

Brandon Frick Bio

I was born and raised in Chapin, SC, a two-stoplight town northwest of Columbia. I was raised Lutheran (like my family before me), and we were in that pew – 7 from the front on the right hand side – every Sunday, and other times throughout the week, too. Around the age of 17, the church imploded due to a scandal involving the pastor. I got very disillusioned with church and just quit going. Then one day, one of my teachers, whose husband was a Presbyterian pastor invited me to church to hear their bag-pipers one Sunday, and, well, the rest is history. I became Presbyterian a couple of years after that.

Certainly, Presbyterian College had a lot to do with that. I got to see a nurturing, thinking faith in action and experience it in my own life. I was a Religion/Philosophy major and spent time with some incredible men and women of the faith. I would consider the lessons learned there the most important things PC gave me, but my senior year, my future wife and I started dating. Four states, a dog and two kids later, she is without a doubt the gift that keeps on giving. (And she's a counselor, which is super important for us pastor-types.)

After PC, we went to Princeton Theological Seminary for my M.Div, and then to the Baylor University Department of Religion for my PhD in Theology. While in Waco, we were active at First Presbyterian, which ended up being crucial in my call. Though I had been training since I was 18 to be an academic, I realized that I was being called elsewhere, but as I was wrapping up my PhD, I didn't know where.

My wife was then offered a job in her hometown of Jacksonville, FL, and we moved, and I began a period of discernment, first spending 9 months working in pastoral care at Wolfson Children's Hospital, and then a year at Palms Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville Beach. It was at Palms, where I was cared for and stretched by an amazing staff and congregation, that I began to embrace, and rejoice at, my calling to congregational ministry.

I took my first installed position at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park, MD, where I currently serve as the Associate Pastor of Adult Education, Small Groups and Young Adults.