



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Toccoa Presbyterian Church is a community of believers, who desire to live our lives in a way that demonstrates the power of Jesus Christ to transform lives and empower us to spread the gospel so that others will know His unending love.

Vision:

To build a flourishing church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ.

Theology:

We hold to beliefs stated in the Apostles Creed and Nicene Creed. We are grounded in the Reformed faith and essential tenets and core values of ECO.

Who We Are:

A loving congregation in a small town setting. A church with a heart for God's Word and how it plays out in our community and world. A service offering a traditional worship style.

Our Church's History:

Our church has a rich history in the community. It was one of the first churches founded after the city of Toccoa was established. Since its founding in 1873, one of the most valuable aspects of the church is the congregation's desire and ability to work with others in the community. Toccoa Presbyterian was instrumental in starting many of the ministries that continue to serve today. As in the past, our church members continue to work closely with numerous organizations within our community and also to provide leadership in city government.

Our Building:

Toccoa Presbyterian Church has a long heritage dating back 149 years. Our three-story historic facility is centrally located in the small town of Toccoa, Georgia. Built in 1925-1926 with additions made in the 1950's the church building contains Sunday school classrooms, a nursery, a fellowship hall, church offices, choir room, a library and a sanctuary with seating for 250.

Toccoa Presbyterian at a Glance:

- Current membership: 63
- Average worship attendance: 35-45
- Church employees: music director, organist, and a church secretary
- Music: a sanctuary choir, organ, handbell ensemble, adhoc vocal and instrumental ensembles, congregational singing
- Regular Fellowship Suppers

- Active Presbyterian Women's group
- Bi-weekly Women's Bible Study
- Church picnics
- Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing and Soup/Salad Supper
- Communion celebrated monthly
- Volunteer/community activities:
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Open Arms Clinic
 - Special Olympics
 - Prison ministry
 - Center for Women's Ministries
 - Operation Christmas Child
 - Presbyterian Women collect for rotating ministries during the year
 - Hope Center
 - CASA
 - Paradise Mountain

Our Strengths:

- A love for God and His Word
- Loving, close fellowship
- Music ministry
- A desire for a strong community outreach
- No outstanding debt

Our Areas We Want to Improve:

- Implement strategies to attract new members
- Initiate a men's ministry and Bible study



Pastoral Job Description

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Position:

Full Time pastor to an average of 35-45 active members and attenders, 90 miles northeast of Atlanta, GA. Congregation is a member of ECO denomination (a Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians).

Desired Characteristics:

1. Stable, mature, and authentic Christian whose life is modeled after Jesus as evidenced by fruits of the Spirit.
2. Effective communicator and Biblically-based teacher of the Word of God.
3. Has a shepherding heart to include but not limited to the following:
 - a. Attends church events
 - b. Listens well
 - c. Lives in our community
 - d. Is friendly and has a servant attitude
 - e. Has high empathetic capacity
 - f. Always considers others' points of view
4. Rooted in prayer and obedient to scripture.
5. Encourages children and youth ministries as well as local and global missions.
6. Shares our vision as a leader in our church and community of believers.

Responsibilities:

1. Provide engaging, biblically grounded sermons that inspire, challenge and encourage.

2. Use spiritual gifts in the areas of apostleship, prophecy, evangelism, shepherding, and teaching (as stated in the ECO Constitution, 2.04).
3. Nurture the spiritual health and maturity of the body of Christ in order to equip us to partner with God in His redemptive work (Also from the Constitution, 2.04).
4. Adhere to the polity of the ECO Constitution as it relates to the session's responsibilities.
5. Shepherd the congregation through visitation, accessibility, posted office hours, counseling, and attending church functions.
6. Work collegially and collaboratively with the staff and congregation.
7. Communicates upcoming plans to staff in a timely manner, seeking consensus.

Education:

1. A bachelor's degree (or equivalent) and ordinarily a master's degree from an accredited theological seminary in biblical or theological studies (as stated in the ECO Constitution, 2.04).
2. Already ordained in, or able to be ordained in, the ECO denomination.

Experience:

Prefer to have some experience as associate or lead pastor, but not required.

Contact:

Email a cover letter, a resume, at least three recorded sermons via web links or attached files, and three or more references to: toccoapresbyterianpnc@gmail.com



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