

## Reverend Susan Maxwell Rothenberg

As a second career pastor who was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in 2011, Susan has served in solo and interim pastor positions, and as a consultant helping churches learn how to adapt faithfully in a changing world. Most recently, she served as a Transitional/Interim Pastor at Community Presbyterian Church in Ben Avon, PA.

At the Presbytery level, Susan serves on the Commission on Ministry and as Commissioner to the Synod of the Trinity. She has also served on several administrative commissions as well as various standing committees of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

A life-long Presbyterian, Susan grew up in Uniontown, PA., and received a BA in English from Chatham University. Her first career was in advertising/marketing, working for companies in Baltimore and Pittsburgh. She completed her M.Div. at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She has served as a student chaplain at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and as an urban ministry intern at Bethesda U.P. Church in Homewood.

Susan and her husband Mitchell, have been married for more than 40 years. Mitchell is an orthopedic surgeon who has been on staff at Passavant, Mercy/UPMC, and Allegheny Health Network. Currently, he works part-time in Johnstown, PA. as a trauma surgeon at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center.

Their daughter Rachel is a grant writer for major gifts at Food Lifeline, a non-profit based in Seattle where Rachel moved in 2018 to complete a Ph.D. in International Studies at the University of Washington. Their son David works as an engineer in Bloomington, Indiana and graduated from Purdue University with a computer engineering degree.

Susan and her husband love to travel, cook, and explore their Lawrenceville neighborhood, where they bought a house a few years ago after downsizing from a much too big house in Squirrel Hill. They have two crazy cats, Abbey and Toby, who have helped them adjust to their empty nest.

Susan is a person of enormous hope because she believes the God of the Scriptures is the same creative and loving God who is still speaking to us through the power of the Holy Spirit as it moves among and through our congregations. She loves hearing and telling stories about God's amazing love and grace at work among God's people. Her favorite part of ministry is building relationships with people, particularly those who may feel disconnected from their faith and their church.

She is deeply honored to serve Bethel Presbyterian Church, and looks forward to serving you with energy, imagination, intelligence, and love as we seek to serve Christ in our community.