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About us:

HOPE Presbyterian Church of Raleigh joined the EPC in January of 2009. We believe the Bible is God's inspired and infallible Word and that it contains eternal truth that speaks with authority to our life, doctrine and mission. (2 Timothy 3:16)

We are a friendly and welcoming family of believers. We have struggled over the years with the lack of growth and an aging congregation. Our devoted and much-loved pastor, who is retiring at the end of June 2024, has been with our church since our inception. This is the first time we have needed to search for a new pastor. We begin this search understanding the importance this decision will have in the next chapter of the life of our church.

What we are looking for:

We are looking for the person that God has already chosen to be our next Pastor.

We are a faithful group of believers who rely heavily on the Spirit of God to lead and direct us. Isaiah 48:17 This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.” We believe God's timing is perfect in all things, in all ways and at all times. We trust that throughout the search process God will lead us to choose the person that He already knows will be our next pastor.

We are looking for our next pastor to have a deep personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We want someone who is dependent on prayer to guide him or her in all aspects of his or her life and work.

Education and Experience

We are seeking a full-time pastor who has been ordained or is qualified to be ordained in the EPC.

- Minimum 2 years experience
- Master of Divinity preferred
- Pastoral and Session leadership experience

Qualifications

- Being the head of staff and solo pastor of our church, the candidate will need to be flexible and comfortable handling a variety of responsibilities and tasks associated with this position
- The candidate must have a strong faith in Jesus and live out the biblical qualifications of an elder in their family, church and community

- A committed follower of Jesus Christ in full agreement with the seven EPC essentials
- Committed to an active prayer life
- Compelling doctrinal preaching
- Church Planter / Growth mindset / Community Outreach
- Has skill and compassion for shepherding the congregation with kindness, patience, wisdom and respect
- An ability to work with staff in a loving and caring manner
- Empathetic to the concerns and sufferings within the congregation and community
- An enthusiasm for ministry and ability to work with and relate to all ages
- Effective organizational and writing skills
- Proficient computer skills with a comfort level with technology and utilization of social media

Responsibilities:

- Pastoral leadership including but not limited to: compelling doctrinal preaching, celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion each Sunday, pastoral care, officiate at weddings and funerals, conduct baptisms and ordinations
- Lead the staff, Session and congregation
- Provide pastoral care for the congregation especially the elderly, sick, widowed, those in crisis and all who seek comfort and guidance through the church
- Act as moderator of the Session
- The Pastor will be accountable to the Session
- Teach Adult Sunday School, Bible classes and new member classes
- Prepare weekly Hope Connection newsletter & bulletin
- Be “on-call” for congregational issues and concerns
- Provide short-term counseling
- Meet with nearby Teaching Elders of the EPC
- Meet with non EPC North Raleigh churches
- Attend and participate in meetings of Session, Presbytery and General Assembly
- Oversee operational functions of the church
- Help with VBS
- Be engaging with our live stream community
- Upload sermon to social media platforms and our website
- Open and prepare church for Sunday worship
- Preach Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve services
- Maintain scheduled working hours. In addition to Sunday worship, the Pastor is to keep regular church office hours with one day reserved as a day off in addition to Saturday

- If you like to cook, cooking for Wednesday night supper and prayer would be great
- If you are a singer, on occasion as needed, it would be nice

If you are feeling led to respond to our need for a Head of Staff Solo Pastor, please download the Personal Information Form. It can be found at www.epc.org/downloads under the “Forms for Ministerial and Search Committees.” Please include a cover letter with any information you would like to share with our search committee or any questions you may have. In addition, if you have links to sermons you would like to share with our committee, please include those.

To contact us or submit your paperwork, please e-mail Search Committee Chair Elder Bill Joyner at bill@hopechurchraleigh.org or call 919-605-5407.

More information can be found at <https://hopechurchraleigh.org>