

First Presbyterian Church of Batesville



Ministry Name
First Presbyterian Church

Presbytery
Arkansas

Synod
The Sun

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Community Type
College

Curriculum
Being Reformed

Congregation or Organization Size
101-250 members

Average Worship Attendance
60

Church School Attendance
15

Information about the Position

Position Requirements

Position Type(s)

Solo Pastor: Installed

Employment Status

Full-time

Experience Required

2 to 5 Years

Language Requirements

English

Statement of Faith required?

Yes

Are you open to a clergy couple?

Yes

Ministry Requirements

Church Mission/Vision Statement

The Mission of the First Presbyterian Church of Batesville includes reaching out in love to all and seeking to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of individuals within the congregation and others with whom it is in contact. The Church provides opportunities for its congregation and friends to worship God, to grow in faith in Jesus Christ, and to proclaim by word and deed the Lordship of Jesus Christ to each other, to the community, and to the world.

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

- Plan and lead worship services.
- Administer sacraments.
- Moderate and advise the Session and Diaconate.
- Be an active member of Presbytery.
- Visit with and counsel congregants.
- Be involved in the community outside the church.
- Christian education
- Find and apply for available grants.
- Identify and motivate those in the congregation with gifts to use those gifts in meaningful ways.
- Assist in finding ways the congregation can serve our community and share the love of Christ.
- Help to manage the day-to-day operations of the church.

Compensation & Housing

Minimum Effective Salary

70,000

Housing Type

Housing allowance

MDP - Narratives

How would you describe the congregation's/organization's specific vision for ministry? How will this vision impact the community? Is the congregation part of a ministry vision or program?

The congregation's vision for ministry aligns closely with the nature of our congregants. We strive to be kind, welcoming, open-minded, and focused on the love of God. Currently, the congregation enjoys multiple avenues of outreach that include Feed My Sheep, Knit Wits, Angel Tree, and Blessing Baskets. The church also enjoys close ties with Lyon College, a liberal arts college in Batesville, established by this congregation as Arkansas College in 1872. We seek a kindred spirit in a pastor who can take that precept and use it to inspire us to demand more from ourselves and guide our efforts to achieve the greatest good. An impactful pastor prepares meaningful worship services that proclaim the word of God. He or she educates both the congregation and greater community about God. The pastor uses the church to show those in the greater community God's love through the outreach of charitable giving and volunteering; and in return, the pastor uses these same acts to show members of the church God's grace. A successful pastor will foster well-being, peace, and love to create an environment that encourages personal growth in the congregants through faith, giving, leadership, and acts of service.

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?

Our church community has several ongoing methods of outreach; however, we are constantly looking for new ways to support our community on both a local and global scale. At present, we regularly contribute time and donations to Help & Hope, Meals on Wheels, Heifer International, and disaster relief efforts. Additionally, in 1954 the church established Presbyterian Day School on its campus, which has a rich history of helping preschool children develop socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively in a positive school atmosphere. We offer small class sizes, with programs for three & four-year-old children. We use these services to support our community and as avenues to spread the love of God. In the future, we will continually seek new and effective ways to help the community as a means to spread the word of God. We hope to find new opportunities for Christian education, fellowship, and service through revitalizing our youth program and further strengthening our connections with the student body of Lyon College.

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?

An effective pastor will inspire our congregants to be creative and engaged in new and continued activities in the church; however, he or she will also encourage those involved to take ownership of their ideas and work to bring their vision to fruition. We believe that the leader of the church should collaborate with session, committee leaders, and other church members to achieve any desired goals while staying in agreement with our church values and governance. The pastor should be able to bridge the unique talents and resources of our congregants with resources available through Arkansas Presbytery and PCUSA to most effectively accomplish our mission goals. In addition, we would like to seek a pastor who would nourish the faith of our members and guide us on our spiritual journeys. There are ample opportunities to further grow our connection to the church by creating new means of fellowship. While we seek to grow fellowship within the congregation, it is important that our pastor is capable of setting boundaries to maintain a healthy paradigm of leadership and confidentiality. Accomplishing these tasks will nurture a church community with which the congregants can take delight in, and visitors will find to be an inviting place to bring their families.

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 are looking for someone who is firmly grounded in their knowledge of the Bible and theology. Someone who takes joy in sharing their faith with others. We also desire a leader who has hopeful optimism and encourages participation in service so that the church may realize its fullest potential. We need a minister who can promote others' abilities to assist and discover opportunities for the church to fulfill the needs of the community. Our congregants expect a pastor who is well prepared, educated, open-minded, and welcoming to continue an environment of warmth and caring. Batesville is a small town nestled in the foothills of the Ozarks, offering a surprisingly healthy foundation of industry and academia. While the pastor will be well served by the community, the church will be best served by someone who is easy-going and friendly and will feel at home here.

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

Examples of programs and activities include, but are not limited to: -Youth group activities and education -New officer training -Pastoral care of congregants Beyond these examples we are excited to work with a new pastor to expand fellowship and outreach.

Thanks to generous endowments of past members and the continued tithing of current members, combined with full ownership of all the buildings and grounds our church is in a fortunate position of financial stability. As a result, fund raising for general operations outside of special projects/events is not an expected component of the workload for a minister at First Presbyterian Church of Batesville.

Optional Links

Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce

- <https://batesvillearea.com/>

Lyon College

- <https://www.lyon.edu/>

University of Arkansas at Batesville Community College

- <https://www.uaccb.edu/>

White River Health System - Local Hospital

- <https://www.whiteriverhealth.org/>

Batesville Community Center

- <https://www.batesvilleparks.com/community-center-and-aquatics/>

Regional Activities

- <https://batesvillearea.com/visit/>

Main Street Batesville

- <https://www.mainstreetbatesville.com>

City Parks

- <https://www.batesvilleparks.com/>

Presbytery Day School

- <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Presbyterian-Day-School/166087516922330>

Batesville's History

- <https://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/entries/batesville-900/>

First Presbyterian Church of Batesville - Church's website

- <http://www.fpcbatesville.org/>

USA Today "50 Best Cities to Live in"

- <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/economy/2018/10/22/americas-50-best-cities-to-live/38207259/?fbclid=IwAR0mjVs-0W4kU2L6qsZKM8lpj1CDwtIDBE2rgH989TOjygf6QhUwEgTB9mM>

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