



The APNC Joyfully Presents  
**Grace Lindvall**  
 Trinity's New Associate Pastor

**T**he Associate Pastor Nominating Committee joyfully presents Grace Lindvall as Trinity Presbyterian Church's Associate Pastor for Missions and Church Growth.



The daughter of a Presbyterian pastor, Grace grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan and New York City where her father now serves as Senior Pastor of The Brick Presbyterian Church. She attended The Hewitt School and graduated from the University of Michigan with Bachelor of Arts degrees in political science and English.

After graduation, Grace joined a mission team to Kenya. Reflecting on her time in Kenya, Grace came to understand that *"God had been calling me for a lot longer than I ever realized."* Her time working with girls in an orphanage in Kenya gave her a tangible sense of God's presence. Grace tells of attending a theology conference for African churches in Nairobi and trying to connect with her two roommates over breakfast. For most of the conversation, the women found little in common in their backgrounds until one young woman gazing out the window asked Grace, *"Does the sun look the same where you are from?"* In her reply that it did indeed, Grace remembers that then the barriers began to dissolve.



Grace will be graduating from Princeton Seminary in May after serving as President of the Student Government Association. She credits her time at Princeton as one in which she has been able to discern God's call in her life and in which she could discover the gifts that she might bring to ministry. While a student at Princeton Seminary, Grace worked with the women's association at The Brick Church. This experience taught her to respect opinions, coordinate events, and fundraise. Serving as a youth intern at Lawrenceville Church, Grace says that she was interested to see how the lessons learned in the classroom could be applied in the real world.

While at seminary, Grace learned from Karen Hernandez-Granzen of Westminster Presbyterian in Trenton, New Jersey about engaging the community and the church. Grace worked with helping transition prisoners back into the community after their release. She recalls this time as one in which she considered the reasons why the church does missions and how missions can be a response to the on-going needs of a community, not merely a response to the latest tragedy. Additionally, Kate Foster-Connors of The Center (Baltimore Presbytery) helped Grace to learn different ways of thinking about what she was doing, why it mattered and how it made sense in the community.

Grace describes Trinity as *"the place that God has called me."* Grace enthusiastically anticipates getting to know the congregation. She is excited to talk to members and families, to hear what matters to the congregation and to hear our understanding of growth in spiritual life. She wants to hear how she can *"be a part of the change and growth"* at Trinity.

**Fun Facts About Grace**



Grace loves to run



She's an avid knitter



As well as an experienced sailor



Excited to learn what it's like to live in the South



She's a University of Michigan football fan



She's Ready to drink some sweet tea



And she's looking forward to watching some basketball and is seeking help making her first bracket

**To my new Trinity Family,**

*Humbly, joyfully, and thankfully, I look forward to accepting the call to serve as Trinity's new Associate Pastor for Missions and Church Growth.*

*I come to Trinity with a sense that this is the place God is calling me and with great hope for our future together. I look forward to being a part of your wonderful tradition of worship, fellowship and community. I am excited to be a part of the work God is doing at Trinity.*

*I am eager to have the opportunity to meet the congregation, to get to know you all in worship, in service, in conversation and fellowship. I look forward to listening to you, to discerning with you and to using our gifts to serve our community.*

*"So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another."(Romans 14:19) With great excitement, I look forward to building each other up in faith and love, making peace for all.*



**In Christ,  
 Grace**

**What People Have To Say About Grace:**



**The Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes, President of Princeton Theological Seminary:**

*"Grace Lindvall has extraordinary gifts in leadership, pastoral care, and communication. She has honed these gifts through her seminary education, work in the church, and in the foreign mission field. She has an amazing capacity for work and is clearly called to pastoral ministry."*

**Rev. Kate Foster Connors, Director of The Center (Baltimore Presbytery):**

*"Grace is immensely talented, flexible, and creative. She has a great sense of humor and is able to work both autonomously and collaboratively. At the Center, Grace was a self-starter: she devised and implemented programs to address poverty and hunger."*

**Rev. Matt Pigman, Associate Pastor for Youth and Worship Ministries,  
 Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church:**

*"Grace is very good at meeting new people and forging new relationships. She is creative, competent, and highly motivated."*

