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Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary announces new president

The Reverend Dr. Andrew David Pomerville will begin his duties on July 1.

The of Trustees of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary has announced the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Andrew David Pomerville as its 11th president. Pomerville brings to Louisville Seminary experience in both higher education and ecumenical parish ministry, defined by innovation, energy and joyful communication as an executive administrator, chaplain, and senior pastor. Pomerville comes to Louisville from Alma College (MI), where he has served as founding director of the Center for College and Community Engagement, Assistant Vice President for Community Engagement, and Senior Chaplain. He actively participated in recruitment, developed and taught nine new courses, directed the Pre-Ministry Professional Program, and co-led the \$2 million fund for the renovation of Alma's historic chapel.



Pomerville.

Previously, Pomerville served as Senior Pastor of the People's Church of East, a 1300-member congregation affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA), the United Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ, and American Baptist Church. For seven years, he led a staff of 82 to use the church's resources, including location and historic significance, to start new ministries focused on ecumenical partnerships, racial justice, targeted mission, and active involvement in city and state planning. He has been a champion for anti-racism policies and LGBTQIA+ affirming practices in education and the Church. "Mister Rogers brings out the best in humanity," said Smith, who told Religion News Service he hopes his design is a tribute to Roger's cross-generational, nondenominational appeal. "He had a gift for meeting each person where they were and giving everything he had to them in their interaction."

Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2007, Andrew is a graduate of three Presbyterian schools: Bachelor of Arts in history and religious studies, Alma College (2001); Master of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary (2007), and Doctor of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2018), focused on Reformed Theology in a joint program with University of Aberdeen. In addition to the ECRF, he holds certificates in Presidential Leadership Development from CREDO, and Adaptive Leadership from Michigan State University's College of Business.

Music Notes for June 11.

This Sunday is Father's Day, and we shall honor fathers through music. In praise of our heavenly Father, the introit will be *Faith of our Fathers*, the opening hymn will be *This Is My Father's World (TERRA BEATA)* and the closing hymn will be Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (REST).

The prelude and postlude are by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). The special music is by one of Bach's sons, Carl Phillip Emanuel (1714-1788), who played harpsichord for Frederick the Great and served as Kapellmeister for the city of Hamburg. Happy Father's Day!

Worship for June 18

Psalm 33:1-12

Genesis 12: 1-9

Sermon: Where are we going?

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This Week in History.



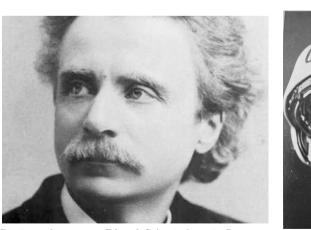
Following a series of seismic events, Mt. Pinatubo sent an ash column some 12 miles into the atmosphere over the Philippine island of Luzon. Fine ash from the eruption fell as far away as the Indian Ocean, and heavy rains combined with ash to create devastating mudslides that destroyed many lowland towns. More than 840 people were killed.

June 11, 1991



General Winfield Scott is born in Petersburg, Virginia. Nicknamed "Old Fuss and Feathers" because of his formality, he served in three wars; the War of 1812, the Mexican War, and the American Civil War. Nominated for the presidency by the Whig party in 1852, he was defeated by Franklin Pierce.

June 13, 1786



Pianist and composer **Edvard Grieg** is born in Bergen, Norway. He incorporated the rhythms and melodies of Norwegian folk music into his songs and instrumentals including *Piano Concerto in A Minor, Peer Gynt Suite, Norwegian Peasant Dance*, and *Ich liebe Dich*.

June 15, 1843



Medgar Evers, the NAACP's first field secretary in Mississippi, is murdered by Byron De La Beckwith. A decorated WW2 veteran, Evers was engaged in efforts to overturn segregation at the University of Mississippi, end the segregation of public facilities, and expand opportunities for African Americans including the enforcement of voting rights. Widespread public outrage following his death led President John F. Kennedy to propose a comprehensive Civil Rights law.

June 12, 19683



Univae 1, the world's first commercial electronic computer was unveiled in Philadelphia. It was installed at the Census Bureau and utilized a magnetic tape unit as a buffer memory.

June 14, 1951

Soviet Cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova becomes the first woman in space, manually controlling her Vostok 6 spacecraft through 48 orbits over 71 hours before landing safely.

June 16, 1963



Five men are arrested for burglary at the National Democratic Headquarters in the Watergate complex in Washington, D.C., setting into motion a chain of events eventually leading to the resignation of President Richard Nixon.

June 17, 1972