

Church Leadership Connection
The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Mif #: 12201.AA0

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	12201
Ministry Name	Christ Church of Longboat Key
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WWW Address	www.christchurchoflbk.org
Ministry Size	101 - 250 members
Ethnic Composition	
	Asian 1%
	White 99%

Average Worship Attendance	275
Church School Attendance	25
Curriculum	Various Bible based topics - Currently studying series on Beattitudes
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Presbytery	Peace River
Synod	SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC
Community Type	Town

Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization [Show Statistics](#)

Information about the position

Position:	Solo Pastor
Experience Required:	10 Years or more
Specific Title:	
Employment Status:	Open to both

Language Requirements:	
	English

Other Language:	
Statement of Faith Required:	True
Clergy Couples:	True

Training/Certificate Requirements:

Other Training:

Brief Church Mission Statement:

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What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry:

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Our name, Christ Church of Longboat Key, and our vision statement, “Growing in Jesus’ name” were carefully chosen to describe our Christ centered ministry. We claim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We celebrate God’s love through a reverent and Bible based worship service, a robust music program, small groups and Bible studies, fellowship and mission. We warmly welcome all people into our church family wherever they may be on their quest to understand God’s love and the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

We are honored to show God’s love in meaningful ways. We deliver communion to shut-ins, we pray for members and friends going through difficult times, and we are committed to honor God through our many missions and outreach programs. Our active mission program combines the giving of mission dollars from the congregation with hands-on activities. A focus of our mission effort is on programs that help those in need, never forgetting that it is God’s hand behind all that we do. We believe that our church family has an important role to play in spreading the word of Christ in our community, and to lead a life based on core Biblical values. We are not only a community of faith, but a community of care.

How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency:

Because we accept that everyone is our neighbor in Christ, we feel called to serve the needs of all who walk through our doors and as many others as our resources allow. We honor God by treating everyone as honored guests and friends, whether they are visitors or long-time attendees. Our Deacons, Prayer Chain and Prayer Shawl Ministry support and lift up the members of our extended community. Inspiring sermons from our pastor and an exceptional choir energize our congregants. Our Men’s Bible Study and our Women’s Bible Study are advantaged by strong lay leaders and deep interest from our congregants. Other Bible study opportunities are always offered throughout the year. We have begun to put more emphasis on intentional authentic evangelism and are currently reaching out to almost 2000 of our neighbors with a community cookout. We also draw neighbors to our church by offering Sunday concerts, community food drives, and blood drives. Through God’s grace, we became debt free in 2021. We now strive to commit 20% of our church budget to support our 15 local and international missions. Last year, individuals responded to our urgent call for Ukraine relief with over \$40,000 in additional donations. Individual members also share their time, and frequently untapped talents, with our missions. We rejoice in each of our Christ based efforts to support others and the meaning this brings to our own lives. We look forward to doing more as we grow in Jesus’ name.

How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals:

The person who will fill the position will extend the strong Biblically-based ministry that has characterized Christ Church throughout its 20-year history. The candidate should be committed to mission, as it is one of the defining elements of the Church. The Pastor will also bring strong leadership and visionary skills to further the message of Christ Church. The leader will extend the Church’s reputation as a friendly and welcoming place for potential new members. A key component of the position will be to understand that congregation members have varying geographical and denominational backgrounds, and thus should focus on the core message of Jesus and on living a Christ-centered life.

Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization:

Our pastor will be an outstanding preacher who has a strong presence in the pulpit and can articulately deliver a Biblical, grace-filled message that has meaning in our everyday lives. A sense of humor, strong personal depth and spiritual grounding are essential characteristics.

We seek a leader and visionary who will work effectively with a strong and active Session and who has a proven skill set for leading and growing congregations.

The successful candidate will provide spiritual leadership in all aspects of the church's life. Our pastor will be compassionate with a genuine interest in people and a warm and friendly personality. We’re looking for someone with a special affinity for working with and relating to older adults and will believe strongly in the continuing need for spiritual growth and fulfillment for people throughout their lives. A leader who will facilitate collaboration among committees and individuals and passionately encourage our congregation to expand our vision for service to others in Jesus name.

What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?

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Preach and lead worship services according to the established church calendar

Support the church vision and develop a plan for growth

Maintain regular office hours

Conduct baptisms, memorial services and weddings

Provide pastoral care in conjunction with the Deacons

Set the agenda and moderate Session meetings

Advise church committees and attend meetings as needed

Supervise personnel in conjunction with the Personnel Committee

Be supportive of church fellowship opportunities and other functions

Oversee the preparation of the weekly bulletin and the monthly newsletter. Prepare a monthly article for the newsletter

Assist with the stewardship campaign

Select and lead courses of study for small groups and Bible study

Serve as a church representative in the community

Optional Links:

www.christchurchoflbk.org

www.visitsarasota.com

www.facebook.com/CCLBK/

www.instagram.com/christchurchoflbk/2hl=en

Leadership Competencies:

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Teacher

Public Communicator

Decision Making

Organizational Agility

Strategy and Vision

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

Initiative

Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

Minimum Effective Salary: \$62,000

Housing Type: Open to Manse/Housing Allowance

References:

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Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form Of Government in this regard?

Yes

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