

## **Troy Bailey Sense of Call to Commissioning for Celebrating Sacraments in Baltimore Presbytery Churches**

I am called to ministry within the Presbyterian Church (USA), which has been my lifelong spiritual home. This call is rooted in my identity as a layperson and ordained ruling elder, and not a Minister of Word and Sacrament. I live out a dual vocation: I work full-time in financial services while also serving as a church musician and worship leader. My time as bridge pastor at Dickey Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore offered valuable insight into the full range of pastoral responsibilities. While personally enriching, the demands of solo pastoral leadership occasionally conflicted with my professional obligations.

I feel called to serve where my gifts meet the Church's greatest needs. At this moment, I believe a commission to officiate sacraments throughout the Presbytery is the most faithful expression of that call. My deepest spiritual joy is found in the celebrations of congregational life—especially presiding at the Lord's Supper, as well as welcoming new members, and recognizing years of service. I am well-prepared for this ministry, both in terms of my formal theological education at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities and through preaching opportunities across the Presbytery, including repeated engagements at Ashland, Havenwood, and Perry Hall.

Prayerfully submitted,

Troy Bailey