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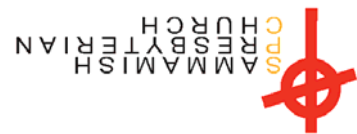
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# THE PNC IS PLEASED TO PRESENT

Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Lincicome  
Senior Pastor Nominee

The Pastor Nominating Committee unanimously recommends Jeff Lincicome as the next Senior Pastor, Head of Staff, for Sammamish Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Dr. Jeff Lincicome (Lins-i-cum) has served as Associate Pastor for over 9 years at Crossroads Presbyterian Church (membership 1800) in Mequon, Wisconsin, an affluent suburb 20 minutes north of Milwaukee, very similar demographically to SPC. During this time, he has provided leadership in adult discipleship, mission, and innovative outreach and worship opportunities.

Working early mornings and late nights, Jeff completed his Doctor of Ministry program in 2007. From October 2007 to April 2008, he served as Head of Staff during Crossroads Interim Search, and carried out all Senior Pastor responsibilities. (This prompted one PNC member to ask, “Do you ever sleep?!”) When asked to describe the church he would like to serve,

Jeff responded, “First and foremost, **I desire to serve a church that is madly in love with Jesus Christ** and wants the world to know and experience his embrace. A church that is faithful to God’s call on their lives as individuals and a community of faith in the place God has planted them. A church where the staff loves and supports each other as they seek to lead and love the people God places in their care. A church that is creative, and seeks to minister to all of God’s people right where they are, with energy and love. I desire a church where my family feels like they can worship and serve, in an atmosphere of mutual respect and care.”

Jeff will be at SPC on November 23 to preach at both services, 9:00 and 10:45am, and to meet the SPC family. A congregational meeting will follow at 12:00 noon to vote on the call of Rev. Dr. Lincicome.



Lucy (9), Jeff and Violet (6mos.), Dayle (4), Kristi and Clara (7)

# FAMILY BIOS

The Lincicome family is so excited for the opportunity to be a part of the SPC family! We can’t wait to get to know you all, and to be the church together. Let us introduce you to our “team”...

**JEFF LINCICOME** was born and raised right here in Issaquah (up on Cougar Mountain), and can’t believe God might be calling him back to his hometown to pastor such a great church! After attending Pine Lake Middle School and Bellevue Christian High School, Jeff went off to the University of Washington where he fell in love with his beautiful wife, Kristi, and with ministry life at University Presbyterian. He worked at Arthur Andersen for a few years before heading off to Princeton Seminary and finally Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon, Wisconsin, where he has been the Associate Pastor of Discipleship for almost 10 years in a growing, exciting, creative, and vibrant faith community. Besides playing with his wonderful family, Jeff loves being a pastor, reading, running (ok, jogging), drinking coffee, learning (he recently finished up his Doctor of Ministry degree from George Fox University), keeping up with culture, playing golf, and traveling. He is excited to share his talents, skills, and passions with SPC. Oh, and he ranks *The Office* as his favorite show.

**KRISTI LINCICOME** hails from Shoreline, Washington and attended the University of Washington where she met her fabulous husband (you can see who is writing these bios!) and put her faith into action at University Presbyterian. Besides being the mother to 4 beautiful girls, Kristi loves to sew, cook, talk to friends, take long walks, and lead a college women’s Bible study at church. Her favorite thing about the church is its amazing ability to love people in their times of need. Kristi is an RN by training, but if you asked her what she really wants to be, she’d say, interior designer, hands down. She ranks anything on HGTV as her favorite show.

**LUCY LINCICOME** is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and almost 10 years old, the leader of the Lincicome girls. Lucy loves reading, science, playing outside, and is a wonderful friend. She just finished the entire Harry Potter series, and thinks *America’s Funniest Home Videos* is super funny. Her favorite thing about church is the LOGOS program, where she gets to learn about God and do neat projects.

**CLARA LINCICOME** is 7 years old, in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, and loves to be with friends. She wins the kindest kid award in our family and is always available for a good chat or dance routine. She loves being at church because it’s a place where people help others who don’t have enough. Her favorite show? *Easy—Dancing With the Stars*.

**DAYLE LINCICOME** is 4 years old, and goes to preschool at church. Dayle likes going to dance class, has a sharp wit, loves dressing up, and in general, makes everyone happy. Her favorite show? *High School Musical I* (she is still old school!).

**VIOLET LINCICOME** is the newest member of the Lincicome clan. She is 6 months old, and is pretty much always happy. She especially loves having big sisters, and can’t wait to be mobile enough to keep up with them. Right now, her favorite word is “goo”, although her Dad thinks it sounds an awful lot like “dada.” She has no favorite shows on record.

One thing we all do together is worship and serve a God of outlandish grace and extravagant love. We are thrilled at the possibility of joining our family to yours as we explore together who God is calling us to be in Jesus Christ.

