

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

Mif #: 22314.AH0

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	22314
Ministry Name	First Presbyterian Church
Mailing Address	189 Church Street Marietta, GA 30060
Phone	770-427-0293
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E-Mail	mail@fpcmarietta.org
WWW Address	www.fpcmarietta.org
Ministry Size	1001 - 1500 members

Ethnic Composition	
	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 1%
	Hispanic Latino/Latina, Spanish 1%
	White 98%

Average Worship Attendance	337
Church School Attendance	125
Curriculum	Children: "Growing in Grace and Gratitude", "252 Basics", "Walk With Me", "Faith Alive", Confirmation Class. Adults: Studies Session approved.
Certified as eligible for participation in the Seminary Debt Assistance Program	False
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Presbytery	CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC
Community Type	Suburban

Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization [Show Statistics](#)

Information about the position

Position:	Head of Staff (Multi-Staff Pastor, who supervised two or more teaching elders and other staff)
Experience Required:	2 to 5 Years
Specific Title:	
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

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

Training/Certificate Requirements:	
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Other Training:	
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Brief Church Mission Statement:

God has been at work in our historic Presbyterian church since its inception in 1835. This landmark church two blocks from the Marietta Square has endured numerous adversities in its 181 years. Recent concerns within PCUSA led to schism of our beloved church family, with the loss of members and the former pastor to ECO. For those remaining, great enthusiasm fuels our church's vision and mission.

Our mission rests solidly on Jesus's command that we love our God, share His story, and love one another. Our efforts are visible in all directions. We hear sounds of laughing children running down the halls of Preschool. We watch happy young faces bursting through our doors for Club 3:30 each day after school. We partnered with Scouts and Rotarians to prepare over 20,000 meals while singing rock tunes in our Great Hall. We offered to our community Rutter's *Children's Mass* with over 130 combined voices of children and adults accompanied by Atlanta Symphony musicians. We feed each other and our community Sunday breakfasts and Wednesday night suppers. We build houses in Mexico. We celebrate with echoes of *Hallelujah* and bells ringing at Christmas. We work with our youth as they travel near and far to serve His people and build His kingdom. God continues to work out His purpose at FPC. We are worshiping, serving our Lord, and preparing for the person whom God will call to lead our church forward.

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

Our vision is one of advancing God's plan by spreading the message of Jesus Christ, sharing in meaningful corporate worship while loving, honoring and serving all in His name.

Our congregation enjoys diverse personalities with variation in interests and sense of call to live out our vision. This church offers a tremendously wide range of opportunities for every age. Christian nurture enhances spiritual growth for all. Music ministries through voice, bells, and instruments touch the hearts of numerous participants and listeners. Stephen Ministry and Shepherding provide one-on-one care. Though impossible to hold one ministry above our many others, one banner program at FPCM is Club 3:30, a model program for latchkey kids. Our after-school ministry has not only persevered for over 20 years, but has flourished. This program offers nourishment for children with food, love, and academic help. Enthusiasm abounds in those involved at FPCM, affecting positively the many children and their families.

With unprecedented changes in attitude and social mores, our prayer is that God grants us ability to respond in Christ-like fashion to challenging religious, social, civic, and economic issues. Our passion is great for expanding all that can be done at First Presbyterian Church Marietta in the name of Christ. We pray for *unity* rather than *uniformity*. We ask for guidance by the Holy Spirit in finding His leader for this church, with whom we will strive to make our vision reality.

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

We feel called to live as Christians, sharing the good news of Christ. This call motivates us to keep our doors and hearts and His table open to all.

With gratefulness to God, we are inspired to action by His words. Numerous ministries demonstrate bountiful talents of committed FPCM members, generously loving, teaching, supporting, and giving, in so many different ways.

Sharing worship by internet streaming is proving to be an effective ministry that can touch more hearts than considered possible in past years. MUST Summer Lunches addresses a midday need of kids when school is out. Club 3:30 reaches further into our community during the school year, offering answers to previously unresolved needs. Thanks to a committed past FPC member, presently residing in Asheville, NC, our church now participates in a new ministry entitled Food Connection. Following her model program, a partnership of FPCM, MUST Ministries, and Kennesaw State University dramatically reduces food waste while providing nutritious meals for those in need.

Within walking distance of our church we can see the hungry, the bereaved, the lonely, the abused, the homeless, the sick, the disabled, the hopeless, the immigrant, the addicted, and the unchurched. Much is yet required of us, and we earnestly desire to expand our ministries, reaching out in new ways to all constituencies, in the name of Christ.

