

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

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Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	01838
Ministry Name	First Presbyterian Church of Canton
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WWW Address	firstprescanton.org
Ministry Size	101 - 250 members
Ethnic Composition	
	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 1%
	White 99%

Average Worship Attendance	62
Church School Attendance	15
Curriculum	Grades K-6: Rotation Grades 7-12 and Adults: Multiple Curriculum
Yoked	False
Presbytery	GREAT RIVERS PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS
Community Type	Town

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

Information about the position

Position:	Solo Pastor
Experience Required:	0 to 2 Years
Specific Title:	seminary trained
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

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

Training/Certificate Requirements:

Other Training:

Brief Church Mission Statement:

To live by faith, to be known by love, and to be a voice of hope.

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

Our vision for ministry is to live by faith, to be known by love, and to be a voice of hope. In living by faith, we meet the spiritual needs of our congregation by supporting Sunday School classes and Bible study, VBS, youth activities, communion, Sunday worship sermons, Lenten studies and special Sundays honoring groups. In being known by love we designate 10% of our church gross income to support Local and World missions, along with Evangelism. Our church family mission supports fellowships times: social hour after church, Lenten meals and Advent events. Additional outreach programs are Valentines for college students and military members and the organization of bereavement dinners. Kemmerer Village, Military Chaplains, Blanket Sunday and Marion Medical Mission are a few of the non-local missions we support. In being a voice of hope we wish to be regarded as a compassionate and welcoming church, open to all. We create programs to exhibit there is hope by participating in the running of Elm Street Apartments affordable elderly housing, writing devotions for Meals on Wheels, sharing joys and concerns during worship, uniting in prayer through our prayer chain, and having Caring Cooks provide meals during times of health or spiritual need. We believe God is calling us to be a church that embodies our mission statement relying in all things, not upon ourselves, but upon the Holy Spirit, who is our guide and strength.

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

Our Fulton County area has experienced an economic downturn resulting in emerging problems. Also, an article published locally July 2017 listed an estimated 24,000 people in this area (estimated population 35,000) do not have a church. We recognize our community's spiritual and economic needs and have developed local mission projects, one example being helping students with backpacks, buddy bags, and Coats for Kids. In the future we would like to utilize more media and technology appropriate for all generations, have more active youth and young adults, and explore outreach opportunities which take advantage of our proximity to the high school. We recognize the need to expand on established programs for our aging congregation, being sure they feel an important part of our church. We are a ministry that welcomes anyone who desires to know Christ and we enjoy getting to know those who visit us. We recognize the importance of making regular attendees feel a vital part of the congregation, helping them to identify their specific gifts and talents and finding ways to include them in fulfilling vision goals. We realize we won't look the same as we did in the past but will continue to strive to be a vital force in the lives of the congregation and to continually explore the needs of the community by being involved in organizations, by word of mouth, and by collaborating with other churches.

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

Through the mission study process which included small and large group discussion, the congregation identified priorities for the person that would help us reach our goals. The new pastor needs to reflect the presence of God in our church and be skilled in preaching and leading worship. This person should learn who we are and what we do and with this background, work with us as a leader and collaborator, creating a good partnership with the church, the congregation, the staff and the community. We hope this individual will build on the strength of our traditional style of worship as well as create and facilitate new opportunities while serving our largely mature church family and reaching out creatively to young adults and children. This person needs to be actively involved in church and community activities, supporting current mission projects and building awareness of new needs. We support a leader who will challenge us to do all this together and with the community to reflect the love of Christ.

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

Our mission study indicated several characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation. An important skill for our pastor would be preaching the Word in a scripturally grounded, energetic, inspiring way. This individual should exhibit strong verbal and written communication skills with proficiency in technology as related to the ever-changing world of communication. We feel this person should show integrity and faithfulness in their decision making. The pastor would need to exhibit good listening skills, a friendly demeanor, biblical knowledge, and a willingness to help others that would lead in the congregation's spiritual growth. We look on our congregation as a family and our pastor would need to show love and compassion towards all members, both new and long standing. This person needs to create a good partnership with the church, congregation, staff, and community. We expect a leader who can appreciate and respect the contributions, talent, diversity, and viewpoints of others. Finally, we seek that person who believes in our church's potential to be a vibrant congregation as we reach out to our community with Faith, Love, and Hope.

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

Specific tasks and program area responsibilities for the pastor emerged during the mission study: include a children's sermon during Sunday worship; teach an adult Sunday School class; participate in VBS; lead Communicants class; lead specific services for Advent, Lent, Reformation Sunday and other events as needed; be involved with strategic planning; conduct home, hospital, nursing home visits and communion; attend and support church events and social events to better get to know people and become a part of our church family; be visible in the community and actively involved in our church's outreach programs and in interfaith experiences (trying to increase membership, volunteering, attending and taking an interest in members and youth activities outside of the church). Also, other duties that may be reasonable. It is important this person be open to enjoying small town ministry.

Optional Links:

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<https://facebook.com/FPC61520>

<https://www.firstprescanton.org>

Leadership Competencies:

Compassionate

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Communicator

Technologically Savvy

Decision Making

Organizational Agility

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

Flexibility

Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

Minimum Effective Salary: \$44,691

Housing Type: 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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