

## CTS Ministry Profile

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<b>Denomination</b>	PCUSA
<b>Are you seeking licensure/ordination?</b>	Yes
<b>Ordination Process</b>	Candidate - have submitted paperwork for final assessment and expect being Certified Ready for a Call in March 2017. I have passed all ords and completed all requirements.
<b>Call to Ministry</b>	<p>I am passionate about writing, preaching and teaching. I have a background in education (middle school teacher, elementary and family ministry director) and hope to continue to develop my skills as a teacher in the church.</p> <p>I feel called to a small church, either as a solo pastor (full- or part-time - I am open to bi-vocational opportunities) or an associate. I hope to have frequent opportunities to preach.</p> <p>My hope for the church is that we would continue the work of reconciliation and unity, humbly seeking to better love and serve God by growing in our understanding of how to love and serve one another. I would hope that we would not deny that division exists among us, not ignore the issues that threaten to fracture us, but develop better skills of listening and learning from each other, and remain unified with our differences (not just in spite of them). My hope is that we would truly embody love for those God has called us to love, and always thirst for deeper knowledge and experience of God.</p>
<b>Positions Desired</b>	Pastor Assoc Pastor Bi-Vocational Advocacy Chaplain Educator Non-Profit
<b>Education</b>	B.S. in Middle Grades Education, Berry College, Rome, GA (Spring 2005)
<b>Relevant Work Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- taught middle school for 6 years</li><li>- two years spent teaching as a missionary in an international Christian school (Vienna, Austria)</li><li>- 4 years as Director of Elementary and Family Ministries (First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA)</li><li>- ordained ruling elder in PCUSA (Morrow Presbyterian Church, Morrow, GA, 2008-2011)</li></ul>
<b>Geographic Preference</b>	no preference - I'm open to going anywhere!