

Christian Church in Georgia
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Pre-Assembly Clergy Sabbath Conversation Leader

Rev. Troy Tatum is a Georgia native and Disciples minister who has served congregations around the southeast, most recently as Pastor of Hillyer Memorial Christian Church, in Raleigh, NC. He has a long history of ministry to young adults, youth, and families and has demonstrated a focus on helping the church minister more faithfully and effectively in rapidly changing contexts.

Pre-Assembly Learning Speaker

Rev. Dr. Winston O. R. Worrell is the current Pastor of Northwoods United Methodist Church in Doraville, GA. He is an experienced evangelist, lecturer, administrator, pastor, and preacher in worldwide, national, international, multicultural, multi-ethnic, and multilingual settings. He holds a Doctorate in Evangelism from Emory University and a Master's in Media Communications from Georgia State University.

Pre-Assembly Learning Speaker

Michelle Tepper is the Florida Network Director for Alpha USA. She has two decades of experience helping skeptics engage and move past their biggest obstacles to faith in Christ and training Christians to be evangelistically positioned in their everyday lives. She is passionate about helping churches cultivate space for people to explore and enter relationship with Jesus. She lives in Central Florida with her husband Peter, an ordained minister, and their two daughters, Sophia and Zipporah.

Opening Worship Speaker

Rev. Dr. Amy Butler currently leads National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C., as the intentional Interim Senior Minister. Before that, Pastor Amy served for five years as the seventh Senior Minister and first woman at the helm of The Riverside Church in New York City. She believes deeply that courageous communities of people who live with tenacious love can change the world. Much of her career has been spent helping build communities of radical witness in the institutional church. Although leading faith institutions in this moment can be one of the most challenging leadership tasks, she is optimistic about the impact faith communities have on the world.

Saturday Bible Study Leader

Rev. Dr. Nathan Brown is the Senior Pastor of Sandy Springs Christian Church, Sandy Springs, GA, where he has served since 2018. He has served several congregations in a variety of settings, including churches in Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia. He grew up in Lebanon, IN where he attended Central Christian Church. He graduated from Texas Christian University with a B.A. in religion, followed by his Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School. He also earned a Doctor of Ministry in Homiletics from Sewanee's School of Theology in 2018. He is passionate about preaching, teaching, and outreach and believes our ministry should always be evidence of God's love for *all* people.

Disciples Women's Luncheon Speaker

Rev. Sylvia Story currently serves as Church Administrator at The Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA. Throughout her career, she has served in the areas of women's ministry and non-profit financing. She also enjoys ministry opportunities to sing, teach, and mentor. Sylvia has been active in the leadership of the Christian Church in Georgia for many years, including serving as Regional Moderator from 2018-2020.

Disciples Men's Luncheon Speaker

Rev. Tom Edmondson is the Senior Pastor of First Christian Church of Atlanta, Tucker, GA. He holds a BA from Atlanta Christian College, a Master of Theological Studies from Candler School of Theology, and an MA in Jewish Studies from Emory University. He is a certified instructor in Mental Health First Aid. He believes that good pastoral care is possibly more important than good preaching. He also believes that worship should have a therapeutic effect on the worshiper.