

Meet Pastor Rob

“Pastor Rob” as he is known to so many in the church and community, was born in Buffalo, NY, on Groundhog’s Day, 1956, and grew up in Corry, PA, the son of Bob and Sally Joy. Rob worked in his father’s construction business since age 12 and for 10 years out of high school, before acting on his call to ministry, which had been forming while attending worship as a kid.

Rob married Juliann in 1990, while they both were students at seminary. She serves as pastor to Petersburg Presbyterian Church and Clarkson Presbyterian Church. Rob and Jules have three children: Nathaniel (23), Shannon (21), and Anna Sophia (12). Rob has a son Benjamin from a previous marriage. Ben, who resides in Parma, Ohio, has two children: Leia (14), and Evan (13).

Rob was ordained in June of 1991 at the Oakwood Heights Community Church, Staten Island, NY (NACCC member). Serving, since July of 2007, as the 28th called pastor to Grace Church, Rob has also served Congregational Christian churches in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois.

His educational background includes:

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania: BA, Psychology, 1984-88

Princeton Theological Seminary: Master of Divinity, 1988-91

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary: Doctor of Ministry, 2004-07

While at Princeton Seminary, Rob was a fellow of the Congregational Foundation for Theological Studies.

Rob especially enjoys three things in ministry: 1.) having a good one-on-one conversation, 2.) loves it when a “plan comes together” and 3.) seeing someone come to faith in Christ.

His personal hobbies include: reading almost everything, watching Big 10 football, touring National Parks, hiking, especially mountain hiking, hunting with his family in Pennsylvania, and watching his children’s and grandchildren’s activities.