

Rev. Dr. Glenda Hollingshead
Biographical Statement



Glenda Hollingshead is a second career pastor, having worked 16 years as a medical technologist and laboratory manager prior to being called into vocational ministry. She holds a B.S. from Carson Newman University, a M.Div. from Emmanuel Christian Seminary, a Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary, and she is a graduate of Shalem Institute's Spiritual Guidance Program. Ordained at First Presbyterian Church Jefferson City, TN in 2007 as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), she has served churches in Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia.

As a pastor, Dr. Hollingshead is passionate about preaching, creative worship, and spiritual formation. She is also a writer, retreat leader, and spiritual director. In her free time, she enjoys being with her family, reading, playing guitar, listening to and writing music, biking, taking long walks with her doodles, Moses and Miriam, and dreaming about what wonderful things God might be up to next.

Glenda and her husband, Kinney (Samuel Hollingshead, Sr.) have been married 43 years. They are parents to four wonderful children: Samuel, Sarah, Seth, and Shane, and the proud grandparents of Harper, Blake, Birdie, Hank, and McKenzie.