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Actively Seeking?:	Yes, Actively Seeking	
Ecclesiastical Status:	Teaching Elder	
Membership Presbytery:	GRAND CANYON PRESBYTERY	
Ordination Date:	12/17/2017	
Candidacy Date:	04/26/2016	
Formal Education:	Bachelor of Science in Biology- Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia 2013 Master of Divinity- Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, 2017	
Continuing Education:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving the Marginalized Seminar, Synod of the Southwest, November 2016 • Faith and Money Seminar, Union Presbyterian Seminary, March 2018 • Cultivating Lifelong Discipleship Workshop, Presbytery of the Grand Canyon/ De Christo Presbytery, August 2018 • How Do We Send Us Out- Evangelism Workshop, Presbytery of the Grand Canyon/ De Christo Presbytery, August 2018 • Spirit Inspired Worship Workshop, Presbytery of the Grand Canyon/ De Christo Presbytery, August 2018 	
Employment Type:	Open to both	
Minimum Effective Salary:	\$40,000 / Year	
Position Types and Experience Level	Solo Pastor Pastor (for a designated term) Pastor (Other Temporary i.e. Supply, Student)	No Experience No Experience 0 to 2 Years
Geographic Choices:	Arkansas Arizona Mississippi Tennessee	

Languages:	English
Other Languages:	

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Leadership Competencies:	<p>Compassionate</p> <p>Preaching and Worship Leadership</p> <p>Spiritual Maturity</p> <p>Teacher</p> <p>Public Communicator</p> <p>Advisor</p> <p>Contextualization</p> <p>Strategy and Vision</p> <p>Interpersonal Engagement</p> <p>Flexibility</p>
Training / Certification:	Clinical Pastoral Education Training
Other Training:	
Clergy Couple?	False
Housing Type:	Housing Allowance
Work Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary Supply Associate Pastor for Community and Health, Desert Palms Presbyterian Church (700 members/ retirement community)- Sun City West, AZ. October 2017-June 2018 • Seminary Intern, Desert Palms Presbyterian Church (700 members/ retirement community)- Sun City West, AZ. September 2016-May 2017 • Intern for College and Young Adult Ministries at First Presbyterian Church and University of Richmond (1,400 members/ suburban) University of Richmond (Undergrad enrollment of 3,210)- Richmond, VA. September 2014-May 2016 • Worship Coordinator, Union Presbyterian Seminary- Richmond, VA. June 2015-April 2016. • Youth Ministry Intern, Hidenwood Presbyterian Church (400 members/suburban) - Newport News, VA. September 2008-August 2012.
Other Services:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the CPM, Presbytery of the Grand Canyon, February 2018-Present • Coordinator for New Worshipping Community in Queen Creek, AZ January 2018- Present • Presbyterian Women: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Guest speaker at circles within Desert Palms Presbyterian. ◦ Guest speaker at PW Grand Canyon Birthday Celebration (January 2018) • New Worshipping Community Committee, First Presbyterian Church Richmond, VA, 2015/2016 • Serve Day Team Leader, First Presbyterian Church Richmond, VA. 2016. • Participant of Hidenwood Presbyterian Church/ Presbyterian Disaster Assistance mission trip to Port Neches, TX in 2010.
Describe a moment in your recent ministry that you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.	

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While serving as an Associate Pastor for Community and Health, I had the opportunity to engage the church within the larger city community by coordinating the church's participation in the city's 40th anniversary parade. While attending the registration meeting I discovered that we would be walking alongside hundreds of people from the community. Additionally, I heard that the parade organizers were worried about having enough parking and transportation from the designated parking lots to the staging area. Since our church was near the staging area, I volunteered our parking lots and offered to coordinate a team of golf cart owners from the church to shuttle parade participants from the church parking lot to the staging area. The congregation was one of two church groups to march in the parade and we had all three pastors and more than forty members participate. Throughout the parade we carried signs that shared the love of God, gave out information about the church's upcoming events, distributed bottled water from the golf carts to participants and handed out candy to the parade observers. It was memorable and fulfilling for me to see the church members get involved and share their love of Christ and their hospitality with the community. After the parade, there were quite a few people who attended concerts, classes, and worship at the church. It was inspiring to see the Holy Spirit use a community parade to glorify God and draw people towards the gospel.

Describe the ministry setting to which you believe God is calling you.

