

**Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church
Co-Pastor Nominating Committee
Presents:**



The Rev. Dr. Alexander Wimberly

as Co-Pastor

Sunday, May 17th, 2026



Rev. Clover Beal with Rev. Alex Wimberly on a recent visit to Montview

Ecclesiastical Status:

PC(USA) Minister of Word and Sacrament

Education:

Ph.D. University of Notre Dame
M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary
A.B. Wabash College

Excerpt from Alex's application materials:

"I believe the best preaching reflects attentive pastoral care. Knowing the needs and fears of one's congregation gives the preacher an authentic homiletical voice. Likewise, some of the best pastoral care is delivered from the pulpit - through the regular assurance of God's love, God's providence, and our place within God's community."

About Alex

Alex Wimberly is a fourth generation Presbyterian minister, noted preacher and international leader in community building and reconciliation.

For the past seven years, Alex has served as Leader of the Corrymeela Community, a world-renowned peace and reconciliation charity in Northern Ireland. Corrymeela provides a place of welcome and belonging to all, particularly to marginalized communities affected by violence. A Christian community in a post-Christian context, Corrymeela 'pursues reconciliation by seeking guidance from the teachings of Jesus, the wisdom of other traditions, and the lessons of our encounters.'

Prior to Corrymeela, Alex served for seven years as Senior Pastor and Head of Staff at McCracken Memorial Presbyterian Church, a large congregation in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He also served as Pastor of the Honey Brook Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania.

Alex earned a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. His PhD studies at the University of Notre Dame focused on the theme of reconciliation in American Presbyterianism, culminating in a dissertation on the *Confession of 1967*.

Alex brings a wealth of wisdom in building community and bringing together diverse viewpoints. He now feels a strong call to return home to the States and to bring these skills to ministry at Montview, Denver and beyond.

Alex will be joined by his wonderful wife, the Rev. Kiran Young Wimberly, and their three children: Eva, Amos and Phoebe. Kiran, also ordained in the PC(USA) tradition, is a minister, spiritual director, podcaster, and musician who has produced four albums of 'Celtic Psalms.'

"Alex's reconciliation experience at the Corrymeela Community, as well as the fact that he has been living and working outside of the United States, gives him a unique perspective that will challenge us to view our faith from a different lens. His leadership will provide us the opportunity to grow, adapt, and evolve as individuals and a congregation."

—Eric Hilty, Elder and Co-Pastor Nominating Committee Member

Alex's Statement of Faith

I believe that God created us because 'being in loving relationship with the other' is what God is all about -- and what humanity is called to experience.

I believe reconciliation lies at the heart of the Gospel. Reconciliation is a journey of becoming more fully human as we learn to live not for ourselves but for others. To be human is to live with difference and to experience conflict -- but our differences do not need to frighten us; our conflicts do not need to harm us. When approached with curiosity, empathy and love, they can lead us to a greater understanding of ourselves, our world, and our God. When we remember that even our enemies are loved by God and that no one is born to hate, new communities can be formed in which we learn to solve problems in ways that work for all of us.

I believe the trap of religion is to put ourselves in positions where we judge other people. The Good News of Jesus frees us to see that we are no better than anyone else; that we are each capable of doing what we are quick to condemn; and that we are all loved with an undying love.

I believe that those who are part of a Christian community are called to rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God, to share that Good News in our words and in our deeds, and to demonstrate this revealed truth in our relationships with each other, with our human family, and with creation.

I believe the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper reliably provide reminders of God's grace and serve as signs and seals of God's eternal presence with us. Baptism marks us as God's own within a community and demonstrates the restorative power of God's love. The Lord's Supper nourishes our faith with spiritual food and provides a foretaste of how life should be as we are gathered together in all our diversity as one people.

I believe the Bible is the best witness to the message of God's reconciling love, to the life and teachings of Jesus, and to the Spirit's continuing work of bearing God's Word to us.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Word of God.

The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ reveal that love is what is most divine and that love is what will last.

Alex Wimberly is consistently described as a deeply relational and compassionate pastoral leader. He has an innate ability to connect meaningfully beyond the pulpit and to make individuals feel seen, valued, and at home. His preaching is widely regarded as thoughtful, engaging, and spiritually challenging, inviting listeners into deeper reflection while creating space for authenticity and growth. Whether in a hospital room, a kitchen conversation, or a sanctuary, Alex brings a steady, warm presence that reflects both humility and integrity.

