

Pat grew up in a Presbyterian and Marine Corps family with frontier-era family roots in Middle Tennessee. Having lived in 5 states, he spent his high school and college years back in the Volunteer State in Murfreesboro.

His sense of call to pastoral ministry came during his undergraduate years at Middle Tennessee State University that led to seminary on the North Shore of Chicago at Trinity Divinity School. Congregational leadership roles have taken him to Georgia, Tennessee, Indiana (3 times), Alabama, New York, Illinois, and now here to the Eagle River Valley.

The last four positions, covering a decade, have been as Interim Pastor/Intentional Transitional Leader. In this role, Pat has the rich privilege of coming into and alongside churches that are in transition to help stir fresh understanding of the mission of Jesus and how the people of God might best live into all that God desires. Pat views life as an adventure where every day provides a new opportunity to grow as apprentices of Jesus, loving God and people more and more.

Pat and his wife, Laura, have two married sons and two teenage grandsons. Pat loves long conversations around tables where food, drink, and life are shared. Walking, kayaking, watching films and visiting family bring him joy. Pat golfs on occasion, and he always has a book or two in progress.