I am hoping to serve within a church that is committed to discipleship through authentic community and that is engaged with church tradition but excited and hopeful about the future. I feel called to a setting that seeks an inter-generational model for church and that values the participation of people of all ages and a variety of backgrounds. I pray to be called to a community that lives out their faith amongst their church family and also beyond their church walls. I desire to participate in the larger community and to work collaboratively with other community leaders. I feel called to a ministry setting that allows me to preach and lead worship alongside people who are passionate about the gospel and the work that God is doing in the world. I desire a ministry setting that allows me to teach and nurture the faith of others while encouraging congregational gifts and lay leadership. Additionally, I feel called to compassionately care for church members through pastoral care and visitation, conversation, counsel, and prayer, and participation in weddings, funerals, and baptisms.

What areas of growth have you identified in yourself?

As I continue in ordained ministry I know there will be opportunities for continued growth in time management, self-care, and boundary setting. I hope to continue to acknowledge feedback and criticism in positive ways and use them constructively to make improvements to my ministry and personal development. I pray that I will give myself grace and remain open to the prompting of the Spirit instead of striving for perfection. Specifically, I know that I need opportunities for continued growth in the areas of church administration and finance. I also look forward to opportunities to practice the principles of church polity by moderating session meetings. While I have been blessed to be able to regularly participate in worship, I hope to have additional opportunities to preach, officiate funerals, baptisms, and weddings, and preside at the communion table.

Describe a time when you have led change.

At my first call, I had the opportunity to revamp the women's retreat, which had previously been held off-site but was occurring at the church for the first time. The change of location was necessary due to aging participants who were unable to be away from home overnight, however many women were unsure that the retreat would still be successful in the new location. Along with the other associate pastor and retreat committee, we were able to develop a three-day retreat that focused on God's involvement in the world, from creation through redemption and the ongoing work of the Spirit. The retreat featured an opening barbeque at a local park, keynote speakers, small group breakout sessions, activity opportunities, shared meals, and a closing worship service with communion. Despite the initial fear of change, the retreat was very successful and many women told us that they were blessed by the experience. It was rewarding to step out in faith and allow the Spirit to guide us as we worked together to offer a meaningful retreat that would nurture the faith of the women in the congregation.

Optional Links:

Sermon at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church
December 24, 2017
Scripture: Luke 2:8-15
<https://youtu.be/tjewRp60t5M>

Statement of Faith:

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I believe that God created and breathed life into the universe. However, God didn't stop there; God even has a purpose for each person that God created. This purpose is that we should know and love our Creator and live in constant connection with the triune God. Humanity was made in God's image so that God's goodness could be reflected in our lives. This means that we were created to reflect all kinds of beautiful things like justice, compassion, peace, forgiveness, and truth.

Despite this beautiful and intentional creation, sin entered into the world. Thankfully, sin did not cause God to stop loving us but it estranged us from God. It made it difficult to trust God and it distorted our relationship with God and others. However, there is good news. God loved us first, even in our sinful state. God's love is not contingent on human action; rather it flows freely for all. In our sinful condition, undeserving of God's overwhelming and unrelenting love, God's grace draws us to God and justifies us by faith in Jesus Christ who was crucified. In light of this great grace, we are sanctified and redeemed. We are saved from eternal separation from God and we no longer live under the oppression of sin.

Because of the good news, I know that I am not my own, I am God's. I desire to live for the God who redeemed me and sustains me. I entrust myself daily to God's care and give thanks everyday for God's unending love and grace. I am able to love because God first loved me, and out of this love I am motivated to serve others. I recognize that God loves all of humanity and that Christians are called to also love and serve all whom we encounter. I believe that God gave us the church to encourage and nurture us along the path of discipleship. Our faith is not only strengthened by the study of the Bible and proclamation of the gospel, but also through fellowship with other believers. Additionally, through the sacraments of communion and baptism we respond and worship with the universal Church as we collectively seek to do God's will in every time and place.

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Sexual Misconduct Self-Certification Statement:	<p>I certify below that no civil, criminal, ecclesiastical complaint has ever been sustained or is pending against me for sexual misconduct; and I have never resigned or been terminated from a position for reasons related to sexual misconduct.</p> <p>I have read this certification and release form and fully understand that the information obtained may be used to deny my employment or any other type of position from the employing entity. I also agree that I will hold harmless the employing or judicial authority or any other entity from any and all claims, liabilities, and causes of action for the legitimate release of any information related to sexual misconduct.</p>
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