



PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS



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Welcome To PEAKS POSTINGS

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
8-01-23	10:00 a.m.	Justice and Mercy (Zoom)



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30AM - 4:30PM

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Welcome
Rachel Vogado
Teaching Elder
Presbytery of the Peaks

A cradle Presbyterian, Rachel grew up in Tallahassee, Florida, where she enjoyed being outdoors in nature. At Florida State University she studied Art History and Museum Education. While there, she studied in Italy and the UK along with participating in campus ministry. She attended seminary at Columbia in Atlanta, where she met her husband, Chris. After a Lake Fellowship in Indianapolis, she served in the Charlotte, NC area before moving to Virginia when her husband accepted a call to Salem Presbyterian.

Rachel describes herself as a serial hobbyist. She loves museums and learning new things. Her artistic interests include painting and quilting stoles. She's even tried beekeeping!

Rachel is in a 'season of stepping in,' currently as Summer Pastor at Covenant, Roanoke. Serving in short-term positions allows her to bring and experience a different perspective. She continues to explore how to use art to connect with God and learn more about him and how to share that with congregations.

"Our creator is honored when we live creatively."

5 FAST FACTS

to know about

RACHEL



1. Family

Rachel's husband, Chris, is pastor at Salem Presbyterian. They have one cat, Pokey.

2. Favorite Food

Her favorite food is a summer vegetable dinner, fresh from the garden.



3. Favorite Season

Rachel's favorite season is fall. She sees trees as grounding, and in fall they are at their best. It also has great holidays.

4. Recently Read

Along with historical fiction, she likes kid's books for their profundity. Recommendation: *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill.



5. Memory Verse

Lamentations 3:22-23

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God's mercies never come to an end; they are
new every morning; great is your faithfulness."



BOOK OF ORDER 2023-2025

Available Now!

Presbytery of the Peaks will be ordering the 2023-2025 Book of Order. Please contact Julie with the number of books needed by your church at 1-888-557-3257 or julie@peakspresbytery.org.

The cost of the book is **\$8.00**.

Please indicate whether the books will be picked up at the office or shipped to the church. (Please note shipping charges will apply.)

*The office has 9 copies left of the current Book of Order. We will send those out for \$6.00 each.



The **First Pres Presents Fine Arts Series** will kick off it's first of eight concerts on Saturday, August 26 at 4pm with *Powerful Passages*. This event, performed in the Sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, is the final concert of the *Seven Hills Chamber Music Festival* and features a wide range of world-renowned musicians. The musicians will perform works by Mendelssohn, Beethoven, and more as soloists and in small groups. This is the third year that First Presbyterian Church has been a host sight for the *Seven Hills Chamber Music Festival*. The concert is free and open to all.

OPEN POSITION

First Presbyterian Church of Howard County in beautiful Columbia, Maryland, is seeking an interim pastor for one-to-two years, following the retirement of our long-term co-pastors. We are an active, diverse, multi-generational congregation (568 active members; average Sunday attendance of 180) with a strong mission presence. We are a Matthew 25 congregation and have a strong commitment to diversity and social justice. Our interim pastor will help guide and prepare the congregation to call pastoral leadership, and ensure that the church has essential pastoral leadership during a time of change. Join us during this exciting time!

For position description, click [here](#).

For questions, email IPSC@firstpreshc.org.



A program for pastors

At the Presbyterian Foundation, we believe it is important to resource pastoral leaders and the congregations they serve in the areas of church financial literacy and leadership. We have established a national coaching network to help address the challenges faced by pastoral leaders and promote sustainability and excellence in ministry.

The Presbyterian Foundation's **Church Financial Leadership Coaching Program** is a **free, 12-month coaching program** for church pastors that will assist you in leading your congregation down the path of financial sustainability to fulfill your church's mission.

Click [here](#) for more details.



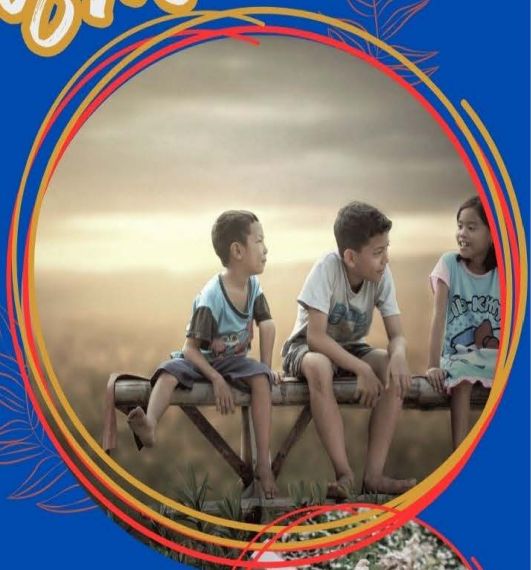
Let's Talk About It...!
**Healing Conversations to Bridge
the Gaps Which Divide us...**

Facing Racism

Saturday, August 12
9am-4pm

*Blacksburg Presbyterian
Church*

701 Church Street SE
Blacksburg VA 24060



A learning workshop designed for
pastors and lay leaders to engage
the topic of Racism through the
lens of scripture and shared dialogue...

Please see the Peaks Presbytery website for
more information and registration

Justice & Mercy of Peaks Presbytery



Peaks Postings is published each week on Tuesday. Please submit news, events, or prayer requests **by noon on Mondays** to Julie Burnett at julie@peakspresbytery.org for inclusion in the following issue.

Guidelines for announcements or news items to be featured in *Peaks Postings*:

- Keep the information to one page or less.
- Use links to web sites rather than including lots of details.
- Please obtain permission from the people pictured in your photos before submitting them to *Peaks Postings*.

Peaks Postings Editors reserve the right to

- feature or not feature an article. Our first priority is to feature activities within POP churches and the Presbytery.
- edit submitted articles/announcements.
- limit the number of weeks an article/announcement is featured.

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