

**Pastor Robert F. McKnight** is a life-long resident of North East, Maryland. He has been married to his wife, Virginia, for over 40 years and they have three grown children. After completing 2 years of college, formal education took a back seat to supporting a family and raising children. A complete practical education took place through 25 years of self-employment in businesses that he either owned or managed. Robert has been actively involved in the Lutheran Church (President of the Church Council), New Covenant Fellowship (Elder), and Glorious Presence Church (Pastoral Team/Elder). He is a full-time employee at Glorious Presence Church where he handles administrative as well as pastoral responsibilities.

**Pastor James L. Ford** was born in Suffern, New York. He and his wife, Mary Jo, attended the same church and school while growing up. After receiving his Bachelor's Degree from Villanova University, they were married in 1985. They moved from Wilmington and settled in Elkton in 1988 where they raised their four children. Jim is currently employed by Associates Graphic Services working as an Account Executive. He began his walk with the Lord in 1991. At Glorious Presence Church, Jim has served as a Deacon for over 12 years, and the last 8 as Deacon Coordinator, proving to be a faithful and capable leader for several groups of Deacons. Jim was ordained as an Elder in September of 2007, and continues to work with our Deacons and other Men's Ministries as well as serving the entire body as a faithful servant of God.

**Christopher Leins** is the most recent addition to the Glorious Presence Church Staff. He and his wife, Melody have been married since 2004. In April of 2009, God entrusted them with their firstborn, Emmeline Jo. Chris studied Pastoral Counseling and Theology at Valley Forge Christian College, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2006. Christopher is currently completing a graduate degree in Psychotherapy at Eastern University. He strives to model his life after Psalm 119:133, "Establish my footsteps in Your Word, and do not let any iniquity have dominion over me" (NASB). We are pleased to welcome Chris to the Glorious Presence Church Staff.

**Deb Worley** is the Church Secretary and Minister to Women at Glorious Presence Church. She was born in Lancaster, PA and graduated from Lancaster Bible College with a major in Biblical Studies and minor in Youth Ministry. Deb and her husband, Craig, were married in 1982 and have 3 children. Since moving to Elkton in 1997, she has served with her husband as part of the leadership team for the Youth Ministry at Glorious Presence Church. Deb was asked to be Minister of Women in 2009. This added ministry responsibility is only made possible with a wonderful support staff of volunteers in the office as well as an excellent team of women- WOW (Women of the Word) Committee. Several ladies also help to co-lead 3 Bible Studies that are held through out the year. Deb loves to do visitation, counsel and spend time praying with ladies.

## About Glorious Presence Church

### Practical and Biblical Preaching

GPC teaches that Scripture is God's inspired and inerrant Word to His people (2 Tim. 3:16). If you would like to learn about the love of Jesus for you personally, and the promises of God to all of His children, Glorious Presence Church is for you!

### Energetic and Exciting Worship

Worship at GPC is spirited and enthusiastic (Ps. 100)! If you would like a Worship Band to lead you in contemporary songs of praise and worship, Glorious Presence Church is for you!

### Genuine and Caring People

Jesus teaches us to live in LOVE. Anyonewho does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen (I John 4:20). If you are looking for a community where people help and care for one another, Glorious Presence Church is for you!



**A Bible-Believing, Spirit-Filled Church**

### Pastoral Team

**Curtis E. Leins, Ph.D.**  
**Robert F. McKnight**  
**Theodore Lambert, III**  
**James L. Ford**

**Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am**

Children's Church 10:30 am  
Sunday Youth Groups 5:00 pm  
Weekly Home Groups

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# Welcome

# What we believe!

## The Bible

Glorious Presence Church accepts all of the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments as a whole and in all their parts as the divinely inspired, revealed, and inerrant Word of God. It is our joy to submit to God's Word as the only infallible authority in all matters of faith and life.

## God the Father

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

## God the Son

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

## God the Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic (Christian) and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

## Worship

The Bible encourages God's people to praise the Lord with songs, lifted hands, clapping, dance, and all of our strength. God is enthroned on the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3). Scripture admonishes us to worship and bow down, to kneel before the Lord our Maker (Psalm 95:6). We are invited into the beauty of His holiness (Psalm 96:9). Indeed, by faith in Jesus Christ and by His blood, we may enter with confidence into the holy place (Hebrews 10:19). Our God shares His glorious presence with us when we worship!

## Prayers and Healing

God's Word admonishes us to be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving to let our requests be made known to God (Phil. 4:6). As God's dearly beloved children, we approach Him boldly and confidently in prayer knowing that He knows our needs before we ask. Still, He has commanded us to pray and has promised to hear us. Our petitions to God include the expectation of His blessing and mercy regarding every aspect of our lives: body and soul, finances and property, relationships and reputation. We believe in God's power to heal the body, cleanse the soul, defeat the devil, and graciously to give faith unto eternal life.

## Missionaries

Even though Glorious Presence Church is a young congregation, we have set aside financial support for missionaries from our first meeting. Glorious Presence supports twenty-two missionaries in thirteen foreign countries and the United States. Some are in Africa, some in South America. We support Wycliff Bible Translators, JAARS, Mission Aviation Fellowship, and World Missions Far Corners.

## Pastoral Team

Oversight of Glorious Presence Church is provided by a Pastoral Team. Our four Elders have approximately 100 years of church leadership between them. They come from a variety of religious backgrounds but stand together in their common commitment to the infallible Word of God. Also, they are committed to unity and harmony in leadership. Their unity is augmented by a strong personal relationship of genuine respect and preferential brotherhood.

## A word about our pastoral team...

**The Rev. Curtis E. Leins** is the founding pastor of Glorious Presence Church. He and his wife, Debbie, and three sons began this ministry on November 1, 1992. Pastor Leins has served as a full-time congregational pastor since 1978, when he was ordained by the North Carolina Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. Since that time, he has served congregations in North Carolina, Delaware and Maryland. Dr. Leins' academic credentials include: B.A. in Philosophy; M.Div., Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary; TH.M., Duke University, The Divinity School; M.A., Temple University; and Ph.D., Temple University. In addition to serving as the founding pastor on our Pastoral Team, Curtis is a rostered clergyman of the American Association of Lutheran Churches. Also, he teaches classes in Church History for the American Lutheran Theological Seminary located in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**Pastor Theodore Lambert III** was born in Wilmington, Delaware in 1952 and attended the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church. After becoming a Christian at age 5, he had a renewal in 1971 while attending the Jesus People meetings. He has been blessed with three wonderful children, all of whom are married to fine Christian spouses. In 1994, Ted joined Glorious Presence Church. He has been working with teenagers since 1975. In September 2009, Ted married Selina and today they enjoy their new life together including six grandchildren. Ted assists with our youth and helps lead a home group along with his duties as an Elder at Glorious Presence Church.

# Bible - Believing

# Spirit-Filled