

Biography of The Reverend Tim Marvil  
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Tim Marvil came to the ministry later in life. He was born and raised in rural northwestern New Jersey. Upon graduation from high school, he attended and graduated from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry. Returning to his birthplace, Tim began working for a family owned manufacturing company where he worked in progressively higher levels of management for the next 23 years. While working there, he met and married his wife Meg, a native of the same area where Tim grew up. They are the proud parents of three boys, Joshua, Thomas and Christopher. Josh is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is currently serving a two-year appointment in the Peace Corps in Botswana, Africa. Tom and Chris are twins and are finishing their undergraduate degree this year. Chris is at Central Michigan University, where he majors in Spanish and minors in Music. He is a very accomplished clarinetist. Tom is a Sacred Music major at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, where he continues to develop a wonderful gift of Organ performance. Both Tom and Chris are in the midst of finalizing plans for graduate school in their respective areas.

In 2004 Tim respond to God's call to ministry and attend Princeton Theological Seminary at the ripe young age of 42. It was a significant and frightening change to what had been a comfortable and secure life. Tim says that it was ONLY Meg's constant and consistent support that allowed him to leave the corporate world and endure three years of full time theological study. "It wasn't easy and there were many times I felt like giving up – but Meg was always there to affirm what God was calling me to do". After completing his Master of Divinity, Tim was called as the Pastor of the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Homer, MI, in 2008, where he remains excited to be serving God. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall, MI.

In his spare time Tim is an avid sailor and most Saturdays in the summer you can find him at the family cottage in Whitehall, MI, racing one-person sailboats. Meg and he have recently purchased a small motorhome that they use to take short trips to explore the country.

Tim's gifts to ministry are the ability to introduce transformation and growth in existing bodies of Christ. He is excited to take on the new position as Supply Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Concord. As he says, "I was invited to moderate the Session of Concord almost two years ago as they entered a transitional period, and as time wore on, it became pretty apparent there was a good fit between us. It resulted in the idea of a sharing agreement with the Homer Presbyterian Church, and there is strong evidence that what we are forging today may be a model other Churches can follow in the future".