



Covenant Presbyterian Church welcomed the Rev. Linda S. Powers as

Temporary Pastor on September 1, 2019. From 2003-2006, Rev. Powers attended San Francisco Theological Seminary where she earned a Masters of Divinity. No stranger to CPC and to the community of Napa, Rev. Powers has spent over fifteen years in specialized ministry serving “the least of us.” Well known for her work with V.O.I.C.E.S., an emancipated foster youth center, she was ordained in 2008 as the Chaplain/Wellness Coordinator for the program and her job there was to nurture the youth in mind, body, and soul.

A nurturer by nature, Rev. Powers accepted the position of Program Director for all Shelter Services in Napa County in 2012. She was pastor to over 700 homeless souls a year. Her mission was to remind people that God loves them, and so does she. She added a ministry partner, Beta, a few years later, a therapy-trained, smiling and gentle Golden Retriever, and the duo is now recognized as the “six-legged ministry.” Beta is officially acknowledged by Redwoods Presbytery and is a certified therapy dog from the PAWS program. Rev. Powers and Beta work with youth from Juvenile Probation, and just for fun, children read weekly to Beta at the Napa County Library, part of the PAWS program. “The kids have found how easily Beta delivers God’s love,” said Rev. Powers.



Rev. Powers has lived in Napa for 20 years and Covenant Presbyterian Church is a homecoming of sorts for the new pastor. Her ordination service was in the sanctuary where she now stands in the pulpit, and she has preached here many times. “All are welcome in this house of God,” said Rev. Powers. “CPC is an open-armed, friendly place.”