

*The Director of Children's Ministries Search Committee
is pleased to present its selection of*

Catherine Vickers (Cate) McCrory

*as Director of Children's Ministries
beginning July 1, 2017*



Cate McCrory was born in Southern California and moved to Colorado where she lived in Boulder and Longmont through fourth grade. In 1996 she moved to Washington, DC when her father Jeff became an associate pastor on the staff of National Presbyterian Church. Cate attended Burning Tree Elementary, Pyle Middle School and Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda. She was an active participant in our youth program, and assisted with our Children's Ministries (3-year old classroom) for 3 years.

She studied voice privately and was a member of the Children's Chorus of Washington. Cate moved back to Southern California for her final two years of high school (South Orange County School of the Arts).

Cate received a fine arts scholarship to attend Seattle Pacific University, a Christian school in Seattle, WA, graduating in 2008 (on the Dean's List) with a double major in Educational Ministry and Music. As a student she led worship at

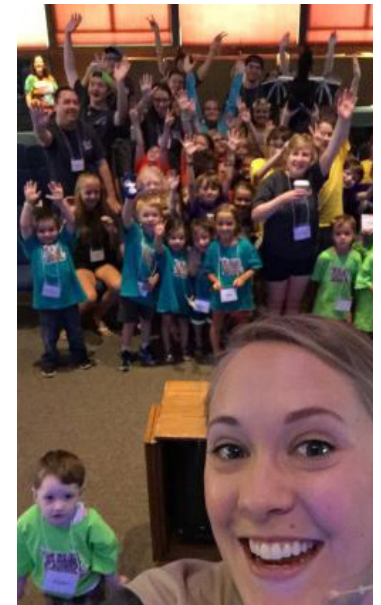


weekly chapel services for two years. During her four years in Seattle she attended Bethany Presbyterian Church, volunteering with their children's ministries under the leadership of former NPC Director of Children's Ministries Dianne Ross. Cate spent the summer of 2006 as a youth intern at National under Mitch Gore.

Following graduation from college Cate enrolled at Fuller Theological Seminary where she received a Charles E. Fuller Scholarship, earning a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in Worship, Theology and the Arts. While a student at Fuller Cate was a leader in Children's Ministries at Knox Presbyterian Church for five years. She wrote a Vacation Bible School curriculum based on the Psalms to teach worship to children. Also, while a student at Fuller Cate led worship at weekly All-Seminary Chapel her final year.

After graduation from Fuller Cate moved to Denver, CO to become Director of Children's Ministries and Community Life at St. James Presbyterian Church in Littleton (a suburb just south of Denver), a church of 700 members. We were fortunate to find her at a transition point in her ministry at St. James, where she is well-loved and missed.

We are thrilled to welcome Cate back "home" to National Presbyterian Church. We are eager for you to get to know her (or perhaps to become re-acquainted). We are especially excited for our children. Cate will overlap with Jill Meek for the month, enabling a smooth transition and the opportunity to be here for Vacation Bible School.



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