

Rev Nancy Elizabeth Lindsey - BIO

Raised in eastern Arkansas, I graduated from Forrest City High School, Ouachita Baptist University with a Bachelor of Music Education/Choral, did some graduate work with New York University in Drama-in-Education (taking me to England and Ireland to also study) and Memphis Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity.

This educational tour is also reflective of my faith journey beginning with baptism in the Southern Baptist Convention to becoming a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church, USA. This journey took me to the Methodist church as a Choir Director, Saturday evening Mass organist at St Francis Catholic Church and filling in as organist for friends at the Disciples of Christ and Episcopal churches in Forrest City. Some may think this could have “muddled” my system of belief but it made it stronger and helped me to verbalize my belief.

Teaching Elder fits my point of view as a minister and pastor for I began my adult life as a teacher and teaching continues to be part of my ministry.

This teaching career started as a music teacher for kindergarten through twelfth grades. Returning to Forrest City High School I began as choir director and left for Seminary as the Oral Communications, Drama, and Theater teacher. I was insightful enough to get a concentration in Oral Communications and Drama while finishing my degree in Music, a decision I have never regretted for it has been an asset in my working with worship teams to create meaningful worship that includes all sensory attributes: sight sound and word, helping congregations to participate in the worship.

Mission is a part of my life because I was exposed as a teen to two trips that were life changing for me. Our youth group was also the youth choir, so trips had a musical element to them as we held a Vacation Bible School, helped lead worship, door to door surveys for possible new churches and concerts for small churches in between stops.

I am the daughter of Wylie and Nancy Lindsey, oldest to my sisters Wylene and Teresa, sister-in-law to Terry and Larry, aunt to Joshua, Randal, Lindsey, Whitney, Landon and Brandie, great-aunt to Avery, Auston, Caison and Amelia. I have many “grandkids” because of the many students who have shared their lives and children with me.

Each change of job, place I call home and relationships are part of a journey that God has blessed me richly. I have tried and failed, I have tried and been successful, usually after a failure. I am flawed, I am human but I am compassionate and loyal. I am not as organized as I have always tried to be but there is order in my chaos even though it cannot always be seen yet. I love to work in teams to visualize and create new ways of being Church, provide for the marginalized and giving hope to those in despair.

So I am ready to be Church with First Presbyterian of Higginsville, MO and Heartland Presbytery.