



Ministry General Information

Ministry Name	Presbytery	Synod
First Presbyterian Church	Grace	The Sun
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Mailing Address	Alternate Phone/Email	Community Type
202 W Pearl St, Granbury, TX 76048-2436		Small City
Congregation or Organization Size	Curriculum	Average Worship Attendance
101-250 members	There is no set curriculum used at this time. This is subject to change according to the growth of church school.	105
Church School Attendance		
6		
Intercultural Composition		
White: 99%, Hispanic/Latinx: 1%		

Information about the Position

Position Requirements

Position Type(s)

Solo Pastor: Installed

Language Requirements

English

Experience Required

2 to 5 Years

Statement of Faith required?

Yes

Employment Status

Full-time

Are you open to a clergy couple?

Yes

Ministry Requirements

Church Mission/Vision Statement

As the body of Christ, our mission is to live the good news of the Gospel by caring for our church family and our community. We demonstrate God's love through inclusive worship services and open fellowship. We grow together in faith and service with a variety of small group studies and activities which focus on learning more about what it means to be a Christian and how best to live that out in our community and the world beyond. We reach into the community with gifts of service, partnering with agencies and churches around Hood County to care for those who are in need through generous contributions of our time, talents and money. We extend our welcome beyond our church doors through a weekly live stream of our Sunday worship services, active social media and well-maintained website. Our historic building has a warmth of history and energy that is reflected in our congregation. Our church has deep roots that support our congregation and its growth. Our twelve elders work with their committees to engage both our active membership and our quickly growing community. We maintain a balance of caring well for our members and reaching out to the folks moving into our small town with a generous welcome to join, while remembering that the mission of the church is to spread the love of God and the good news of the gospel.

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

Prepare weekly worship services and officiate other services for our membership. Working together with our congregational care elder and committee, deliver warm pastoral care through hospital visits and visits to homebound members. Work with elders to deliver communion once a month to members who are homebound or in care facilities. Participate in service projects coordinated by both Presbyterian Women and the Missions and Outreach elder and committee. Some are local projects which focus primarily on residents of a low income housing neighborhood a mile north of the church and children in foster care within Hood County and in the DFW metroplex. Actively engage with visitors and work with the membership elder and committee to grow the church membership. Participate in fellowship activities. Coordinate with Christian education elder and committee to ensure we continue to have a variety of Bible Studies and Sunday School classes for adults and children.

Compensation & Housing

Minimum Effective Salary

80905

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?

Our specific vision for the congregation is for the ministry to become an active member of the community of churches committed to bringing the gospel to Granbury and the surrounding areas. Also, to improve the lives of members of the community spiritually and practically. Support for programs such as Habitat for Humanity. Serving our current membersip, recruit new membership with added emphasis on families and engaging all who enter our church doors with a sincere welcome. Our elders are

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committed to filling their particular part to keep our church community vision.

As an active member of the Granbury community, the church supports many non-profit agencies and social programs throughout the town and surrounding area. However, the primary method of ministry to the community comes via Sunday school and worship services on Sunday. As the area's demographics are changing from primarily a retirement community to a mix of very young families and middle age working adults, the church's Vision for Ministry should adjust to engage and accommodate these changes. Sunday worship should be the primary area where evidence of these changes is found. The desired impact on the community would be growth in recognition of the church's relevance. While we are continuously active in our service to the community, we are not well known. At times we are simply known as "that beautiful old church just off the town square."

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?

Granbury is a small town county seat located 30 miles southwest of Fort Worth, Texas. Located on Lake Granbury, the town is rich in Texas history and has received recognition as an outstanding small town in the nation. We are a thriving metropolitan area of over 65,000 people with a 3.4% annual growth rate since 2020. (reference)

There are numerous agencies in Granbury that serve those in need. We work with various agencies and shelters to support children in foster care, residents of low income housing, those facing food insecurity and address the poverty among our school age children.

We endeavor to grow our ministry by engaging the various demographics including young single adults, young families, working age adults and seniors. Our membership continues to grow in the interim period driven by the warmth and welcome of our congregation.

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As a downtown church and sanctuary, we open our doors to all who care to enter. We participate in the Christmas tour of historic homes which allows visitors to see and feel how the history of our church was and is today.

Granbury is surrounded by many communities outside the actual county seat. Our congregation are from the town and other communities.

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?

The pastor role complements the work of our strong committees and smoothe running church. As the face of the church in the community, the pastor can take an active part inviting people to join our growing church as we seek to fulfill our mission.

Our church employs a full-time administrative assistant, a part-time music director, and several other part time staff.

We have twelve active elders on session and the pastor would be encouraged to rely on elders to continue doing their work and we would hope for new ideas in worship, outreach and congregational care.

Presbyterian Women is active in service, bible study and fellowship. There is also an active men's bible study. The pastor will participate where needed to facilitate in the teaching areas of these groups.

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.

Our Sunday worship service is our largest gathering. The ability to create a sermon of warmth and insight and deliver it with humor is a gift that we greatly value. Sharing a children's sermon that connects our youngest to the bible and the church. We want a pastor with the ability to lead the spiritual development of members of all ages.

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Our congregation is mostly older retired individuals with a small number of young families and middle aged adults. We value our history and church traditions while continuing to be inclusive and welcoming of all people with viewpoints from conservative to progressive and all points in-between. The skill of connecting to members across these ranges is important as our church growth reflects our community.

Our church has a strong financial standing and we would like a pastor with the skill set to participate in our strong stewardship program and understands the benefits of our investments with Texas Presbyterian Fund.

We welcome a pastor who can join the warmth of respect and friendship that transcends our diverse political views.

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

The pastor will prepare the weekly Sunday service and work with the worship elder and music director so the choir, pianist and organist can prepare the hymns. The pastor serves monthly communion and will lead the Lenten services of Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Tenebrae. Utilize the microphones and embrace the live streaming of worship services.

Serve the members with calls and visits to those who are ill. This task is shared with the congregational care elder and committee.

Administrate weddings and memorial services by meeting with the family and coordinating with the worship committee to have the church ready for the service and reception.

Leadership in Church Administration including session and staffing.
Participate in annual one-day retreat with session.

Take an active role in the work of the church safety team as they continue updating our safety measures.

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Recruit new members by demonstrating the ability to interact with others through strong public relations.

Optional Links

First Presbyterian Church-
Granbury - Church Web
Page - <https://fpcgranbury.org>

2023 Mission Study - PDF of
Mission
Study - <https://fpcgranbury.org/mission>

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