Transitional/Interim Pastor

Job Description

First Presbyterian Church of Savannah

**WHO WE ARE:**

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.

**POSITION PURPOSE:**

The Transitional/Interim Pastor will support the congregation in identifying its mission and purpose as the body of Christ during this time of transition and into the future. He/she is responsible for providing spiritual leadership and administrative oversight of the church’s ministries, including worship, music, preaching, teaching, mission service, stewardship and fellowship. He/she will provide dynamic and meaningful biblically based preaching and teaching ministry. She/he 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. He/She will help prepare the congregation for new pastoral leadership. The Transitional/Interim Pastor will promote leadership development within the congregation to enable our members to be actively involved in the direction and vision of the church. This will be accomplished by training elders, volunteers, and prospective members and by providing an atmosphere of delegation of authority and congregational communication.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

* 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.
* Be involved in and provide support for the Confirmation Class.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

* 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.

**STATUS**

* Full Time

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

* The transitional/interim pastor is accountable to the Session and the Savannah Presbytery.

**COMPENSATION**

* Effective salary of cash and housing range is $61,000 - $75,000 based on experience and qualifications.

Interested candidates should forward their resume to Belinda Walters, Interim Search Committee Chair at belindapwalters@gmail.com