

Student Pastor of First Presbyterian Church—Jeffersonville, Indiana

The Position: 2014-2015

The student pastor of First Presbyterian Church will function as a generalist, working with the pastor and others in a variety of tasks and duties. Depending on the student's interests, abilities and desire for professional growth and development, the position description will include some or all of the following:

- Sharing in the leadership of morning worship each Sunday and preaching four or five weekends during the academic year. (The student may also elect to regularly participate in the leadership of the Saturday night service.)
- Planning and participating in special and seasonal services, such as the Blessing of the Animals, Hanging of the Greens, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve, Ash Wednesday, Blessing of the Palms, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Way of the Cross, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunrise services.
- Assisting with pastoral care. This may include helping with hospital visits, homebound Communion calls, pre-marital consultations, funerals and visiting with current and prospective members.
- Serving as a leader in Wednesday evening worship and delivering the chapel talk at least once a month.
- Attending committee and Session meetings (first and/or second Monday nights of the month). The student may also have opportunity to lead a Session meeting during the spring semester.
- Teaching opportunities may from time to time include Sunday school classes (various age levels), Confirmation Class, Elders' training and a variety of other Bible study and spiritual enrichment programs. In addition, we welcome the student's participation and leadership in our monthly prayer lunches and various congregational fellowship events.
- Providing opportunities for small group fellowship, study and Christian Education for adults.
- Joining in the work of the 1st Prez Green Team.
- Working with our young adults (currently defined as those who are too old for high school but not old enough to have children in high school).
- Contributing to our ongoing exploration of collaborative ways of planning and enriching the worship life of the congregation.

In all, our hope is to provide the student a taste of what it's like to be the pastor in a church of this size, along with opportunities to develop skills necessary to the task. Toward this end, we encourage and expect a wide range of involvements on the student's part, along with a willingness to take-on leadership responsibilities when asked. Within this, we also welcome the particular gifts and abilities a student pastor may bring and will endeavor to allow his or her "light to shine" in whatever unique way those gifts allow.

The hours and pay related to this position are in accord with the Field Education Stipend Information provided by LPTS.