# rev. AUSTIN **PFEIFFER**

# . PROFILE .

Creative leader with a zeal to take words and ideas and turn them into art and institutions. A demonstrated history of entrepreneurship, organizational leadership, and artistic output.

# . EDUCATION .

# **Duke University/2014**

Master of Theology (Th.M.)

## Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary/2012

Master of Arts in Christian Thought (M.A.)

### University of Colorado at Boulder/2007

Bachelor of Arts in English/Creative Writing (B.A.)

# . CAREER HISTORY .

# **Salem Presbyterian Church, W-S, NC** - Pastor of Culture & Liturgical Arts January 2014 - PRESENT

- Head of Staff
- Oversees cultural leadership development for officers and staff
- Provides and supports church wide communication
- Creates and supports creation of music, art, writing, and liturgy
- Provides executive leadership to grow church plant to established institution
- Scaled culture from grassroots to lay-led committees in conjunction with staff
- Manage small groups, setting philosophy and coordinating groups

# West Salem Public House, Winston-Salem, NC - Managing Partner December 2015 - PRESENT

- Worked with two partners to renovate dilapidated neighborhood building
- Executed business plan to create a neighborhood "third place"
- Launched in March 2018 with sustained success at vibrant community
- Expanded to include Sayso Coffee in 2020

#### Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, NC - Pastoral Intern August 2010 - August 2011

- Created theological content of the liturgy and selected music
- Coordinated and oversaw pool of 50 volunteers in worship
- Supervised the transition of moving worship service to a new site

# Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church - Community Intern

August 2007 - June 2008

- Co-created evening worship gathering with Associate Pastor.
- Fostered young adult community through service projects and social events

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# . SKILLS.

Leadership Development
Theological Teaching
Preaching
Conflict Resolution
Organizational Thinking
Community Building
Event Planning

# OTHER WORKS

# Forum on Faith & Culture

Steering Committee Member

#### **Presbytery Stated Clerk**

Piedmont Triad Presbytery, 2021-2022

#### **Presbytery Moderator**

Piedmont Triad Presbytery, 2019-2020

#### **Worship Committee Chair**

PCA General Assembly, 2017

#### Pierce Center for Discipleship

Fellow, 2010

#### **Brightseed Foundation**

Trustee 2006-2016

# First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem - College & Worship Intern

August 2005 - May 2007

- Managed two student interns in organization and campus presence
- Mentored young men at Wake Forest and led a discipleship group
- Led Wake Forest students on trips to Louisiana and Dominican Republic
- Collaborated with senior staff to create original music and video pieces

#### First Presbyterian Church, Boulder - Student Intern

August 2003 - May 2005

- Coordinated volunteers and music for weekly gatherings of 700 students
- Led service opportunities both locally, and to San Francisco and NYC

# . WRITING AND SPEAKING .

## Calvin University - Grand Rapids, MI

Entrepreneurship and the Arts Guest Speaker, 2020

### Christ the King - Cambridge, MA

Curiosity in an Age of Distress Winter Getaway Speaker, 2018

#### Duke Divinity School Reformed House of Studies - Durham, NC

Reflections from the Font: A Story of Baptism and the Death of an Old Man Allen Verhey Memorial Colloquium 2017

#### **Duke University - Durham, NC**

Thesis: Embodied Communal Life In The Book Of Hebrews Advisor: Dr. J. Ross Wagner; Second Reader: Dr. C. Kavin Rowe

### Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary - Charlotte, NC

Thesis: The Secret Sacrament: The Essentiality Of Biblical Community For Christians Advisor: Dr. Robert Mayer; Second Reader: Dr. Donald Fairbairn