

# TAMMY TKACH

Assistant Pastor

## Tell us about your role.

I am the assistant pastor for Grace Communion River Road in Eugene, Oregon. I give sermons once a month and other shorter messages, serve as the Faith Avenue champion and have conducted a couple of mini-retreats. I also enter donations and church reports, as well as participate in outreach activities.

## What skills do you bring to the role?

Speaking, writing, listening, and empathy.

## What makes you a good fit?

My years speaking at women's ministry retreats and conferences has helped me be prepared for this role. My life experiences, including being the wife of the past president of the denomination, going through our doctrinal changes and traveling all over the world have given me a global perspective on the life of the church.

## What do you want people to know about working/serving here?

GC River Road is a small congregation, but we love each other and work well together. We give each other room to be ourselves and to be creative in how we approach challenges.

## What excites you about this role?

Because I've been learning and enjoying getting to know Jesus for myself, I love helping others learn who He really is. I always try to bring out different aspects of His nature in my speaking and writing.

## What are the challenges?

Sermon preparation is always a challenge it's a huge responsibility. Discovering how to effectively interact with the community is an ongoing adventure.



## Get to Know Tammy



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### What are some core values that guide your life and influence your approach to ministry?

Learning about grace by way of many years of legalism has made me sensitive to how God's grace is integral to being a Christian and it has become the overarching guiding principle to my ministry.

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### What is something people don't know about you?

I am currently serving as the Regent of the Eugene chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. I host a bar trivia game once a week and I have donated more than 11 gallons of blood/platelets.

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### Can you share a memorable experience or testimony from your time in this role?

My first time participating in a baptism and anointing someone who was sick were both memorable and meaningful experiences.

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### What else is important for our readers to know?

I never aspired to be a pastor, but looking back over my life, it seems God had been moving me in this direction for a long time.

I've always felt the most important thing I could do is be available and willing to go in whatever direction he took me. Never a dull moment!

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