First Presbyterian Church of Starkville is a thriving congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) in a growing community that is the home of the largest university in the state, Mississippi State University (MSU). Our congregation, the oldest Presbyterian congregation in North Mississippi, has a rich history rooted in the Presbyterian Church’s Mayhew Mission to the Choctaw in our region (1819-1830). Today, our congregation consists of a diverse, multi-generational membership, including a strong core of longtime members, many young families, a burgeoning Children’s Ministry, and rapidly developing Youth Ministry. We are also blessed to have a growing contingent of university students and other persons who regularly participate in our worship services and other ministries. FPC’s leadership and members strongly affirm The Essentials of the EPC, including the strong commitment to the Great Commission.

FPC’s Session, Personnel Committee, Senior Pastor and other leaders are prayerfully searching for a full-time, Director of Discipleship and Youth, who can effectively assist our Senior Pastor and other church leaders in the growth, development of our congregation and ministries during this new season of spiritual renewal and growing outreach. Specific terms of call are negotiable, but they will include benefits through applicable EPC plans. The ideal candidate will be someone who is committed to the gospel of Jesus Christ expressed through biblically Reformed faith and Presbyterian polity, who possesses enthusiasm and a faithful work ethic for developing disciples and ministries within a traditional church setting, and who can creatively help us deepen our discipleship education and ministry capabilities to expand our outreach to our community and MSU.

Some of the primary responsibilities for the Director of Discipleship include:

- Assisting the Senior Pastor equipping and encouraging members to grow in their faith, discipleship, and volunteer service in our ministries – with the Director dedicated to a particular focus on young adults, young families, and youth (6th-12th grade).

- Providing key leadership to FPC’s growing Youth Ministry by: (a) joining other ministry staff and volunteers in direct, personal engagement with FPC’s youth and families through biblical teaching, evangelism, encouragement, and pastoral care; (b) leading in our recruiting, educating, and developing of volunteers in Youth Ministry.

- Assisting in such other ministry as the Senior Pastor may direct.
Candidates for the position should:

- Be called and gifted by God to inspire youth and adults to learn to put into practice the Christian faith as engaged and fruitful disciples and church members;

- Possess at least a baccalaureate degree—preferably with a major in (or significant coursework focused on) Christian Education, Biblical Studies, Biblical Counseling, or a closely related field;

- Have experience teaching or directing educational activities in a Christian setting;

- Have a clear sense of call to ministry in the congregational context.

Anticipated appointment date: Summer 2020 or earlier

Candidates may apply by submitting a job application or resume and cover letter to:

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307 University Drive  
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