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My name is Ryan Wolfer, and I was born and raised Presbyterian, following in the footsteps of four ministers in my family. Growing up, I was deeply involved in church life with mission trips, choirs, youth group, and more. I recall giving my senior sermon in high school and feeling a clear call to ministry. I had always loved the liturgy and hymnody, which help to reveal the truth, beauty, and goodness of the gospel. From that moment, I knew I had to make plans for seminary.



I chose UDTS because of its emphasis on parish ministry. While many seminaries focus on preparing therapists and professors, UDTS understands that its mission is to serve the local church. As a Graduate Assistant, I've seen firsthand how the faculty care deeply for their students and constantly seek ways to strengthen the church through their teaching and mentorship. Some of my most meaningful experiences here have been the opportunity to study history, language, and theology. These disciplines open my eyes to God's work in the world and deepen my sense of calling. To those who support UDTS, thank you. Your generosity makes it possible for students like me to answer God's call and prepare to serve the church.

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