

Tim's Story

Rev. Tim Blodgett is the pastor of Southminster Presbyterian Church in Tulsa, Ok. An Oklahoman by birth, he returned to Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery after serving for ten years in Oklahoma City following seminary at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Tim did not grow up in the church but came to faith in college. Tim's mother was Roman Catholic and his father was Southern Baptist. By the time of his birth, neither practiced their faith. Growing up in the buckle of the Bible Belt, he was in and out of churches with friends and family, but never actively participated until college. Tim felt immediately at home at First Presbyterian Church in Sapulpa and began to read everything he could about the bible, theology, and Christian history. Soon after, he switched his major to religion at the University of Tulsa and made plans to attend Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Seminary deepened and broadened his faith. Classes and classmates served to instruct and challenge his faith. Tim served as a teaching assistant for Greek and Systematic Theology. He discovered a love of the day to day life of the church, even committee work, during his internship at the 2700 member Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin. His Clinical Pastoral Education unit at INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City was invaluable for future ministry.

Tim's first call was to Greystone Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City. Greystone was a small, dying congregation that mirrored the decline of many churches in our denomination. Tim helped to guide them in a revitalization process that resulted in the congregation selling its church property, moving to a growing area of the city, and starting a new church development there. Connecting Point Presbyterian Church (now Westminster North) was the result of that effort. During this time, Tim served on the Committee on Ministry, as Moderator of Presbytery Council, on the Permanent Judicial Commission, among many other roles in the local and larger church. He was also the President of the Austin Seminary Association, the alumni association of Austin Seminary. After the move back to Tulsa and Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery, Tim has served on the Personnel Committee and is currently the Moderator of the Pastoral Care Team.

Tim brings skills to the position of General Presbyter that are vital for the future of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery. He is an inspiring and hopeful leader and speaker. He builds bridges across theological and geographic divides. He values pastoral care and connection. He is technologically competent and social media savvy. His love of this presbytery and this denomination show in his ministry.

Tim is married to Kati and together they have two children: Evan (5) and Simon (2). In his home life, Tim enjoys cooking, gardening, and coaching his son's t-ball team. Kati and Tim love to travel and going to Oklahoma State football games together.