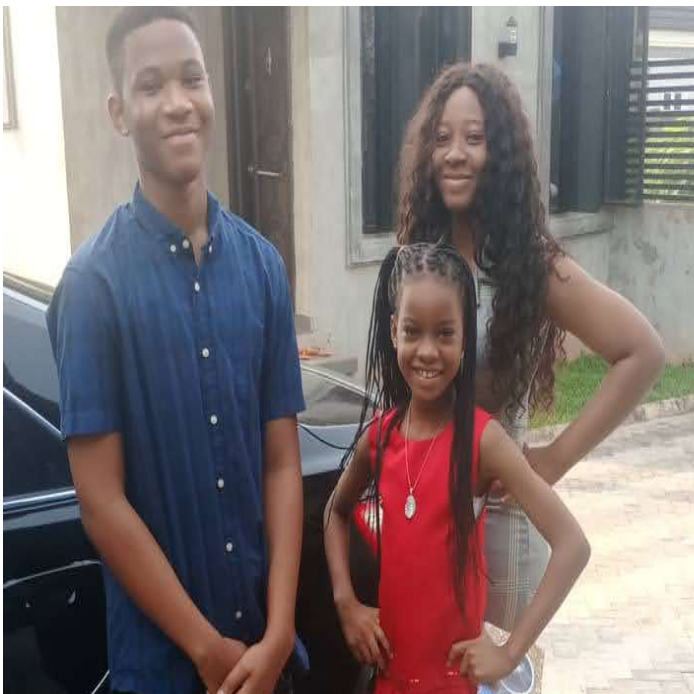


Biography of H. Leigh Holder

Raised in a pastor's family, surrounded by a faith-filled family and many loving congregations, Leigh went to college to pursue a music education degree. While working for the area church as a youth leader, she heard God's call to ministry within the Church. After graduating from Cornell College of Mt. Vernon, Iowa in 1991, Leigh traveled south to Louisville to follow God's direction for her life. Leigh has served 7 different calls where she continued to find strength through sharing God's love. Leigh has two children, Erin and Ward, who have made being a pastor even more meaningful. To share God's love with loved friends is a wondrous gift, to bring God's love to a child is more than anyone can ask for. In 2018 Leigh married Blessing Eboh, who has been a blessing to Leigh. Together they have 5 children, Blessing's boy and 2 girls, Onos, Itohan, and Success live in Nigeria.

Throughout her journey with God and the church, Leigh has continued to look for educational opportunities which will enhance her ministry. Leigh received her Doctor of Ministry from Union-PSCE in Richmond, Virginia in 2008. She has completed the first session of interim training, and taken many short classes on evangelism and strengthening the small church. Leigh has also served on many committees at the Presbytery level, including Small Church life, Nominating, Committee on Ministry, Transformation and New Church Development, and Presbyterian Women. She looks forward to continuing her education and working for the church in the community in which she lives, and at the more inclusive levels of church life.



Onos, Success, Itohan



Erin, Noah, Leigh, Blessing, Ward

Statement of Faith:

In 1995, the LPTS Baccalaureate benediction stated, "Because the world is poor and starving, go with bread. Because the world is filled with fears, go with courage. Because the world is in despair, go with hope. Because the world is living lies, go with the truth. Because the world is sick with sorrow, go with joy. Because the world is weary of wars, go with peace. Because the world is seldom fair, go with justice. Because the world is under judgment, go with mercy. Because the world will die without it, go with love." I believe that this benediction sums up what the Church needs to be doing today.

I believe in God, triune and singular. Our God is eternal and all-sufficient, exercising sovereignty over the world.

I believe in God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, or Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I won't encompass God in any language that would be offensive to any, as God is beyond any language.

I believe God the Creator made all things, and created all good. Humanity was created in God's image, to be in relationship with the triune God. All of Heaven and earth were created good, yet with humanity came ruin and death. I believe in God the Redeemer; Jesus Christ, fully human, fully divine. Jesus Christ came to reunite us with God the Creator. Jesus came to re-acquaint us all with God's love, mercy, and justice. At the end of Jesus' life, those who had religious power had Him crucified, rather than accept the drastic ideas of radical love and mercy that God shares with creation. God prevailed by raising Jesus on the third day, breaking the bonds of death, injustice, and slavery for all.

I believe in God the Sustainer, the Holy Spirit who descended on many throughout the Biblical text, most audaciously on Pentecost. This Holy Spirit is a presence given; that all might find guidance and the path to God's will within their own lives, as well as the life of the church. We can receive the Holy Spirit, if we are open to God being in control, to have God be the Supreme Being in our lives. But often we turn instead to the idols of power, money, and pride.

I believe in the Bible, the divinely inspired word of God. I believe in the Bible that sheds light on God's mercy, God's love, and God's grace.

I believe that humanity has not returned God's love. Humanity as a whole has sought their own way, to fulfill their own dreams, to express their own worth outside of God's will. This has been done throughout time. It is the church's responsibility to bring humanity back from the brink of destruction through proclaiming the gospel in all ways possible.

I believe in the Church, visible and invisible. The Church at its best, offers introduction into God's community through the sacraments of baptism and communion. The Church suggests to spiritual journeyers the option of conquering idolatrous behavior through help from God in all three persons. The Church presents a place of safety and welcome, no matter who one is or from whence one has come.