

Lydia Widbin



Meet Lydia

Lydia was born in Boston and has lived in various places around the world, including the Philippines, Tennessee, Egypt, and Rockland County, NY where she lived most of her life. After High School, Lydia attended Eastern University where she met her husband Hector. She has her Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Lydia has an expansive resume. Most recently she has been a lay pastor at St. Paul's United Methodist Church and a guest preacher at the Chinese Alliance Church of Westchester. She has also been a teacher, youth leader, and chaplain.

Upon getting married, Lydia and Hector spent three years in Queens before moving to a church near the Jersey Shore where they have served in various capacities for the last ten years.

Hector, born in Honduras, has recently accepted the pastorate at Hoosick Falls Baptist Church where he begins in September.



In Her Own Words

Having developed gifts for preaching and teaching, writing, music and worship, counseling and leadership over the course of 7 years of formal biblical and theological education and 19 years of ministry, I am eager to offer those gifts towards the needs of the church and world in response to God's call to parish ministry.

See and Hear Lydia in Action

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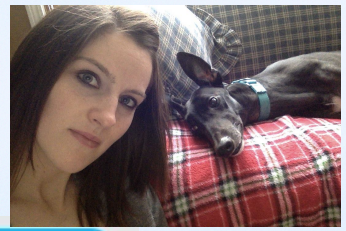
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQDPBpTeuGs>

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Q & A with Lydia



What's your favorite scripture?

I have a few! Mark 1:9-11, Psalm 131, and Proverbs 16:9.

What are your plans regarding Baptist affiliation?

I am looking forward to being ordained with the American Baptist denomination, and will be working on that process in the first few years of my ministry.

What's your favorite meal?

Because my family has a long history of traveling to the Middle East, and I myself spent a semester in Egypt during college, I am partial to Middle Eastern food, especially a salad called tabbouleh. I also love Chipotle bowls, coal-fired pizza and mahi-mahi.

What's your favorite dessert?

Homemade banana cream pie tops the list, but I also love mint chocolate chip and chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream.

What kind of pets do you have?

I have a greyhound named Nike and a cat named Stanley Frank Musial (we call him Frank).

What are some local activities/landmarks that you look forward to trying?

I'm a fan of history, so I look forward to checking out the Saratoga battlefield and exploring the museum there. I love to lake swim and paddle board, so I am looking forward to exploring the local lakes. And I'd love to perform some music here and there at local open mics.

GOD IS LOVE

What is one thing you want us to know about you?

I love to hear people's stories—stories of what God is doing in their lives, and stories of the times they've struggled to see God at work. Those stories, including my own, have made my faith deeper and richer, and have breathed life into my reading of God's word. When a person feels comfortable enough to share their story with me, and to trust me to walk alongside them on their journey—listening to them, guiding them, and helping them to discover and use the gifts God has given them in service to others, I feel incredibly honored, and treat that experience as a holy thing. I look forward to the opportunity to come into a new community of the faithful, and open myself up to the new thing God will do with us all as we support and encourage one another to grow together in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Also, one Christmas Eve when I was young, Santa Claus set up a mammoth jungle gym in my room overnight while I was sleeping. It stretched all the way up to the ceiling and took up the length of my bedroom... How did he do that without me waking up?! Opening up my eyes to that jungle gym was one of the most wondrous experiences of my life, and I hope to carry that sense of wonder with me all my days. ☒

