



## Ministry General Information

Ministry Name	Presbytery	Synod
Buckingham Presbyterian Church	Peace River	South Atlantic
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Mailing Address	Alternate Phone/Email	Community Type
4241 Buckingham Rd, Ft Myers, FL 33905-7206		Rural
Congregation or Organization Size	Curriculum	Average Worship Attendance
Under 100 members	Presbytery	72
Church School Attendance		
24		
Intercultural Composition		
White: 99%, Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian: 1%		

## Information about the Position

### Position Requirements

Position Type(s)

Solo Pastor: Installed

Language Requirements

English

**Experience Required**

2 to 5 Years

**Statement of Faith required?**

Yes

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

Part Time Pastor - Head of Staff /  
Sunday - Wednesday

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

No

**Employment Status**

Part-time

## Ministry Requirements

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**Church Mission/Vision Statement**

Sharing GOD'S Love Through Fellowship, Ministry, and Worship.

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

- Provide worship leadership, including preaching, administering the sacraments and conducting special services for the congregation and community
- Provide administration and organization leadership for the church
- Facilitate communication through the weekly bulletin, newsletter, congregational mailings, annual reports and town hall meetings
- Provide pastoral care, including counseling, crises intervention, funeral and memorial services, wedding ceremonies, membership support and hospital visitation
- Provide Session leadership, including moderating, pastor reports, planning, new programs and leadership development
- Act as the primary resource for staff and for church committees
- Participate in community and ecumenical organizations
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- Lead New Member / Session Member / Elder training Classes

- Fill the role of Resident Theologian
- Lead new member recruiting
- Participate in annual budget process and act as an advisor on the Finance Committee
- Attend congregational events such as dinners, Women/Men meetings and fundraisers
- Be an ordained minister of the PCUSA in good standing
- Understand and teach Reformed theology
- Be aware of and encourage members and their ministry callings
- Let the committee chairs lead their areas of ministry and provide mentorship
- Embrace strong and clear ethical standards
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## Compensation & Housing

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Minimum Effective Salary

35000

Housing Type

Non-pastoral

## MDP - Narratives

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Buckingham Presbyterian Church's vision for ministry is centered largely on activities that assist "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40). Generous giving of money, time, talent and requested "stuff" and sharing of building space helps support national Presbyterian and local Peace River Presbytery projects, local help groups, and students at our local "adopted" school (Tice Elementary). Our impact on the community does not come close to meeting all the needs, but we do our share. We are a part of the

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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance team, providing housing at our facility for visiting work groups.

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?

Buckingham Presbyterian Church is a community of Christians who, despite individual challenges, gather to worship God and to share His Love in practical ways using our individual gifts, abilities and interests. Fellowship activities are a strength. Giving of money (donated and raised) and necessities are a strong second including the thousands of items created by Stitch 'n' Stuff each year. Meals, toys, and clothing are collected throughout the year to support an elementary school in our area. Many are still able to serve physically in helping others, but all of us of whatever age pray. We are developing our online presence, share our facilities, partner now and again with other local groups, participate in regular Bible Study groups, and hunger to learn to become better evangelists.

Our BPC community is located within the Buckingham Rural Preserve. Over the years, the surrounding area has changed from being a mostly agricultural area with a smaller population that has evolved, grown, and become more diverse. With these changes comes the opportunity to use our gifts and abilities to explore and reach out to those without a church home.

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Characteristic of our congregation, approximately 40% of our congregation are actively involved in the life and work of our church with varying responsibilities. With Romans 12: 4-8 in mind, we recently

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completed a Time and Talent survey. This survey helped us to discover the wonderfully diverse gifts and talents of our volunteers. Knowing this of our volunteers and the talents and gifts of our staff, helped us to also discover our church's needs in leadership competencies for our next called pastor to assist and guide our congregation's ministry to meet our short and long term goals in the service of the Lord and his Church.

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### **Preaching and Worship Leadership**

- Comfortable doing children's time
- Preaches engaging and interesting sermons
- Consults with the worship committee and designs and implements worship service
- Comfortable using lay readers in the services
- Not afraid to tackle difficult topics

### **Teachers**

- Officer training
- Evangelism training
- Teacher training
- Teach our congregation Bible, theology and polity

### **Advisor**

- Be able to console, crisis counsel, and give guidance anytime
- Have an open-door policy at the church
- Takes initiative in pastoral care

### **Organizational Agility**

- Being agile enough to remove one hat and put on another (prophet to priest to king)
- Getting things done through formal or informal channels (when to go through session and when not to)

### **Collaboration**

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- Demonstrates flexibility working with volunteers
- Allows new ideas to be expressed to inspire appropriate actions
- Fosters open dialogue

#### Motivator

- Inspires a joyful spirit of service
- Has a positive attitude with the wisdom to enable us to serve and enjoy God better

## Optional Links

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Church Web Page - Many pages describing missions - [www.buckinghampc.org](http://www.buckinghampc.org)

## References

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