

**Michael Wallace, tenor**, serves as the associate pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church. Before coming to Canton, he served in music ministry for almost a decade in various worshipping communities around Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Michael is a graduate of Baldwin Wallace University, where he double majored in Spanish and Music; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, where he received his MDiv; Cleveland State University, where he received his MA in Spanish linguistics; and Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, where he received his ThM in the Hebrew Bible.

Apart from his call to ministry and passion for languages, Michael has loved making music since he was a child. For many years, he sang with the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus as well as the Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh. Among his favorite musical memories are singing *Star Wars: In Concert*, Britten's *Abraham and Isaac* here at CPC, Mozart's *Requiem* at Carnegie Hall, and collaborating with the May Festival Choir of Cincinnati in performing Mahler's *Symphony No. 8*. He regularly sings with the church's Chancel Choir and sings annually with Temple Israel's High Holy Day choir.

In early 2023, Michael joyfully served as one of the leaders of an interfaith pilgrimage to Israel. Then, Michael and his family just returned from a four-month long Sabbatical to Barranquilla, Colombia. While there, he taught systematic theology at the Universidad Reformada. Michael has been married for eleven years to Courtney and they have three beautiful children together, Theophilus (9), Genevieve (7), and Nathaniel (4).