to our church. In his zoom interview, Daniel stood out above the rest. His personality and thoughtful nature came shining through. Our in-person meeting was even more reassuring. He and Jaye J. are social, love to dance and travel, and I believe our members will relate to him.

Daniel is enthusiastic and comfortable to be around. I believe he will guide LMPC through this transition with ease and confidence.

After a very thorough and thoughtful (and prayerful!) process, I believe our committee has found the best candidate for the job, and I can't wait for everyone to meet him.

Sincerely, Ginny Rogers