

# Candidate Information

## Ministry Experience

- Chaplain and Planning Team, Women's Connection Conference, Montreat, NC (August 2009, July 2010)
- Moderator of Session and Preacher, Glendale Springs Presbyterian Church, NC (2007-08)
- Associate Minister of Pastoral Care and Congregational Life, First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC (1999-2003)
- Pastoral Counselor/Hospital Chaplain (1997-99)

## Education

- Columbia Theological Seminary, MDiv
- Davidson College, BA History

## Other Experience

- Connector for West Neighborhood of Salem Presbytery and member of Presbytery Committees (2006-10)
- Board of Directors, Sharon Towers Retirement Community, Charlotte, NC (2000-05)
- Board of Directors, Community School of The Arts, Charlotte, NC (1999-2003)
- Keynote Speaker for various Youth, Women and College Retreats

## Mark your calendar!

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **September 12, 2010** following the 11:00 a.m. service to receive the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on the call to the Reverend Mary Katherine Robinson to be Associate Pastor for Member Care and Involvement



**Associate Pastor for Member Care and Involvement Primary Responsibilities:** Deacons and DeaconCare; Commitment Committee; Congregational Care Committee; lead Pastor for care of members; new member involvement; congregational worship; special worship/administrative leadership

### APNC Members

Chair, David Gault  
Mim Armour  
Janet Dunlap  
Mary Anna Fulmer  
Sally Herlong  
Marty Jenkins  
Dolores Parrish  
Ansley Rowe  
George Sawyer  
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OAPC's Associate Pastor  
Nominating Committee  
*joyfully presents*

**Rev. Mary Katherine  
Robinson**

**Candidate for Associate  
Pastor for Member Care  
and Involvement**

## A note from the APNC

### The process and decision

In February, 2010 ten members were elected by the congregation to form an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). The charge was to search for the person called by God to fill the position of Associate Pastor for Member Care and Involvement. The APNC's guiding vision through the process was to seek an individual who has Christ-centered compassion, administrative skills, and a genuine passion for ministry, commitment, communication, and connection. The search process involved reviewing more than 60 PIFs (resumes), interviewing and viewing sermons of the top candidates from across the U.S., clocking countless hours in and out of meetings. At every level of the search process, Mary Katherine remained the top choice of each member of the committee. A weekend visit was arranged at which time the APNC and church staff had a chance to meet and interview her face-to-face.

The APNC made a **unanimous** and **enthusiastic** decision to extend a call to Mary Katherine Robinson to be our next Associate Pastor. We are thrilled she accepted the call!

Mary Katherine fulfills everything the APNC was looking for – experience with Stephen Ministry, pastoral counseling and care, the ability to build and maintain relationships, a complement to the current staff. She has **abounding energy and enthusiasm**, is personable, warm, and loving, and has a gift for music and a great sense of humor. She fully embodies the position description, is grounded in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and is theologically aligned with the congregation of OAPC.

Among other qualified applicants, Mary Katherine is simply the **PERFECT FIT!** The APNC is excited and sure that you will embrace the family with open arms as a part of our church family.

### About her family

Mary Katherine and her husband, **Billy**, have been married for 12 years. They are the proud parents of 3 beautiful children: **Mary Scott**, age 8 – almost 9 (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), **Munroe**, age 7 (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), and **Sarah Wren**, age 5 (kindergarten). Billy is also an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC (USA).

### Message from Mary Katherine

*I am excited to have the opportunity to serve with the members of OAPC. Likewise, my family and I are thrilled about moving to Rock Hill and becoming part of such a wonderful vibrant community.*

*As a lifelong member in the Presbyterian Church, I have a deep-rooted love for our worship and tradition and seek to share this with a vibrant congregation. Feeling strongly called to pastoral ministry, I care deeply about others and seek to foster an environment in which others feel cared for and supported.*

*I believe that every member has a ministry and that ministry is the place where our spiritual and natural gifts meet the purposes of God in the world. I am excited about equipping and empowering others to serve, as well as liberating members for their own ministry. One of my greatest joys is teaching others to care for one another through the caring ministries of the church.*

*God calls every believer to follow Jesus Christ without regard to destination. For me, that is offering a word of hope in the darkest moments of life, a ministry of presence where people are lonely, suffering or dying. I also look forward to celebrating with you all of the abundance and joys that God has to offer!*

*I sense you are an exciting congregation that eagerly serves in the name of Christ. I humbly ask for God's Spirit and mercy to bless our partnership as we move forward in ministry together.*



### What Mary Katherine's references had to say...

*"She is amazing...open...has wisdom beyond her years... solid... grounded... you can't go wrong with her...it's a no-brainer!"*

*"She listens deeply."*

*"She has a fine sense of compassion and care... very organized with the skills necessary to carry out tasks... has abundant joy and excitement. She is top notch!"*

*"She is competent and deeply committed... a first class human being... very bright... has a wide knowledge of the Presbyterian Church"*

*"She only walks on water 3 times a week!!"*