Alex's leadership style is marked by collaboration, emotional intelligence, and an ability to navigate complexity with grace. He is known for listening carefully, fostering dialogue across differences, and creating environments where diverse perspectives are welcomed and respected. Colleagues and collaborators emphasize his capacity to lead without relying on authority alone—bringing people together, encouraging shared ownership, and guiding communities through change with both decisiveness and empathy. His work in Northern Ireland, particularly in reconciliation efforts, demonstrates a rare ability to hold tension, build trust, and move communities toward deeper understanding and cohesion.

At his core, Alex is driven by a sense of calling to serve where connection, healing, and hope are most needed. Grounded in a theology of love, inclusion, and justice, he is passionate about helping communities engage faithfully with the challenges of our time. References describe him as intellectually sharp yet deeply approachable, blending humor, insight, and pastoral sensitivity in ways that resonate across generations and backgrounds. With a unique combination of global experience and a heart for the local church, Alex brings both vision and humility to his ministry—offering leadership that is thoughtful, collaborative, and rooted in a profound commitment to bringing people together.



Kiran and Alex Wimberly

Excerpt from Alex's application materials:

"I have come to see that humility and vulnerability are key to leadership and that curiosity transforms discomfort and even hostility into the possibility of reconciliation."

"Alex brings intelligence, wit, deep compassion, and a unique grounding in the work of reconciliation so very much needed in our world today. His personality and style are exactly the puzzle pieces we were looking for to go alongside Clover and Jason. I'm excited to see where the synergies between Alex and Clover will lead us in this next chapter at Montview."

— Craig Maginness, Co-Pastor Nominating Committee

From the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee Co-Moderators

On behalf of the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee (CPNC), we are thrilled to introduce you to the Rev. Dr. Alexander Wimberly, and to recommend him for congregational approval as our next Co-Pastor. After 18 months of work that has included considering, meeting and engaging with more than 90 candidates, the CPNC is unanimous in our discernment that Alex is the right person at the right time to serve Montview Church.

Alex is an accomplished preacher and pastor, theologian and leader with a unique life story. With a wide and deep background in faith congregations and intentional communities, he shares the Good News of the Gospel in a compelling, compassionate and inspiring way. Acknowledging the assurance that comes from “never having to question that I was loved by God,” he is a consistent witness to the light and love of God.

He excels in a leadership capacity. In his broad church ministry and organizational management experience, he has successfully addressed challenging situations and implemented major initiatives. He will also be a catalyst for facilitating understanding and justice in our community.

With humility, curiosity and inclusiveness, **Alex fosters collaboration and collegiality.** He will be an effective, synergistic ministry partner with Clover, Jason and staff. Additionally, he has a remarkable ability to connect with others. With a quick mind and wit, he relates to all types of people. Just getting to know him brings a familiarity like you’ve known him for years.

As a **strong strategic and visionary thinker**, Alex will help guide Montview into its next chapter. Impressed by the vitality of the Church, he will pull and stretch us, challenging us to be our better selves and to become a better Church. He has remarked, “whatever the future holds for Montview, I want to be part of it.”

It is the discernment of the congregation’s CPNC that Alex is called to lead Montview Church as its next Co-Pastor. Alex has an insightful sense of the role of Montview in our community and denomination in this time. We are excited to welcome Alex, Kiran and their family to Montview and Denver, and we hope you are, too!

—Peg Logan, Bill Schumacher & Nancy Van Burgel, CPNC Co-Moderators



Peg Logan



Bill Schumacher



Nancy Van Burgel

A Message from Alex

Dear friends at Montview,

I am writing with a joyful heart to accept the terms of call the nominating committee has extended, and to make myself available for your consideration as co-pastor of the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church. I am humbled by this call, but confident that this is a genuine sign of the Spirit at work.



Kiran, Eva, Alex, Phoebe and Amos Wimberly

It has been a joy to get to know Montview over these past several months. Kiran and I have made 'Montview TV' regular viewing each Sunday evening – and we have come to feel a part of your community from thousands of miles away. I immediately felt at home in the worship, challenged by the witness of your leaders, and consistently impressed by the excellence being offered by staff and layperson alike. Having only discovered Montview in December, I now regard it as the healthiest congregation I have ever encountered: a church that can reasonably aspire to a national profile so long as it retains its grounded good sense and its cheerful humility.

