



September 13, 2023

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Session appointed Interim Pastor Search Committee has completed its task and is happy to announce that their search has culminated with the appointment of Rev. Dr. Tim Spring as Interim Pastor. Pastor Tim will join us October 1st and we expect him to be with us for the next 12 to 24 months. During this time, we will have an opportunity to transition from our past to the future of our next called Pastor. Tim's role is extremely important through this process. He comes to us with the best qualities to keep our congregation connected and energized.

The Interim Pastor Search Committee started 9 months ago. Their goal was to find the best interim candidate for our congregation based on your comments and recommendations. They reviewed over 35 resumes and conducted numerous interviews with potential candidates. Rev. Spring was referred by Brian Wallace, a friend of OPC and member of our Presbytery. He himself attended Tim's services and thought he was someone we should interview. Based on our in-depth conversations and Tim's strengths, we feel Tim will serve our congregation in the way we are most familiar. He is personable, he is relational, he is warm, he is sincere, he uses humor abundantly, he has a deep faith, he is genuine, and he exudes humility. The committee is proud to present him as our Interim Pastor.

Pastor Tim most recently served as the Senior Pastor of North Hills Community Baptist Church, having retired after 32 years of service. He has additionally served as Chaplin, Fair Oaks Pittsburgh Senior Living and Pastor, First Baptist Church, Huntingdon, PA.

From Tim: "I am looking for new challenges and greater growth in the gifts that I have been given. I enjoy opportunities to be present in people's lives in meaningful ways."

Pastor Tim and his wife Pauline, a retired educator, live in Gibsonia, PA. Pauline currently leads a 503c refugee organization.

Please join us on September 17 in welcoming Rev. Spring to OPC at both services as well as a reception in Friendship Hall following the 11 o'clock worship.

Many thanks to Reverend Lee Nichols who stepped in during the last few weeks and for his offer to serve as needed. Thanks also to Reverend Steve Crocco who will continue his Associate Pastor duties as well as be a great resource for Pastor Tim. Our Director of Music Ministries, Michael Frank, will also work closely with Pastor Tim collaborating on our worship services.

The Session also extends its thanks to the search committee of Sally Huber-Lewis, Co-Chair, Nick Kokales, Co-Chair, Dave Geis, Chris Hudak, Jim Kinter, and Christine Little.

Yours in Christ,
Your Session

Welcome to our Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Tim Spring and his wife Pauline

Tim's rich educational journey includes a B.A. in Religion and Sociology from Grove City College Magna Cum Laude in 1981 ; a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1984; and Doctor of Ministry from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in 2006. Tim grew up in Williamsport, PA, home of Little League baseball, and was a DJ/Radio Announcer in Williamsport for four years.

Pauline taught for 23 years at Hampton Middle & High School, and previously at West Allegheny and Bishop Guilfoyle (Altoona) and at Carnegie Mellon University as an adjunct. Pauline is also the founder of THRIVE, a ministry to immigrants and refugees <https://www.thrivepittsburgh.org>. Pauline has a BA in German & English from Grove City College and an M.A. degree in German from Penn State University. Pauline is a 'local girl', graduating from North Allegheny High School in 1978.

Tim is an avid sports fan (especially all things Pittsburgh) and enjoys reading, music, movies, and biking. Pauline is an amateur genealogist, gardener, enjoys choral singing, and is a travel enthusiast, having visited 19 different countries so far.

The Spring's live in Gibsonia, PA and you can often find them at the library, Starbucks, on the road, or on their deck (weather permitting).

We hope you will **join us to welcome Rev. Spring to Oakmont Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 17**. Tim will be introduced at both services and at a reception immediately following the 11:00 worship service in Friendship Hall.

