

A Perfect Match

The more we, the PNC, learned about Pastor D'Andrea, the more certain we were that she is a perfect match for PPC. Read her description of the church she feels called to serve:

“The ministry setting to which God is calling me is a community where worship is taken seriously. Not serious in the sense of dour and imposing but in the sense of recognizing the power of God in our midst and offering thanks and praise and humble service to that truth. The worship life of the community I am called to serve is vibrant and varied. There is an openness to doing things differently in worship with the recognition that things may flop but that God can use the offerings we bring and transform hearts and minds. In the community I feel called to serve worship is joy-filled and grounded in the Reformed Tradition. In the worship service the Word is lifted up in such a way that the call to love God and love neighbor is made clear to all present. I feel called to serve a church that takes Christian discipleship seriously. The characteristics of this community include a church whose members are in the greater community serving, helping and leading at civic and community events. In the church I feel called to serve the members are actively engaged in Christian spiritual practices such as prayer, Bible study, hospitality, stewardship, and practicing the presence of Christ. The members take the practice of the presence of God so seriously that they live out work and worship in all of their daily activities—the one flows seamlessly into the other.”

Statements from the PNC Members

- From the moment we met her in person, I became excited and confident that our prayers were being answered
- Intelligent, thoughtful, experienced and confident
- Her references were extravagant in their praise; “beloved” is the word we heard over and over again
- Eloquent and moving sermons
- Honest, forthright, compassionate, & humble



Your PPC Pastor Nominating Committee
joyfully presents

The Reverend Emily Berman D'Andrea



*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105*

“Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 3:5-6 and Philippians 4:8 are verses from scripture that have helped to guide me through tough times and lead me to aspire higher. I am confident that God’s word and light have ushered me to Potomac Presbyterian Church and am so very excited about the possibilities for mission and ministry that God will illumine on our path ahead.” Pastor D’Andrea

Introducing the Reverend Emily Berman D'Andrea

Formal Education:

- ❖ A.B., Davidson College (Political Science)
- ❖ Certificate in Theological Studies, Georgetown University
- ❖ Masters of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary
- ❖ Parish Pulpit Fellowship (1 year global study)

Continuing Education:

- ❖ Certified as a ChristCare Small Group Equipper
- ❖ Certified Stephen Leader in Stephen Ministry program
- ❖ Certified Interim Ministry Training (week 1)
- ❖ Additional training in numerous areas such as Clinical Pastoral Education, CREDO, stewardship, spiritual guidance, prayer workshops and other topics.

Work Experience:

- ❖ Associate Pastor for Christian Formation, Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA, April 2002 – present
- ❖ Gap Pastor, Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA January–August 2015, November 2007- March 2008, January-March 2004
- ❖ Associate Pastor for Education, Burke Presbyterian Church, Burke, VA, September 1998 – April 2002
- ❖ Parish Intern, Holburn West Church, Aberdeen, Scotland January–June 1998
- ❖ Professional Staff Member for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, 1989-1994



The Reverend Emily Berman D'Andrea is from West Hartford, Connecticut; the fourth of four children in her family. After graduation from Conard High School, she moved south to attend Davidson College where she played varsity tennis. A summer with the Davidson-in-Washington, DC Program, interning in the Senate and studying Central American Politics, led to her decision to major in Political Science. She spent her junior year of college at the University of Strasbourg in France and took courses with other international students in Human Rights at the Council of Europe. Upon graduation from Davidson College she moved to Washington, DC and worked as a Professional Staff Member for the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee.

While working on Capitol Hill she completed a certificate in Theological Studies at Georgetown University which is when she felt the nudge to explore God's love more fully. This led her to pursue an M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary and follow a call to ministry. While at Princeton she was awarded a grant to participate in a Jewish-Christian Dialogue Conference at the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland. She was also awarded a fellowship to participate in the Megiddo Expedition archeological dig in Israel with students from Princeton Seminary and from around the world. Upon graduation from Princeton Seminary she was awarded the prestigious Parish Pulpit Fellowship which granted her a year of study and travel. She spent four months in Southeast Asia studying Christian worship in different cultural contexts while living on seminary campuses in Hong Kong, Taiwan, China and Japan. During that Fellowship year she also spent time at two ecumenical worshipping communities in Europe—Taizé in France and Iona in Scotland.

Upon returning to the United States she began her parish ministry as the Associate Pastor at Burke Presbyterian Church immersing herself in all aspects of the life of the church and in particular working with the Educational Ministry. She was called away from the Burke Church to Lewinsville Presbyterian Church. There she again immersed herself in all aspects of the ministry of the church, serving as Associate Pastor and for short stretches of time as Gap Pastor. She has also represented National Capital Presbytery on two overseas mission trips.

Emily is married to Paul who is a part-time soccer coach and runs a performance nutrition start-up company (Stress Killer). They have two children, Beverly who is fourteen and JohnPaul who is twelve. As a family, the D'Andreas enjoy camping and visiting National Parks. They have made an annual driving pilgrimage to Yellowstone National Park for the past five years exploring various parts of the USA along the way. In her spare time Emily enjoys watching her children play soccer, helping her children with their musical endeavors, reading, and walking. Emily enjoys field hockey, badminton, tennis, singing, and playing her flute when she gets a chance to dust it off.