

DISCERNING TOGETHER

After much prayer & consideration, the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) is pleased to call the Reverend gretchen Sausville to the role of Pastor & Head of Staff for our community.

Rev. Sausville says, "I am humbled & thrilled to accept the call to serve as your next Pastor & Head of Staff! From the very first conversations, I've been blown away by the warmth, care, & integrity of this community. ...I am honored to be called to this place, & excited to see what we will build together, in faith, with laughter, & a whole lot of heart."

IT'S NOT A TYPO

Her mother loved the artistry of the small "g" & intentionally wrote it on her birth certificate—a choice gretchen has continued to use.



Easter Sunrise Service at Red Rocks



Visiting the Dead Sea



With Mom & Brother

FUN FACTS

She plays the New York Times word games. Daily. Faithfully.

She loves to cook & believes homemade soup is always in season.

She is a New Jersey native & descended from a long line of Quakers.

Her mother & brother will be within driving distance of Columbia. Her five-year-old nephew & his parents live in DC.



INTRODUCING The Reverend gretchen Sausville (she / her)



First Presbyterian Church
OF HOWARD COUNTY



MAKING LIFE INTERESTING

gretchen is a devoted pet parent, a potter, actor, yoga enthusiast, skier, & avid traveler. She has lived in Connecticut, Colorado, California, & Scotland, developing a broad appreciation for place, community, & shared life. As a Lilly Foundation Clergy Renewal Grant recipient, she has spent extensive time in the Holy Land & continues leading pilgrimages. She has hiked the Jesus Trail & the Camino Frances, & has set a goal to walk a pilgrimage trail on every continent.

LEADING WITH EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, & TRUST

Since April 1, 2023, Rev. Sausville has served as **Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Denver**; requiring deep knowledge of Presbyterian polity, strong organizational leadership, & pastoral care for many congregations.

As **Pastor & Head of Staff at Arvada Presbyterian Church** from 2017-2022, she guided a merger with Trinity Presbyterian Church to become Community of Grace.

Previously, Rev. Sausville spent ten years at **Westminster Presbyterian Church in Connecticut as Associate Pastor & Acting Head of Staff**, where she engaged in interfaith & ecumenical work, partnering with the Jewish Federation of Hartford & IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services).

She began ministry as **Chaplain at Westminster Woods Camp & Conference Center** in California.

Rev. Sausville holds an **M.Div from Princeton Seminary** with a Women's Studies Emphasis. She graduated from **the University of Northern Colorado in Performing & Visual Arts**. Additionally, she earned a **Certificate in Community Organizing from Smith Seminary**.

RETURNING TO CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

While grateful for her presbytery-wide service in Denver, Rev. Sausville returns to local ministry with deep enthusiasm for journeying the liturgical seasons alongside a congregation—preaching, worshiping, & discerning God's movement together, week by week.

Rev. Sausville was raised in an interfaith community & has family representing all three Abrahamic faiths—shaping a lifelong commitment to interfaith & ecumenical work.

She is passionate about creative worship, building bridges across differences, & helping people of all ages think about faith. She brings theological depth, creativity, imagination, & collaborative leadership to her ministry.

