

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

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Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	05088
Ministry Name	First Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, NM
Mailing Address	215 Locust St NE Albuquerque, NM 87102
Phone	(505) 764-2900
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WWW Address	www.firstpresabq.org
Ministry Size	651 - 1000 members
Ethnic Composition	
	White 99%
	Other 1%

Average Worship Attendance	200
Church School Attendance	40
Curriculum	Godly Play, Present Word, Great Courses
Yoked	False
Presbytery	SANTA FE PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST
Community Type	Urban
Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization Show Statistics	

Information about the position

Position:	Associate Pastor (Christian Education)
Experience Required:	First Ordained Call
Specific Title:	
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

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

Training/Certificate Requirements:

Other Training:	
Brief Church Mission Statement:	

First Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque is a Christian community cultivating fruitful and faithful lives to feed a hungry world.

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

Our vision of ministry is guided by a metric not recorded in the annual statistical review: how many lives are touched by the welcome and ministry we provide. There is our traditional constituency of college-educated professionals, many with generational roots in the congregation. The Presbytery office on our campus ties us to the larger connectional church. We house a nationally accredited pre-school that has served thousands of children and their families for over half a century. We make space in our building for multiple community mission partners for the work they do to meet the many hungers in our community, such as our partnership with Lutheran Family Services to process hundreds of asylees from the border on their way to sponsor families, or The Santa Fe Opera Young Singers program that holds lessons along with other community music groups that rehearse here. We have hosted meetings of the New Mexico Conference of Churches, who also office in our building, as well as the ordination of the local Episcopal bishop. All these and more serve to fill the hunger for beauty, for justice and equity, for cooperation and connection, for love lived out with and for one another. More than anything, we know that our vision for ministry will not look like the past. So, we step forward in faith toward an unknown future looking to the One who speaks creation into being, the Word made flesh who calls it forth, and the breath of the Spirit that gives our church and all of creation life.

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

We recognize a desire for community and connection that runs deeper than what online platforms can offer. The incarnation at the heart of the gospel is the church's unique gift to the world. Those tools remain useful, but we've discovered that there is no substitute for what the Spirit brings to life when we are in the room together; learning, growing, and glorifying God with each other and experiencing the wide welcome of Christ who makes space for everyone- no exceptions. We address the emerging needs of our community by making space for everything from Narcan training with a neighboring mission partner that assists incarcerated women in making the transition to life outside, to providing our sanctuary for the local high school's music program because it is the only space large enough to accommodate all of the student musicians and their families.

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

This position will be dedicated to the spiritual education and nurture of the whole congregation- nursery, Godly Play, youth, and adults- to grow in their faith on Sundays and beyond. The person in this role will be tasked with creating and maintaining spaces where questions and wondering are welcome as the church community deepens its engagement with God's Word and their place in the story that God is telling about us and through us. Such spaces range from the traditional, such as Sunday school, as well as bible and book studies, to cooperative youth and summer events with other churches in the Presbytery, to opportunities beyond the walls of the church that bring us into relationship with neighbors throughout the city.

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

We are looking for someone with the skills of an educator and the heart of a pastor, who understands what is developmentally appropriate and engages with a wide range of learners and believers. As old forms of doing and being church fall away, we need someone who is creative and can adapt quickly to new technologies and a changing culture in order to reach beyond those who are here to those who are not; those who may be hungry for a faith community where they can learn, grow and make a difference in the world around them. This means we need someone with the resilience to try, maybe fail, and to persist nevertheless. Someone conversant in Spanish would be an asset to the work of reaching beyond the existing congregation.

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

The pastor in this position will strengthen our existing Godly Play program by recruiting teachers and ensuring they are trained and feel equipped. They will look for opportunities beyond Sunday school to incorporate children and their families in the life of the church. They will lead youth programming, including a biennial confirmation class, accompanying students to youth week at Ghost Ranch, assisting in Presbytery youth events including Triennium, as well as cultivating essential pastoral relationships with youth and their families. They will preach occasionally, assist in worship and sacraments, and share pastoral care. They will take the initiative to engage the congregation as it exists, and innovate that we might grow together into what God is calling us to become.

Optional Links:

Leadership Competencies:

Hopeful

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Spiritual Maturity
Teacher
Public Communicator
Technologically Savvy
Change Agent
Decision Making
Organizational Agility
Interpersonal Engagement
Bridge Builder

Compensation and Housing: <u>Cost of Living Calculator</u>
Minimum Effective Salary: \$60,000
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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