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Highland Park Presbyterian Church Elects Rev. Dr. Thomas Daniel as Senior Pastor

DALLAS, Texas — September 7, 2025 — Highland Park Presbyterian Church (HP Pres) joyfully announces the election of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Daniel as its next Senior Pastor, following a unanimous recommendation from the Pastor Nominating Committee and a congregational vote held today.



Rev. Dr. Thomas Daniel, newly elected Senior Pastor of Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas (Photo courtesy of HP Pres).

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Thomas Daniel has served as Senior Pastor and Head of Staff of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas, since 2014. Having served in ministry for over 25 years, he is recognized as a gifted preacher, strategic leader, and compassionate pastor. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, he is a graduate of Davidson College and Columbia Theological Seminary, where he earned both his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry.

“After more than a year of prayer, discernment, and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our church is thrilled to welcome Rev. Dr. Thomas Daniel as our new Senior Pastor,” said Kelsey Phillips, Co-Moderator of the Pastor Nominating Committee. “We believe Thomas’s love for Jesus, his heart for people, and his visionary leadership will equip him to lead HP Pres faithfully into its second century of ministry.”

“Again and again, we felt the Lord at work guiding us to Thomas,” added Charles Davis, Co-Moderator of the Pastor Nominating Committee. “I am confident that his dynamic preaching, his compassionate discipleship and his heart for missions will be a blessing to our congregation and to the city of Dallas.”

Thomas is married to the Rev. Dr. Beth Daniel, an ordained Presbyterian pastor who serves with The Ministry Collaborative, a national leadership development organization for pastors. Together they have two daughters, Miriam and Hannah, both students at Baylor University.

In accepting the call, Dr. Daniel said:

“It is a profound honor to be called as Senior Pastor of Highland Park Presbyterian Church. Beth and I are deeply grateful for the clarity with which God has led us here, and we are excited to join this vibrant congregation in its mission to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Dallas and around the world.”

This election marks a new chapter in the life of HP Pres nearly two years after the unexpected passing of Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bryan Dunagan, who faithfully led the church for nine (9) years.

Learn More:

Get to know Rev. Dr. Thomas Daniel by watching the introduction video and finding more details at hppres.org/thomas.

About Highland Park Presbyterian Church:

Founded in 1926, Highland Park Presbyterian Church is a member of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO). As the church prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2026, it continues its mission of leading all generations to find and follow Jesus, with vibrant ministries in Dallas and partnerships that extend across the globe. More information is available at hppres.org.

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