

## REV. ED ARCHER

SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Ed Archer is a native of Maynardville, Tennessee, just north of Knoxville. He earned a B.A. in Geography (1986) from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and later earned his Master of Divinity (2011) from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky.



Following college, Ed served honorably as an officer and navigator in the United States Air Force for just over six years. This was followed by eighteen years in the energy business in Georgia with varied companies and responsibilities. During this time, Ed realized a call to full-time ministry and began pursuing ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. After many years of lay ministry (particularly with youth, scouting, and lay speaking) combined with serving on various committees, he became a part-time Local Pastor in 2007, followed by Provisional Elder in 2012, and ordained an Elder in Full Connection in 2015.

Ed has served City On A Hill UMC as Associate Pastor from 2007-2015 and Calhoun First UMC as both Associate Pastor from 2015-2017 then Pastor-In-Charge from 2017-present. In the North West District, he has served as a candidacy mentor for those pursuing a call into ministry as well as a member of the District Strategic Growth Team. In addition to helping people serve and grow as disciples in and through the local church, Ed is a supporter of missions. He currently serves as an Ambassador for Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, North Carolina, having led or participated in many missions there over the years.



Ed and his wife Lisa, a high school math teacher, were college sweethearts and married in 1986. They have three adult children and five grandchildren. Their leisure activities include camping, gardening, and retreats but Ed has a particular interest in automobiles and music. They are also 'amateur' foodies who enjoy exploring the food scene in new cities as well as trying out new recipes.

  
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REV. MYCHAL ELLIS  
ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Mychal Ellis is from Dublin, OH, but has spent all of her adult life in the South and Southwest. After high school, she moved to Houston, TX to get away from the snow. She received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Houston (2018) and went on to earn her Masters of Divinity from Emory University's Candler School of Theology (2022).

While in seminary, Mychal served on staff at Sandy Springs UMC, and as the Seminarian-in-Residence for the Center for Congregational Excellence in the Conference Office. Upon graduating from Candler, she moved to College Station, TX and served as the Director of Connections at A&M UMC while completing paperwork and interviewing with the Board of Ordained Ministry.

In June of 2024, Mychal will be commissioned as a provisional Elder in the North Georgia Conference, and she is excited to move back to her home conference! She has a heart for service, especially in the church, and she is passionate about the work God is doing in the world and helping people connect with God, each other, and their community. Mychal particularly loves helping people discover and use their gifts and talents to serve those around them.

Mychal loves all things Disney, a good cup of coffee, college football, curling up with a book, grabbing a meal with friends, and exploring the outdoors!



  
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