



Ministry General Information

Ministry Name	Presbytery	Synod
First Presbyterian Church	Savannah	South Atlantic
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Mailing Address	Alternate Phone/Email	Community Type
520 E Washington Ave, Savannah, GA 31405		Small City
Congregation or Organization Size	Curriculum	Average Worship Attendance
401-650 members	"Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living." for k through 12. A variety of sources for adult classes, including Faith lens.	145
Church School Attendance		
66		
Intercultural Composition		
White: 95%, Black/African American/African: 3%, Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian: 2%		

Information about the Position

Position Requirements

Position Type(s)

Transitional/Interim Position

Language Requirements

English

Experience Required

2 to 5 Years

Statement of Faith required?

Yes

Employment Status

Full-time

Are you open to a clergy couple?

Yes

Training/Certificate Requirements

Interim Ministry Training

Ministry Requirements

Church Mission/Vision Statement

The life of the First Presbyterian Church of Savannah is the response of faith and obedience to the call of God in Christ. Gathered, we worship and sing, study and pray. We enjoy fellowship together. Forgiven by God, we learn to forgive other people. Sent forth, we serve as leaven, salt and light to be agents of God's love in Savannah and the larger world.

Tasks, expectations, duties, supervision, assignments, and responsibilities for the position

- Preach, lead in worship and provide a teaching ministry that will lead and inspire the spiritual growth of the membership and connect them with active community outreach.
- Moderate the Session and Congregational meetings.
- Coordinate church activities and attend church events.
- Supervise, teach, train and evaluate the church staff, including the Office Administrator, Pre-school Director, Communications Coordinator, Director of Christian Education, Director of Music and Organist, Financial Secretary, and Sexton.
- Support and teach meaningful and relevant adult education programs.

- Support the work of the Session and the Session committees of Worship and Music, Christian Education, Missions, Congregational Care, Social Concerns, Hospitality, Evangelism, Finance, Endowment, Preschool Advisory Board, Property, Personnel, Communications and Pastor Nominating Committee meeting with the committees as required.
- Provide pastoral care by visiting homes, hospitals, nursing homes, and the homebound. Provide pastoral presence for those in crisis situations and counseling as needed.
- Cultivate community relationships and engage in Presbytery responsibilities.
- Conduct baptisms, weddings, the Lord's Supper and funerals.
- Guide the church's self-study, evaluate current church needs and goals, and discerning where God may be leading them in their life together and in their mission with Christ to their community and the world.
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Compensation & Housing

Minimum Effective Salary

65000

Housing Type

Open to either

MDP - Narratives

How would you describe the congregation's/organization's specific vision for ministry? How will this vision impact the community? Is the congregation part of a ministry vision or program?

First Presbyterian Church of Savannah is a moderate-sized church organized in 1827. We are a servant church in the city, bringing focus to worship, Christian education and missions to the city and the world

What is the nature and context of the community in which your congregation lives out its mission/vision? How will you address the emerging needs that are impacting your community?

Savannah is an industrial center and an important Atlantic seaport. It is Georgia's fifth most populous city, with the U.S. 2020 census reporting a population of 147,780. The metropolitan area had a 2020 population of 404,798. Each year, Savannah attracts millions of visitors to its cobblestone streets, parks, and notable historic buildings. The population is 37% white and 49% African American, with a poverty rate of 24%. Affordable housing is becoming increasingly in short supply. First Presbyterian of Savannah addresses poverty by offering both mercy and justice missions. First works to feed and house the homeless and joins with other congregations to require elected officials to address issues contributing to poverty through our engagement with the Justice Unites Savannah Together ministry.

How will this call help complement the responsibilities of other staff/volunteer positions, and the life of the congregation/organization, so that you may accomplish your short and long-term goals for ministry?

The interim minister is responsible for moderating the Session and will work with the Session and church staff to provide opportunities for members to engage in worship, discipleship and mission. She/he will provide counsel and leadership to help the Church continue to grow spiritually and in service

Provide a description of the skills, gifts and training the person you hope will become a part of your ministry must have, to lead the congregation towards the vision and mission established.

- Graduate of a nationally recognized seminary or divinity school.
- Ordained by the Presbyterian Church USA.
- Experience as a called pastor and/or transition/interim pastor.
- Completion of transitional ministry training.
- Effective interpersonal and communication skills with the flexibility to relate to parishioners from a wide range of ages, with differing needs, views, and desires.

What areas of ministry do you expect the person called to be responsible for? Share specific tasks, assignments, and programs.

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Optional Links

First Presbyterian Church of Savannah website - FPC's staff, calendar, events - <https://www.savannahfpc.org/#/>

References

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