



*THE SENIOR PASTOR  
SEARCH COMMITTEE  
IS PLEASED TO NOMINATE. . .*





**ZACH ROGERS**

*The Senior Pastor Search Committee, united and convinced of God's will, is pleased to nominate Zach Rogers to be called as Grace Presbyterian Church's next Senior Pastor.*

Currently, Zach is the Regional Director for Campus Outreach in Central Illinois and a member of Christ Church PCA in Normal, IL.

Married to Sheffey for almost 14 years, they have two children, Riz and Raleigh.

Zach has a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Math Education from Tennessee Tech University and a Masters in Theological Studies from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO.

## Zach is ...

### **A Man of God**

*Fueled by His Grace*

### **A Man of The Word**

*Who loves to study*

### **Mission Focused**

*With a heart for the lost*

### **A Preacher and Teacher**

*With effective communication skills*

### **Equipper of Others**

*Through evangelism and discipleship*

### **Shepherd**

*Who is caring and courageous*

## Zach's Testimony

*"I grew up in the South where I was surrounded by Christianity, but it wasn't until I was 17 that I came to know Christ. It was the result of a friend's invitation that I attended a Bible study that exposed me to God's Word, and my life was changed forever. God transformed my life and set me on a path to knowing Him and sharing Him with others. Later, I attended Tennessee Tech University where I became involved in Campus Outreach. The rest is history. Excited to share the gospel at campuses where there was limited evangelistic influence, I moved to Illinois to join the Campus Outreach staff, and start ministries on local campuses."*



## Zach's Heart

Zach's heart is broken for lost people, particularly in Central Illinois. He loves the Campus Outreach team and mission, but has felt called to Pastoral ministry.

To that end, he began pursuing a seminary education, particularly focusing on the theology of the Bible and original languages to supplement his rich practical experience of leading ministry. As Regional Director at Campus Outreach, he spends most of his time equipping the team in the Great Commission of making disciples of all nations.

His heart is for his family as well. His passion to be a good spiritual leader, husband, and father is evident. He and Sheffey, who is an evangelist in her own right, have a deep relationship and a lively family. Sheffey is very supportive and, together, they are one in the mission.



## Zach & Sheffey's Journey

Meeting at Tennessee Tech, Sheffey was involved in Campus Outreach as well. They were married in December 2008 and moved to Illinois in 2011 to help start the ministry at Eastern Illinois University.

In 2015, Zach became an Area Director overseeing Campus Outreach at Eastern Illinois University and Olivet Nazarene University. In 2017, they moved to Bloomington, IL to establish Campus Outreach at ISU while continuing to oversee Eastern Illinois University. In 2020, Zach was appointed as the Regional Director for Campus Outreach in Central Illinois. In this role, he is accountable to a Board of Grace elders for five campuses, 25+ staff and volunteers, and a budget of more than \$1 million.





## FAQ's

### When will Zach start?

We are still working out the details; but anticipate that Zach will begin in early March with his first official sermon on Palm Sunday. We will likely have an Installation Service in late April.

### Does he have any experience working with our church staff?

In his role as regional director of Campus Outreach Central Illinois, one of Zach's priorities is to partner with Grace "for its success and God's glory" (COCI website). He has been working closely with several Grace pastors to foster collaboration between Campus Outreach and Grace. He attends Grace's staff meetings and is, in many ways, already part of Grace's team and mission.

### Where will Zach & Sheffey live?

Once called and approved by the Presbytery, Zach & Sheffey will move to Peoria.

### How did the Committee find our new pastor?

Throughout the last 18 months, the Committee has been evaluating pastors, matching their capabilities and experiences to Grace's vision as well as their heart to minister to Central Illinois. Zach, who was mentioned to the Committee by several in the congregation, is a great fit.

The Committee is united and excited to see the unfolding of God's plan.





### **What does a Senior Pastor do?**

The Senior Pastor shepherds God's flock of believers at Grace. Specifically, that includes:

- Serving as primary preacher of the Word and overseer of worship
- Leading setting vision for and executing GPC ministries
- Providing pastoral leadership for staff, officers, and congregation
- Leading and managing GPC staff
- Inspiring and empowering global and local community outreach

### **Is it possible to hear Zach preach?**

Yes, here are a few ways to listen to Zach:

*Grace Alive #1981 - YouTube (Zach at Grace Presbyterian Church on 8/14/2022*

*March 27th, 2022: 8:30 AM Live Stream: Christ Church PCA: Normal, IL - YouTube*

*March 20th, 2022: 11:00 AM Live Stream: Christ Church PCA: Normal, IL - YouTube*

### **Will we have opportunity to learn more about Zach?**

Yes. We have a number of events planned for that purpose.

