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Reverend Erica MacCreaigh Named Pastor at Indianola's Trinity United Presbyterian Church

Trinity United Presbyterian Church (TUPC) of Indianola, Iowa overwhelmingly voted the Reverend Erica MacCreaigh as their new called Pastor beginning September 1, 2025. Reverend MacCreaigh, who goes by Pastor Macc, has served as Trinity's transitional pastor following the retirement of Reverend David Endriss. Pastor Macc will be the first installed female Pastor in TUPC's long history since Rosalie Otters-Hollander was installed in 1978.

"We are thrilled that Pastor Macc will continue with us; we could not ask for a more qualified and effective Pastor" said Tom Westbrook, chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee. "Pastor Macc brings an energy and vitality to all things she does at Trinity; she is loved by all," said Maurice Dyer, longtime member of TUPC.

Pastor Macc is a third-generation Colorado Front Range native who fell in love with the Midwest during her first ordained call. Before parish ministry, Pastor Macc was a public and correctional facility librarian. Some of her fondest memories are of hopping curbs in a 28-foot long, blue bookmobile in search of reluctant readers. She earned her Master of Divinity from Iliff School of Theology and has a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Wisconsin. Before TUPC, Pastor Macc served as Transitional Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church Independence, Iowa and as Solo Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sioux City, Iowa. "I'm deeply grateful to God for leading me to Indianola, the Trinity congregation, and the Presbytery of Des Moines," said Pastor Macc.

Pastor Macc views Trinity as a place deeply rooted in our Presbyterian heritage and church traditions, while providing space and resources for innovation and imagination. Young people find a safe, loving community of elders and peers here. Older folks make friends and find new ways of serving God here as younger members experiment with fresh expressions of church life. Grace Avitt, a sophomore and member of Trinity said, "Pastor Macc has changed the youth atmosphere for the better, and makes sure that all are included, no matter where they are on their walk with God."

Pastor Macc preaches Sundays at 9:30am and will be installed on Sunday, October 19, 2025.