

Rev. John Christian Hage, Senior Pastor

John Hage is an ordained teaching elder in the PCUSA with over 20 years-experience working at some of the largest churches in the PCUSA.

John graduated cum laude with a B.A. in political science with a minor in Spanish at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC. John brings a wealth of international experience as he has studied in Quito, Ecuador as well as Salamanca, Spain. He has also done mission work in Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Mexico, Kenya and Brazil as well as in New Orleans, Indianapolis, and Durham.

After college, John worked in business as a consultant in financial services and web development for Accenture and iXL in Charlotte, NC. During this valuable and productive time in business, he felt a call to go to seminary and attended Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ earning his M.Div. in the spring of 2005. During seminary, John was under care of the session of First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, NC. During his time in seminary, John spent a summer studying at a seminary in Fortaleza, Brazil and worked with a Presbyterian church there. During John's second year he was married to Anna Evenhouse.

Prior to his call to Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, John had been a Lake Fellow at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. This is a two-year residency program where John led worship, preached, taught, and participated in four rotations focusing on missions, pastoral care, adult education, and evangelism. While John has enjoyed all these areas of ministry, he and his wife have always had a passion for missions. During his tenure at Second Presbyterian church, John began an alternative spring break mission trip for families in the church. He and his wife also worked with the youth and young adults of the church. They also worked to reach out to the Hispanic community in Indianapolis.

John comes to us from Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church where he was heavily involved in local missions, increasing their participation 10 times in five years. That growth involved the development of a mentoring ministry, the launching of the Hope House Ministry, and the creation of an ecumenical network to bring together different faith communities.

John is the author of two books. He co-wrote [Called to Life: An Invitation to a Missional Way of Being](#) with ruling elder Ellen Creed Branham. He is the author of a second book [Equipping the Saints: A Practical Resource for International Mission Engagement](#).

John's loves traveling with his wife Anna and his four kids Eliza, Jack, Pearl and Tessa. He likes sports, running, and speaking Spanish.