

# *Rev. Dr. Kelly Wadsworth*



The Rev. Dr. Kelly Wadsworth is a warm and engaging Presbyterian pastor who is passionate about Christ's church during these shifting cultural times. She is a native of Bellevue, WA and loves how the Reformed tradition finds expression in the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

After graduating from the University of Puget Sound with a B.A. in international politics, Pastor Kelly served in youth ministry at University Place Presbyterian Church in Tacoma, WA and at

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship in Philadelphia, PA. From there, she attended Princeton Theological Seminary for her M.Div, which included a semester 'abroad' in Washington, DC exploring the historical connections between faith, policy, and public life. After graduation, Pastor Kelly returned to the Pacific Northwest and led diverse Presbyterian congregations alongside service in the Army Reserves. In 2008, her WA National Guard unit was activated and she deployed to the Middle East as a Chaplain with the 81<sup>st</sup> Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

Upon return, she became active in the peace & justice movement and has been a guest speaker at the NEXT, Veterans for Peace, and Association of Professional Chaplain national conferences. She earned her PhD from Saybrook University with a concentration on the intersection of faith and psychology. Her doctoral work focused on the spirituality of homecoming and the ways major transitions can serve a critical role in our own faith development. Most recently, Pastor Kelly led the Alki Church in West Seattle through a rich season of mission revitalization and future planning. She also serves on the board of the PCUSA Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel as well as the Seattle University Center for Religious Wisdom and World Affairs.

Pastor Kelly's favorite pastimes include yoga, barre, and biking as well as curling up on the couch with a good memoir and discovering the great outdoors with her family and friends.

