

Rev. Jason Freyer

I think God loves telling good stories, and so far mine has been a pretty great adventure!

I was born at Forbes Hospital, where I was to have surgery a day after I was born to correct a kidney issue. Thus, I was baptized by a Catholic priest who was double parked just outside the hospital in a ceremony that lasted no more than two minutes. This is how I entered both life and faith, and it's pretty fitting!

My family moved to Murrysville where I attended Franklin Regional High School and met the love of my life, Sarah Fetterman. We started dating when we were in the drumline in marching band, and all these years later are married with twin boys, Joshua and Julian, both of whom enjoy playing the drums in our basement in a way that makes me appreciate how much my parents put up with when I was growing up.

I started college at Indiana University of Pennsylvania as a music education major, but quickly discovered that I could not actually read music, a required skill for that degree it would turn out. While I was struggling with deciding what to do, a former mentor and youth worker at Beulah suggested that I give ministry a try, and so I did. I graduated with a degree in Religious Studies in 2006 and began working as a Director of Christian Education at First Presbyterian Church in Murrysville.

A few years later I accepted a position as the Director of High School Ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church in the South Hills of Pittsburgh. While there I slowly completed my Masters of Divinity at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, graduating a full 10 years after I had started in 2016. I was ordained as the Associate Pastor for Youth, Contemporary Worship, and Media at Westminster in 2017, and served in that capacity for three years.

In 2020, just as the COVID pandemic was starting, I accepted a call to serve as the solo pastor at Laboratory Presbyterian Church in Washington, PA. Having just wrapped up a graduate certificate in Church Planting and Revitalization, I came to realize that the pandemic forced every church to revitalize, in ways both big and small. The name *Laboratory* felt particularly appropriate for this season of ministry, as we worked to experiment and discover new ways to spread the Gospel during this unique season of Church life.

I am delighted to be joining the team here at Beulah, and I can't wait to see where this particular story is heading next!