Our family visited the Mile High City for the first time in April, and we are already eager to call Denver home. Any anxieties we might have had evaporated like the moisture from our brows. Every person we encountered made the place more attractive. Each staff member we met was just as impressive and likeable in person as they were on screen – and my excitement about working alongside Clover has become undeniable. In her I have found a fast friend and I will not have to fake sincerity when laughing at her jokes. The stewardship that she and Jason have provided in this transitional period is nothing short of remarkable.

What confirmed for me the soundness of this call was the consensus I heard both staff and members articulate as they named the strengths of Montview and its co-pastor structure. They shared a vision for what Montview can offer the neighborhood, the city, and our wider human family: a house of prayer for all, a place of reconciliation, and a church home where people can be their true selves, confident in their own identity and held within a diverse collection of souls who grow together and learn from each other's experiences.

I would be truly honored to be a co-pastor of the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, and I am grateful to God for the opportunity to be given your consideration.

Grace and peace,

Overview of the Search

In the fall of 2024, the congregation elected the 10 of us to represent the unique membership of Montview by serving as the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee (CPNC). We got right to work reviewing prior congregational input gathered by the transition team including the CAT Survey, and discerning how best to describe the church and its leadership needs in order to attract strong candidates. Following the Presbytery's required process, we completed and received approval for "The 12 Questions" and the Ministry Discernment Profile, both of which articulate the church's identity, direction, and desired qualities in a co-pastor.

With these foundations in place, the CPNC launched a comprehensive search. In order to maximize our reach, we partnered with PneuMatrix— a church-oriented consulting firm that specializes in searches for new pastors utilizing a wide ranging network and process for surfacing high quality candidates who are otherwise not actively searching for a job. We also broadened the search by publishing the job on the Presbytery's Church Leadership Connection site and on Montview's website, among others, supplemented with invaluable networking by the staff, members and friends of the church. The position was highly sought after, and we were blessed with a diverse pool of very talented people from all over the country (and world!). Our thorough review and interview process included valuable guidance and input from Montview staff.

Throughout the process, the CPNC was guided by the Holy Spirit. Through a disciplined practice of devotional sharing, prayer, listening to each other, and listening for God in silence, we sought a candidate who was called to serve Montview. We are delighted to bring forward this truly wonderful candidate for your consideration.

CPNC Committee members are:

Peg Logan (Co-Moderator)	Eric Hilty
Bill Schumacher (Co-Moderator)	Craig Maginness
Nancy Van Burgel (Co-Moderator)	Erika Neale
Dianne Briscoe McKenzie	Kate Reinemund
Jessica Crawford	Matt Spohn

We give thanks for these 10 dedicated individuals who gave their time, perspectives, and wisdom in selecting the Co-Pastor to guide our congregation into the future.



Photo Credit: Rev. Amanda Osenga

"Of all the candidates interviewed by the CPNC, I found that Alex has a special spiritual connection and that his response to Montview's call is truly a response to God's calling."

—Dianne Briscoe McKenzie, Co-Pastor Nominating Committee

Congregational Meeting Agenda

Convening Prayer and Call to Order	Rev. Clover Beal Co-Pastor
Declaration of a Quorum and Statement of Purpose	Robert Mathes Clerk of Session Pro Tem
Comments from the Denver Presbytery	David Hogue Ministry Relations Committee Liaison
Co-Pastor Nominating Committee (CPNC) Report & Introduction of the Candidate	Peg Logan, Bill Schumacher and Nancy Van Burgel CPNC Co-Chairs
Motion to Call the Candidate	"We move that Rev. Dr. Alexander Wimberly be elected co-pastor of Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church."
Questions to the Candidate from the Congregation	Rev. Dr. Alexander Wimberly
Congregational Vote by ballot	Rev. Clover Beal
Announcement of the Vote	Rev. Clover Beal
Motion to Approve the Terms of Call by voice	The CPNC brings the following MOTION: "We move that the Congregation approve the Proposed Terms of Call."
Motion to Dismiss the CPNC	"We move that the Congregation dismiss the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee from its duties with thanks."
Brief Remarks from the Rev. Dr. Alexander Wimberly	Rev. Dr. Alexander Wimberly
Closing Prayer and Benediction	Rev. Clover Beal