



## Assistant Pastor Search

**Our History:** Forestgate was planted in 1986, out of Village Seven Presbyterian Church on the northern end of Colorado Springs.



Forestgate has about 300 attendees, owns a beautiful sanctuary with a view of Pikes Peak, and has been debt-free for many years.

**Our Context:** Forestgate is located less than two miles from the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA).



Colorado Springs is home to nearly a half-million residents (750k and rising in the metro area), including many military officers, secular conservatives, and over 80 Christian non-profits. The state of Colorado has a diverse culture and many residents who love their freedom and the great outdoors but may not yet love their Creator.

**Our Pastors:** Dr. Matt Giesman, Master of Divinity, 2009 from Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS; Doctorate of Ministry

2020, Covenant Seminary (*picture below*). Matt has served as Senior Pastor of Forestgate since 2015. His wife Liz is the school nurse at a local charter school where his children attend.



Stephen Baran is an Assistant Pastor serving as Director of Worship at Forestgate. He is a Colorado Springs native, born and raised in the Black Forest. Stephen and his wife Katherine met and fell in love in the Forestgate youth group and have six children (*picture below*). He attended Westminster Seminary, Escondido, CA and has received a Foundation of Bible Counseling certificate from the Christian Counseling and Education Foundation (CCEF).



**Our Mission Statement:** Forestgate exists to glorify God and make disciples of Christ in northern El Paso County by:

**Exalting** our Lord in joyful worship through liturgy and sermons built on a high view of biblical truth, relationally grounded, and relevant to life; congregational singing of old and new hymns (with old and new tunes); and involvement of skilled congregational musicians and vocalists.

**Encouraging** each other to love and good deeds through a welcoming atmosphere of warmth that permeates all we do as a community; walking with people in the good, the bad, and the ugly of life; Community Groups; and steadfast prayer for one another.

**Equipping** each other for service in the church and in the kingdom through biblical education and personal discipleship; identifying and developing each one's gifts by active involvement and mentoring; intentional leadership development; and building strong families and singles relationships within the context of multi-generational ministry.

**Engaging** the culture around us as salt and light through intentional individual involvement with our northern El Paso County community; the U.S. Air Force Academy; and the poor, needy and unchurched, both locally and across the globe.

**Our Area:** Forestgate (*picture below*) is at the boundary of Colorado Springs and Monument Colorado, with views of the Rocky Mountains. The neighboring communities provide many local and natural parks, special events, historical sites, a five star hotel, and breath-taking vistas that attract visitors from around the world.



**Garden of the Gods** is a city park with outstanding geological features, hiking trails, horseback riding, and picnic areas.



The **Town of Monument** was founded in 1872 as a stop along the Rio Grande Railroad and is situated at the base of the Rampart Range and is bordered by Pike National Forest, Colorado Springs, and the United States Air Force Academy.

The Five Star and “breath taking” **Broadmoor Hotel** is a member of Historic Hotels of America. The hotel's visitors have included many heads of state, celebrities, professional sports stars, and people from all over the world.



**Our Need:** To hire an additional full-time pastor (ordained or ordainable) who can preach as needed, lead our Youth Ministry, Christian Education, and Local Missions.

**Interested?** Contact the Pastor search committee, [PastorSearch@Forestgate.org](mailto:PastorSearch@Forestgate.org), or our Search Chairman, Elder Daniel Klute, [daniel.klute@forestgate.org](mailto:daniel.klute@forestgate.org).

**For more information:** Please visit our website, [www.Forestgate.org](http://www.Forestgate.org).

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