

## PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE – November 24, 2024

A few months ago, a small team of Session members was created and tasked with the responsibility of finding, with God's guidance, **a Transitional Pastor for FPCA**. The entire Session is very pleased to announce that a wonderful pastor has been identified, unanimously approved by the Session, and unanimously and enthusiastically approved by the Presbytery of Philadelphia. His name is Dr. Morgan Murray.

Morgan grew up in the California central valley, earned a B.A. in English Literature with Highest Honors from Berkeley in 1992, and subsequently earned his Master of Divinity in 1998, and a Doctor of Ministry in 2011, both from the Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena California.

Morgan has served as Senior Pastor/Head of Staff in several churches in California since 2004, and for over 20 years has been practicing adaptive leadership. Since 2018, Dr. Murray has been serving as a Transitional Pastor, in California and most recently in Lexington S.C., helping churches navigate the challenges and opportunities that come during seasons of significant change. In addition to being a certified Transitional Pastor, Morgan is a certified Gallup Strengths coach, a trained Spiritual Director, and has also been an executive coach with AE Sloan Leadership since 2021.

Morgan has two grown sons from a prior marriage, both living in California, who make him nothing but proud. He loves biking, exploring new neighborhoods, and has a lot about life to learn on the East Coast.... Especially living with snow!

Dr. Murray is a very experienced pastor with many gifts, abundant energy, and passion, who is thrilled to be coming to FPCA having heard so many wonderful things about this church from Tod Bolsinger (AE Sloan), from many in the Philadelphia Presbytery, and from those of us on the Transitional Pastor search committee. He desires to further us along the path that Pastor Ryan has initiated with AE Sloan, continuing to help us clarify our mission and helping us be the best version of ourselves that God has called us to be - strengthening our faith and helping us to make a difference in our local community, regionally and internationally. He will begin his work with us on December 30<sup>th</sup>. We all are thrilled! Thanks be to God!