

# In Loving Memory of the Reverend Matthew J. Warfield

May 24, 1989 – January 8, 2022

**Sibling-in-Christ | Cherished Colleague | Beloved Child of God**



From the moment Matthew appeared on life's stage, his smile could melt ice. His faith was cultivated in his home with his parents and his adoring siblings who brought him to Maple Avenue RCA and CRC at a young age. He loved with zeal and depth evident in his commitment to his beloved Lakers, his "Boyship" who kept him grounded, several nieces, nephews, aunties, uncles and everyone who was blessed to be swept up in his embrace. Today he stands in the presence of his Lord, his "only comfort in Life and Death."

Matthew is survived by his parents, Matthew Sr. and Rita Warfield; siblings, Matthew Devere Warfield, Artesia Warfield, Rakendra (Gregory) Davis, Reneisha (Darnelle) Powell, Samantha (Christopher) Kirk; God-siblings, Talisha Smith, Carissa (Eddie) Hardy, Eboni (Christopher) Slater; and 16 nieces and nephews.

A graduate of Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan, and Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, Matthew was serving as a Resident Minister at First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor at the time of his death.

Visitation is Noon – 2:00 p.m., on Monday, January 17, 2022, at Ridge Point Community Church, 340 104th Avenue, Holland, MI 49423. The family asks that masks be required at both the visitation and funeral services. Funeral services are at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Denise Kingdom-Grier officiating. Burial will take place in Pilgrim Home Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Matthew's honor may be given online at [www.mapleaves.org/giving](http://www.mapleaves.org/giving). Choose "Matthew J. Warfield Legacy Fund." If you prefer, your donation may be made through First Presbyterian Church, either by check or online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM88/home>. If you are writing a check, please note the purpose of your gift by writing "Matthew J. Warfield Legacy Fund" on the memo line. All memorial contributions received by First Presbyterian Church in Matthew's honor will be forwarded to the Matthew J. Warfield Legacy Fund.

The apostle Paul wrote that “nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, neither death, nor life.” We rejoice in Matthew’s new life in Christ — even as we grieve the tremendous loss of his exuberant presence with us. He has taken up his forever home — and we look forward to the eventual fulfillment of God’s promise — “the glad reunion with him in the life to come.”



Matthew was defined by an abundant, passionate faith in a Lord who loves us and calls us to give our lives in service to Him. In his 32-years of life, Matthew fulfilled his calling with such joy and wonder! We will always remember him and hold him in our hearts. Even in this pain we share, we are so grateful for the gift that we were given in welcoming Matthew among us as minister and friend.



We love you, Matthew J.!  
Well done, thou good and faithful servant!

