

I am a lifelong Presbyterian and a second-career Minister of Word and Sacrament, now Honorably Retired in the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley, after almost 32 years of leading worship as a Commissioned Lay Preacher since 1993 and as a minister since my 2005 ordination by the Presbytery of Geneva at the First Presbyterian Church of Ulysses. I have served as interim and designated pastor and supply preacher in congregations in the Presbyteries of Susquehanna Valley, Geneva, and Cayuga-Syracuse; as well as ELCA and UCC congregations. My M.Div. is from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, and I have a Diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction from San Francisco Theological Seminary. Earlier in adult life I completed a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology at Cornell University.

My husband John and I are lifelong environmentalists, enjoying canoeing, hiking, and camping in the Adirondacks in the years before we became too old to sleep on the ground. We are not too old to continue advocating for creation and sustainability, as the climate crisis worsens around us. Our son is a paramedic, our daughter and son-in-law are high school teachers, and our wonderful grandson is a first grader. I love baking bread, knitting, singing in a community chorus, reading, and learning more about the plant and animal life in our part of the world.

John and I have started attending First Presbyterian Church in Ithaca when I am not doing supply preaching. I look forward to scaling back my supply preaching, but would welcome other ways to serve in the Presbytery of Geneva if the way be clear. We are planning to move into Tompkins County in the next three or four years in order to be closer to our adult children.