



## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Dear Levittown Presbyterian Church Members and Friends,

### **I look forward to joining with you in congregational life and serving as your Transitional Pastor!**

I am originally from the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. As a young girl I sang in the choir of our local Presbyterian church where music helped shape me in the Protestant faith and congregational life. (I also played piano and know the old Red Hymnal by heart). By the time I left for college, church had instilled within me a strong sense of caregiving and community building.

Interested in both religion and law, I studied labor history at Penn State, eventually finding work as a neutral in labor relations and settling in the Philadelphia area where my family and I joined Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church. 911 led me to enroll at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA by the New Brunswick Presbytery, I served as a chaplain in hospice and healthcare settings and then served congregation as pastoral caregiver, older adult ministry/programming, and transitional ministry. Most recently I pastored a community church affiliated with the United Christ of Christ.

I am a member of the Presbytery of the Coastlands, NJ. My years of presbytery service include: the social justice and witness committee, presbytery council and most recently I served on a presbytery team tasked with reviewing grant applications/ allocation of funds. During 2020-21, I served a team designing a “staffing and structure” model for the new presbytery (created from three legacy presbyteries). And spanning 2017-21, I filled various roles in the process of blending two local churches into a new church which thrives today...I truly understand church as “Reformed and always reforming”.

In addition to my love of preaching the good news of the Gospel, I enjoy music of all kinds, singing in choirs, and competing as an amateur ballroom dancer. Having raised our children, my husband and I now enjoy exploring the beautiful state of New Jersey. But our favorite thing of all is walking along pathway of the Delaware and Raritan Canal—where God’s creation is manifest and takes our breath away. Praise Be!

Blessings,

Rev. Ann Schoonover

*In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33b*