What a journey God takes us on together!

With thanksgiving and excitement,  
**The Lincicomes**

# MY STATEMENT OF FAITH

**Reverend Dr. Jeffrey T. Lincicome**

I believe in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of us all.

Out of nothing, God created everything. Out of darkness, God infused, love, grace and Truth.

God created humanity in God's image, and called us into communion with God and with each other.

Sadly, humanity disregarded (and continues to disregard on a daily basis) that communion with God. We choose to worship ourselves rather than God, driving us to acts that break down self and others. This state and these actions are what the Bible calls sin. They separate us from Holy God.

However, God always gets the last word. In grace, God chose a people to be in covenant relationship with him. Even when they wandered away, God cared for them, calling them back through the work of his prophets and their circumstances, rescuing them and loving them to life.

In Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Lord and Savior, God reconciled the world back to himself. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, our sins were forgiven, our communion with God and each other restored, and our future with God secured. By God's grace and our response, we are set free, in this life and the next.

The Holy Spirit wakes us from our spiritual slumber, breathes life into our souls, and enables us to be the people God calls us to be. We are alive in Christ by the power and work of the Spirit.

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are inspired by God and introduce us to the living Word at its center, Jesus Christ. We turn to the Scriptures and submit ourselves to their teachings for inspiration, humility, instruction in faith and life, and to help us understand God and one another.

The Church is the primary agent of God's transformative love and grace in a world that is desperate for hope. We live out our lives together in service, love, and proclamation of the gospel. This is our primary task as followers of Christ.

The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are unique means of God's grace in the life of the church. Through faith, we are united to Christ in a real way through participation in these earthy acts and we declare ourselves to be part of a kingdom of freedom and sustenance that transcends this world.

In gratitude and thanksgiving, we know how this story ends. Therefore, with hope, earnestness, and joy, our voices join with the cries of the ages, "Come, Lord Jesus."

**AMEN**



**Dear SPC Family,**

It is with great excitement that I introduce myself as the nominee to be your next Senior Pastor! I can't tell you how thrilled my family and I are for the opportunity to join you, as we get to dream and explore what it means for us to be followers of Christ together.

I am impressed with the quality of your pastoral staff, the vibrancy of your worship and ministry, and the extreme excitement for God's mission and purpose that you emulate. To be able to join my gifts, vision, and family with yours is one of the greatest blessings God has ever given me. I am humbled and proud of you already and can't wait to see what God will do!

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. In many ways, this is a coming home party for me. I grew up in Issaquah (back when it was a one stop-light town!) in a loving Christian home, where the study of Scripture and the service of Christ at our local church were at the center of our lives. I was educated at Pine Lake Middle School, Bellevue Christian High School, and the University of Washington. It was at the UW that I learned to root for Husky football (which is getting harder by the minute!), I fell in love with my wonderful wife Kristi, and found my calling to ministry at University Presbyterian Church.

After a few years working at Arthur Andersen in Seattle, I attended Princeton Theological Seminary, and have spent the last 9 years as Pastor of Discipleship at Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon, Wisconsin. Crossroads is an outstanding, growing, vibrant, Christ-centered church of 1800 members located in an affluent middle-class suburb of Milwaukee. While serving here, I've also had the chance to spend six months as the Interim Senior Pastor, leading our congregation through a pastoral transition and seeing my gifts and talents used in that role. Through my time in ministry here, I have been convinced more and more every day of the **power of the gospel** to change people's lives, and I get up every day thankful to be in pastoral leadership in Christ's church.

Along the way, I completed a Doctor of Ministry degree in Leadership and Spiritual Formation from George Fox University in Portland, Oregon, where I had the chance to study with people like Tony Campolo and Leonard Sweet. My dissertation was on how wealth and affluence affect individual and communal discipleship. My wife, Kristi, and I also have been blessed with four beautiful and talented daughters (Lucy, Clara, Dayle and Violet) who you will fall in love with instantly, as I'm sure we will fall in love with the children of SPC. They have experienced what it means to be loved by a church family and are excited about being a part of Sammamish Presbyterian Church.

What else... I can also bench press 350 pounds, run a 4-minute mile, and decorate a cake better than Martha Stewart... just kidding!


In all honesty, all the above facts and figures—while important—don't really tell you who I am and what excites me about serving at SPC. The fact is, I'm a pretty normal guy who loves his family and wants to raise them to be Christ's hands and feet. I'm a follower of Christ who has been given the call and gift for ministry and leadership in Christ's Church—the Church which I believe is the primary agent of change in the world. Like the rest of you, I'm not perfect, but I know the One who is and who chooses to love and believe in us anyway and wants us to live into the reality and joy of His presence. I believe that together we are stronger than we could ever be apart, and that God has plans for us to change our world with His Good News. THAT is why I'm excited about the possibility of being at SPC. Because of God's hand on you and on this world. Because I believe our "spiritual DNA" is a match. Because God has been faithful throughout this call process.

