

2009 Let's Celebrate Worship Leaders

Reverend Eddie Deas, III



Rev. Eddie Deas, III, has been the pastor of Third Street Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, NC since April of 2007. He was educated through the public school system of Sumter, SC. He is a Magna Cum Laude graduate with a B.A in History from Morris College in Sumter, S.C. He also holds a Master of Arts degree from Ohio State University and his Master of Divinity degree, honor graduate, from the Interdenominational Theological Center (John C. Smith Seminary) in Atlanta, GA.

His ministry can be characterized as one with small congregations. He served during seminary as a student supply to two yoked, small rural congregations in Lee County, S.C. His first installed pastorate was at Mount Pisgah in Rocky Mount, N.C., where he served almost five years, then at St. Luke Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg, S.C., where he served almost ten years and then at Community Presbyterian Church in

Portsmouth, VA, where he served eight years.

Rev. Deas is presently a member of the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and the Racial Ethnic Committee of the Presbytery. He also serves as a board member of the Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Reverend Margaret “Maggie” Lauterer

Rev. Maggie Lauterer was baptized into the body of Christ as a baby before the congregation of the Crossnore Presbyterian Church, where she joined at the age of nine. That church was a focal point of her family’s life and mission.

Maggie received an associate degree from Montreat-Anderson Junior College and her bachelor’s degree from UNC-Chapel Hill.

She worked in several fields before going to seminary – as a teacher, an award-winning newspaper writer/columnist and television reporter. As a second career student, she received her M.Div from Union-PSCE in Richmond, VA.

She has served at Burnsville First Presbyterian for almost ten years, where she has witnessed God’s hand in building up that church.

Maggie served as Moderator of the Presbytery of WNC two years ago, as Moderator of the Presbytery Council last year, and served as a Commissioner for our Presbytery to the General Assembly last June.

She counts herself blessed to be the wife of Zack Allen, the mother of Jon and Selena, and grandmother of Olive and Ruth.

