

Rev. Leslie Wood moved to Colorado Springs over 33 years ago, in February of 1984, after marrying her husband, Brian. Leslie grew up in the Presbyterian Church, USA in her hometown of Athens, TX. She was raised on her family's 300 acre farm, which was homesteaded by her great-great grandfather in the late-1880s. She still owns the farm with her sister and brother.

Leslie received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in marketing, from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs in May, 1987. For 20 years she was a marketing communications professional for both secular and Christian companies. In August, 2012 she earned her Masters of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary.

For 5½ years Leslie served as Director of Youth Ministries at Calvary United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. She has also worked as a chaplain at both Penrose Hospital and Pikes Peak Hospice and Palliative Care in The Springs. Prior to coming to St. Paul's in July of 2017, Leslie was senior pastor of Pikes Peak United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs, and The United Church of the San Juans in Ridgway, CO.

Leslie and Brian have two sons, Shane and Tyler, and a wonderful daughter-in-law, Christine. They are adoring grandparents to Jackson William, and are eagerly awaiting the birth of their granddaughter in July, 2017. The Woods share their home with their mini-Australian Shepherd, Poncho, and their border collie, Jake. One of Leslie's greatest joys is hiking in the high country with the dogs, and any family or friends who like to join her.