In the months and years to come, **I can't wait to see where God will take us.** One thing is certain—He will be faithful.

***"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen" Ephesians 3:20-21***


**With joy and excitement for the journey,  
Jeff Lincicome**

# FROM THERE TO HERE


 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart...*

Throughout the year that we've met as your PNC, God has brought many fine candidates to our attention. One name consistently at the top of our "short list" was **Jeff Lincicome**.

After phone interviews, emails, essays, and online sermons, we were excited for some in-person time together. It was evident – almost from the first handshake – that Jeff was passionate for Christ, intensely relational, and shared our desire to embrace the broken world God loves.

 *... and lean not on your own understanding.*

We decided to take a week off to pray and seek God's voice before regrouping as a committee to debrief. The Holy Spirit was a palpable presence at that meeting. Each of us had a "Jeff moment" to share, an encounter with him individually, where we saw his compassion and his interest in hearing OUR stories and learning who we were. As each person shared from the heart, a common thread was emerging: "this is a person who can launch SPC into a deeper walk with Christ, both as *individuals* and as a *community*."

 *In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.*

Our PNC is a diverse group, as is SPC, and we have loved one another, respected and learned from one another, and trusted God to direct the process. That said, we went around the room and **unanimously** voted to call Jeff Lincicome to be our candidate. God is good!



# DIRECT FROM JEFF


"I desire to serve a church where people are encouraged to risk their securities out of love for those whom God loves. In the suburbs, this is especially a big one."

"I am a person created to dream big and love people, challenging them to live into the adventure of what it means to know Christ."

"...I believe the biggest question we need to wrestle with as a church is whether we believe the Good News enough that we are willing to live differently than the world around us. This, to me, is the greatest challenge (and the greatest opportunity!) the church faces today."

"... God is in love with us beyond belief, and desires for us to live in relationship with God in a way that transforms the world around us."

"It is Jesus' life and his love for us that breaks down the walls of isolation, and builds up people in love. It is the only hope for this world, and we, the church, get to be a part of it. What a privilege and honor."

"Christ's love is the best thing going. What an exciting time to be alive! What an exciting chance to love God and love the world!" 

# BACKGROUND & QUALIFICATIONS

## Education

Pine Lake Junior High School

Bellevue Christian High School

BA English – University of Washington, 1993

Master of Divinity – Princeton Theological Seminary, 1999

Ordination—July 28, 1999

Doctor of Ministry in Leadership and Spiritual Formation – George Fox Evangelical Seminary, 2007

*Dissertation: Wealth and Discipleship in Affluent America*

*Studied under Tony Campolo and Leonard Sweet*

## From Jeff's Personal Information Form

### Skill set:

Adult Ministry

Communication (Written/Oral)

Corporate Worship / Sacraments

Preaching

Development of New Education Experiences

Leadership of Staff / Volunteers

Pastoral Care

Spiritual Development

Strategic Planning

Teaching

## Key Work Experience

'99-Present: Associate Pastor of Discipleship at Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Mequon, WI

Led teaching & education in all areas of the church's life

'96-'99: Working on Master of Divinity

'94-'96: Secular work at Arthur Andersen as Practice Associate

'93-'94: Ministry start as University Presbyterian Church Ministry Intern

# FROM THOSE WHO KNOW JEFF

Jeff is prayerful, thoughtful, spiritually discerning, trying to interact with modern culture, and someone who can help the church discover God's agenda. Jeff is a pastor because he can't NOT be a pastor. He is someone who just "gets" church.

**Rev. David Worth, Senior Pastor, Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church**

Jeff has lots of amazing ideas and loves to challenge the church to think in a different way. He introduced the church to two authors, Brennan Manning and Shane Claiborne, and got both of them to come for visits and lead people in study. Shane Claiborne has some ideas that "really rocked our suburban congregation," but Jeff knew his church could handle the discussion and that it was something they needed to hear. He wants to keep the congregation moving forward, towards God, and isn't afraid to shake things up.

**Suzy Frazier, Coordinator of Lay Ministries, Crossroads Presbyterian Church**

Jeff is someone I know well and trust inherently. He is grounded in a Biblical sense and understands people. He is visionary, adventuresome, and a good listener.

**Rev. John Gable, Former Senior Pastor, Crossroads Presbyterian Church**

Jeff is both a teacher and a learner and has a unique "ability to speak the truth in love." He will be someone who can lead SPC in your discipleship and spiritual growth, who can help you find the connections between mission and ministry. This is a man and a family that you want to KNOW.

**Mary Quam, Elder, Crossroads Presbyterian Church**

