

The Reverend Holly K. Davis was born in Alexandria, Virginia, to a family of faith and nurtured on the teaching and love of a wonderful pastor, Dr. Richard C. Halverson at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. She grew up secure in her belonging to her physical family, her faith family and her belonging to God.

Holly's life changed the day her youth pastor explained what it means to live as a committed disciple of Christ. Her heart was moved to desire a living, growing and learning faith. What she didn't know was that God was preparing her for some challenging years ahead that only drove her deeper in trust and devotion to Christ.

One of Holly's most valuable experiences after graduation from Maryland Institute College of Art was the mission year she spent in England. God was preparing Holly as the spouse of active duty Air Force pilot, Van Davis. Together they undertook new duty assignments in Texas, Guam, New York, New Hampshire, Nebraska and Virginia.

After Van's military retirement, Holly took a few classes at a nearby seminary. It was not her idea to pursue ordination -- it was God's idea. Holly was ordained in 2005 and began her first pastoral call at Dardenne Presbyterian Church near St. Louis. After serving three years, she moved to Virginia to care for her aging parents while serving as Associate Pastor at Heritage Presbyterian Church for seven years.

Following the passing of her parents, Holly and Van answered the call to First Presbyterian of Waynesville in September, 2015. They are the parents of a son, Keller, who lives in Seattle, and a daughter, Margie, a missionary with Medair. Together with husband, Kyle, they have two young children, Asher and Amine, and now live in Hickory, NC.