**12/11/2022:** *Committee presentation*

**1/8/2023:** *Committee Q&A in Sunday School classes*

**1/11/2023:** *Committee Town Hall Q&A at Church*

**1/14/2023:** *Reception at Church with Zach & Sheffey*

**1/15/2023:** *Vote to call Zach Rogers to be our next Sr. Pastor*



### **Who has to approve this nomination?**

On January 15, 2023, the congregation will vote to call Zach Rogers to be our next Senior Pastor. The only other step will be approval by the Presbytery of Northern Illinois.

### **How should we pray?**

- Praise God for leading the Search Committee to Zach and pray that God would unify the congregation around calling Zach, as He has the Search Committee and Session.
- Please pray for Zach & Sheffey and their kids as they begin the process of transitioning the leadership of Campus Outreach, buying a house in Peoria, and approval by the Presbytery.
- Please pray that God would inspire all of us in the Christmas season to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

### **What if I have questions?**

We have organized a number of opportunities in early January to meet with the Committee. In addition, there will be a reception on January 14, 2023 to meet Zach & Sheffey and their kids.

We would also be glad to respond to e-mails as well. Please send your questions for the Search Committee to Joel Feucht at [srpvc.grace@gmail.com](mailto:srpvc.grace@gmail.com)



## Feedback from the Committee

*"I have known Zach since getting involved with campus outreach in college. He has always been an incredible leader with extraordinary giftings; someone who has used the influence God has given him to build God's kingdom. He lives with strong conviction from God's Word and passion for the Lord. He is an evangelist and disciple maker at heart and has given his life that many would know Christ. God has used him to impact hundreds of people through his ministry of evangelism, teaching, and discipleship, me being one of them. Our church will be truly blessed by his leadership."*

**- Rachel Escher**

*"I believe Zach is God's man to lead our church in its next season of ministry. His heart for the lost and experience in equipping saints for the work of evangelism and discipleship really are God's answer to our prayers for Grace."*

**- Joel Feucht**

*"Zach has such a deep passion for sharing God's word and reaching out to the lost souls. His love of the Word and compassion for people will be a blessing to the Grace community and the local area. Zach and Sheffey make a beautiful team and are ideally suited to serve Grace today and for the next generation."*

**- Craig Harlan**

*"It is evident when you meet Zach that he loves God, his family, and people. He is passionate to share the message of Christ wherever and whenever possible. This spoke to my heart in a powerful way! He is an effective communicator. He loves to study God's word and share it with others. His mission is to share the gospel and lead others in doing the same. I look forward to his leadership at Grace!"*

**- Pat Hampton**

*"God has blessed Zach with a heart for His word and Zach loves to study, teach, and preach it. His engaging preaching demonstrates his genuine care for the lost and deep love for God's truth. I look forward to Zach's weekly preaching at Grace."*

**- Woody Hartwell**

*"I am thrilled that Zach has been selected as our next Senior Pastor. I am looking forward to the ways Zach will teach Scripture, lead this church, and serve this community. What a joy it is to welcome this family!"*

**- Shannon Lesch**

*"God has blessed Zach with a love for Christ and a strong desire to make Christ known. Zach enjoys studying the Bible. He desires to preach, teach, and disciple believers. He is passionate about sharing Christ with the lost and teaching others how to share Christ in central Illinois. I look forward to Zach being our next shepherd at Grace."*

**- Sue Parr**



*"I truly rejoice in the work of the Spirit and His faithfulness that led us to Zach – a kingdom-minded man of God who is compassionate for the lost. His desire for the word of God, discipleship, and significant experience in evangelism will serve well in advancing the kingdom of Jesus."*

**- YC Shin**

*"Zach's knowledge of the Word, ability to teach, passion to reach the lost, humility, openness, and love of central Illinois have convinced me that he is God's choice to be our next senior pastor. He and Sheffey share a missional desire to minister to the lost, shepherd the flock, and reach out to the community."*

**- Thom Simpson**

*"The Lord has given Zach the gifts of preaching, teaching, and equipping that will make him an excellent pastor at GPC. His character, zeal for evangelism, and desire to make much of Christ will help lead GPC in its mission to "Love God, love people, make disciples".*

**- Chandler Tuckerman**

*"Zach is an answer to prayer for all generations at Grace. God has gifted him in preaching which will challenge us to think deeply on how we apply Biblical truths to our lives. His highly relational lifestyle will be an example to us in personal evangelism."*

**- Julie Wieland**

*"Zach's love for the Lord and his relatability immediately caught my attention. His passion for studying & teaching God's Word, his humble confidence, and his excitement about evangelizing here in central Illinois made it clear to me that God was leading us to Zach as our next senior pastor."*

**- Ann White**

*"Zach's heart for the Lord is one that cannot be ignored, he has an incredible drive to share the good news of Jesus. His strong leadership qualities will be a great fit for Grace. I am excited for our church to get to know Zach and his family, their excitement for the gospel is contagious"*

**- Josh Ulm**







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