May we successfully do more with God's help!

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

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Serving as senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church Marietta will offer many great opportunities. Our adaptive pastor will innovatively lead the congregation in reaching out to known as well as newly discovered concerns. Consistent with our mission and vision, this person will encourage us to love and move beyond our boundaries, developing our church family into one more reflective of the community.

Diligent preparation and talented delivery of spiritually guided pulpit sermons will inspire Christian living. Promoting collegial and collaborative communication and planning through warm interpersonal skills with dedicated and capable staff and church officers is vitally important. Teamwork with this committed group will open doors to imaginative and exponentially greater Christian service within and outside the walls of this church. Excitement and passion in this close body of leaders will spread throughout the entire congregation like wildfire, sending new ideas, ministries, and good deeds out in all directions from our historic buildings. Christian invigoration will ignite the flames launching us to new levels of effectiveness.

Our search is for an enthusiastic, committed senior pastor who is willing to work hard at inspiring us to do God's work. This congregation is eager to follow God's will. Broader Christian commitment, growth in enthusiasm and numbers in church life, and a greater good for the community and beyond will continue to be our goals.

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

The person called by this congregation to be senior pastor is expected to be of the highest integrity. Strong interpersonal skills are critical. This individual should demonstrate humility, self-confidence, optimism, enthusiasm, warm appreciation for others, compassion, perseverance, and self-discipline.

The pastor called is expected to be a strong, committed leader who regularly prepares and presents an intellectually inspiring sermon based on Scripture.

This pastor additionally should be motivated to lead in the following ways: serving as a Christian role model; focusing on moving our church ministry forward in new and exciting ways; acting as a team builder; working collegially with our talented and committed staff; striving to be both a teacher and a student of the Word; demonstrating a genuine commitment to pastoral care, with investment of pastoral capital and expectation of great congregational return, while offering availability in our times of sorrow, illness, loss, and joy; and being fully visible in the life of our church programs. Active civic involvement is encouraged as an extension of this church's mission, and this person must be committed to the PCUSA and the Cherokee Presbytery.

FPCM awaits with great joy the joining of forces with our new senior pastor in service to God. We know that he/she will be blessed by our Lord, and loved, supported, and honored in this church

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

The person called to serve as senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church Marietta must be an ordained and experienced Presbyterian minister in the PCUSA. He/she will be expected to be skilled in all general aspects of church ministry development, organizational planning and oversight, preaching, and leadership. We are seeking the person to serve as our chief theologian, to deepen and build upon our historic faith and traditions. This individual must demonstrate the ability to deal collegially and effectively with ministerial co-workers, church staff, church officers, church members, and the general public.

It is of vital importance to our FPCM congregation that our next senior pastor regularly (forty plus weeks) leads worship, prayerfully selects scripture, diligently prepares and preaches inspiring sermons influencing our daily lives, and administers the sacraments. This person must provide leadership in weekly staff meetings, moderate Session meetings, attend council and committee meetings when indicated, supervise officer training, carry out premarital counseling, perform weddings and funerals, support budgeting and stewardship efforts, give guidance in Christian education, and promote the efforts for mission and ministry in and outside this flagship Presbyterian church.

This individual must offer adaptive leadership for staff, congregation, and community in identifying new opportunities, resolving challenges, and in pursuing God's will for this church.

Optional Links:

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FPCM:

Website <http://fpcmarietta.org/>
 Newsletter <https://issuu.com/fpcmarietta/docs/fpcnews/1?e=3176442/2654996>
 Social Media <https://www.facebook.com/fpcmarietta>
 Mission Study https://1drv.ms/w/s!AjcAzePgRbJyPY2DFVZsnATbLIC_g
 Marietta Visitors Bureau <http://www.mariettasquare.com/>
 Marietta Economic Dev. <http://www.marietta.ga.gov/city/businesses/ecodev/data>
 Marietta City Schools <http://www.marietta-city.org/>
 Cherokee Presbytery <http://www.cherokeepresbytery.org/>
 Cobb County Schools <http://www.cobbk12.org>

Leadership Competencies:

Hopeful
 Preaching and Worship Leadership
 Spiritual Maturity
 Lifelong Learner
 Communicator
 Change Agent
 Strategy and Vision
 Collaboration
 Interpersonal Engagement
 Motivator

Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

Minimum Effective Salary: \$105,000

Housing Type: Housing Allowance

References:

Name	Address	Phone Numbers	Relation	Email
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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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