



## Ministry General Information

Ministry Name	Presbytery	Synod
Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church	Cherokee	South Atlantic
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Mailing Address	Alternate Phone/Email	Community Type
7620 Lanier Dr, Cumming, GA 30041-8133		Suburban
Congregation or Organization Size	Curriculum	Average Worship Attendance
Under 100 members	Various materials	40
Church School Attendance		
20		
Intercultural Composition		
White: 98%, Hispanic/Latinx: 1%, Multiracial: 1%		

## Information about the Position

### Position Requirements

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Position Type(s)	Language Requirements
Solo Pastor: Installed	English

**Experience Required**

2 to 5 Years

**Statement of Faith required?**

Yes

**Specify Title / PT Work Hours (if applicable)**

Designated Pastor (30hours)

**Are you open to a clergy couple?**

No

**Employment Status**

Part-time

## Ministry Requirements

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### Church Mission/Vision Statement

#### Mission Statement

At Deer Creek Shores we provide a sanctuary for prayerful and meaningful worship, and we promote fellowship to better know each other, to grow in our faith, to mature in our discipleship, and to spread the word of God to others in our Christian community.

#### Vision Statement

We are a fellowship of believers with a desire to grow in our faith, live out God's Word in our lives, and to reach out to others who want to know more about God and want to bring God into their lives. Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), was the first Presbyterian Church established in Forsyth County and has grown with the community. As our congregation grows, Deer Creek Shores Presbyterian Church seeks to share the love of Christ and hopes you'll become a part of our future too!

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

The Pastor will preach and lead worship in the Reformed tradition for Sundays and special holidays by preparing sermons and liturgy, administering the Sacraments, officiating at weddings, memorial services, and funerals, collaborating with appropriate staff and committees. They will make pastoral

visits to congregants who are hospitalized, infirm, or home-centered and make communion available to them, and will provide pastoral care to persons in crisis or in the midst of significant life changes. The Pastor will moderate the Session, as well as meetings of the congregation and its corporation.

As a resource to session committees, the Pastor will work collaboratively to develop and plan of all church programming, community outreach, and visitor communication. They will serve ex-officio on the Personnel Committee and the Congregational Nominating Committee. As Head of Staff, the Pastor will supervise church staff. The Pastor will also provide leadership opportunities for the congregation, conduct officer training, and assist with the training of congregational leaders. They will plan and provide a new member process, and also assist in providing leadership for a Confirmation Class and all other faith formation opportunities.

As a Minister Member of Cherokee Presbytery, they will participate in the life and ministry of the Presbytery, clergy enrichment and fellowship opportunities, and be a friend among their colleagues.

## Compensation & Housing

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Minimum Effective Salary

47000

Housing Type

Housing allowance

## MDP - Narratives

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(mail, social media, etc.), to continue to grow with the community, and to bring God into their lives. Through our popular preschool program and our other missions, we are connecting with the community, inviting them to worship in our church and to join our congregation. Our preschool program seeks to foster an early faith-based development in the lives of the young children in our community. Our mission programs share and express the living presence of God in our community, especially for those most in need.

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?

Cumming /Forsyth County is growing with new families of all ages. A major health center with a 400 bed Northside Hospital complex supports all medical specialties. Satellite clinics/offices associated with Emory University Healthcare are in the area. Forsyth County/Cumming host dealerships for all major car manufacturers; businesses include home improvement companies, like Home Depot and Lowe's, major grocery store chains, and major drug store chains. An excellent public school system includes Lanier Technical College, nearby North Georgia College, and Brenau University. An arena for a professional ice hockey team is planned close to Cumming city limits. Nearby 38,000-acre Lake Lanier offers a multitude of activities such as fishing, boating, and camping. To meet the specific needs of our community, we support Court Appointed Special Advocate(s), Newborns in Need, Treat the Troops, and Whispering Hope through Presbyterian Women. Our Mission Committee provides ministry with the Shady Grove RV Park, supporting 80 residents, many of whom are SNAP recipients and face significant financial challenges. We partner with residents to provide personal care and cleaning items not covered by the SNAP program and work to provide special support for back-to-school and Christmas needs. Our 50-year-old preschool ministry provides support for 29 two to five year-old students. The program is designed to help children grow spiritually, socially, and emotionally while building their self-esteem.

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 successful Call Seeker will foster the development of and energize our existing team of staff and volunteers while working to coordinate congregational activities. The Pastor will collaborate with the music director regarding hymns for worship and music selections for the music director, accompanist, and choir members. They will use electronic communications methods to reach out to the community with help from members. Submitting articles about the church to the local newspaper might pique the interest of the community in worshiping with us. As desired, the Pastor will be involved with the adult Sunday School class, by

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suggesting and/or leading the subject areas. Our Sunday worship service is also broadcast online, and we have regular attendees via our online ministry. Our small but talented musical program engages even our children in worship with music.

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.

We seek a Pastor skillful in sharing theological insights and understanding of scripture from a Reformed perspective. Preaching should be a joy for the Pastor who shares ideas clearly, easily challenges and inspires listeners, and invites others in the community. The Pastor will communicate with the congregation and serve as a ready listener to those who seek conversation about their circumstances and spiritual concerns. We look forward to a self-starter who will lead us in ministry within the community, as well as within the congregation. While providing a welcoming atmosphere for visitors and members alike, the Pastor will be a friend among the faith communities of the area, collaborating with them to provide assistance to those in need, and working to eliminate the systemic reasons that prevent neighbors from thriving. A person who understands how to 'grow a congregation' both spiritually and numerically would be especially welcomed.

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

The Pastor will prepare the liturgy and deliver sermons for Sunday and other special worship services, offer a brief children's message, administer the Sacraments, and officiate at weddings and funerals as needed. As the Session Moderator, the Pastor will support Session's committees through leadership training, and as they resource and develop programs for the congregation. New members classes, Confirmations classes, and pastoral care are also part of the Pastor's responsibilities, in coordination with

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appropriate session committees. We encourage the Pastor to participate in the Adult Sunday School class as they are able.

Our mortgage free physical plant helps support the ministry and programs of the congregation. The 200-250 seat Sanctuary with full length windows in the chancel area, a centered stained-glass panel, and both an organ and piano encourages a peaceful place in which to worship. A fully windowed lower-level administrative area provides space for the Pastor's Office, Administrative Assistant and Treasurer. Spacious classrooms and meeting areas provide space for children and adults. An adjacent building contains a large Fellowship Hall and full kitchen that is also used by the Preschool. There is sufficient parking with additional vacant land for future parking lot expansion or other uses as needed.

## Optional Links

Forsyth County

GA - website - <https://www.forsythco.com/>

Forsyth News - Local

newspaper - <https://www.forsythnews.com/>

Deer Creek Shores

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