

Dr. Rachel Taylor serves as the pianist, organist and accompanist at Georgetown First United Methodist Church. Rachel is the daughter of Edna Taylor, a lifelong church musician and public school music teacher. Rachel has been involved in church music most of her life. She has previously held piano/organ positions at the First Christian Church of Georgetown, Georgetown Baptist Church and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (Coralville, Iowa).

In addition to being on staff at Georgetown First, Rachel is an adjunct professor of piano at Eastern Kentucky University, is the Director of the Foster Academy for Musical Excellence (F.A.M.E.) at EKU, and teaches private piano lessons in her home in Georgetown. She has previously taught at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music's Preparatory Department, Grinnell College, Coe College, Cornell College and the Preucil School of Music. Dr. Taylor was selected as the 2019 Teacher of the Year by the Kentucky Music Teachers Association.

Rachel earned a Bachelor of Music at Eastern Kentucky University, a Master of Music at Northwestern University and a Doctor of Musical Arts at the University of Iowa. She specializes in piano performance and pedagogy.

Rachel lives in Georgetown with her husband, Mark Cleland, and their son, Taylor Crist Cleland. She enjoys traveling with her family, taking walks and interacting with her students. Her favorite scripture is Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth" (NIV).