

Columbia Presbyterian Church To Install The Rev. Joan Gray

Community residents and friends of Columbia Presbyterian Church are invited to attend the installation service of Columbia Presbyterian's new pastor, the Rev. Joan Gray, in the church sanctuary Sunday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.

Columbia Presbyterian is at the corner of Columbia Drive and Kirk Road in Decatur. A nursery will be provided during the service and a reception will be held afterward.

Participants in the installation service include Dr. Douglas W. Oldenburg, president, Columbia Theological Seminary; Dr. William Adams, executive presbyter, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta; the Rev. Mary Jane Cornell; the Rev. Martha Jane Petersen; Janet Moore of Tampa, FL; Susan Benke of Tuscaloosa, AL; and Dr. Greta Reed, a student at Columbia Seminary.

The Rev. Gray comes to Columbia Church from Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church in Atlanta where she has served as associate pastor for the past eight years. After graduating from Columbia Seminary, with distinction, she was the organizing pastor for a United Presbyterian Church in Marietta. Following her ordination on March 12, 1978, she began work as pastor of Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Ga.

Joan Gray has served the denomination as moderator and member of the Permanent Judicial Commission of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, USA; as a member of Council of Atlanta Presbytery; Chairman, Division of Education, Atlanta Presbytery; member of the General Assembly Task Force on Validated Minis-

tries; editor, Evangelism Newsletter of Atlanta Presbytery; member, General Assembly Task Force on Baptism; and a member of the Alumni/Alumnae Council, Columbia Theological Seminary.

She is the author of several publications including *Presbyterian Polity For Church Officers*, a handbook co-authored with Joyce Tucker; study guides for Women of the Church Bible studies, *A Manual For Leaders Of Retreats*, Office of Women, Presbyterian Church in the U.S.; and articles and book reviews for several publications.

"Coming to Columbia church for me," The Rev. Gray says, "feels in many ways like coming home. I am excited about the potential for growth and ministry at Columbia Presbyterian Church."

She is married to Bill Gray, a Presbyterian elder and attorney with the firm, Powell, Goldstein, Frazer, and Murphy in Atlanta.



The Rev. Joan Gray

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Lindstrom, Cheryl - Music Staff

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