

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

Mif #: 10825.A11

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	10825
Ministry Name	Sewickley Presbyterian Church
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WWW Address	www.sewickleypresby.org
Ministry Size	651 - 1000 members

Ethnic Composition	
	Asian 1%
	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 1%
	White 98%

Average Worship Attendance	293
Church School Attendance	60
Curriculum	B-I-B-L-E Sunday School curriculum and Biblical study and interpretation, social justice issues and relating to one another
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Presbytery	PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF THE TRINITY
Community Type	Suburban

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

Information about the position

Position:	Head of Staff (who supervised one teaching elder and other staff)
Experience Required:	10 Years or more
Specific Title:	
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

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

Training/Certificate Requirements:	
	Clinical Pastoral Education Training

Other Training:	
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Brief Church Mission Statement:

We aspire to be a church where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully proclaimed and faithfully lived in grateful response to God's love.

We are members of the body of Christ who strive to be a welcoming family of faith, extending hospitality to all, and loving, supporting and forgiving one another as Christ does for us.

We are followers of Jesus Christ who seek to grow in our faith by worshiping together joyfully, studying God's word, abiding in prayer, and obeying Jesus' commands.

We are witnesses for Jesus Christ who participate in his ministry by proclaiming the good news, sharing our gifts and resources, and reaching out to those in need with love, humility and compassion.

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

Worship is the foundation of all that we do. SPC has three distinct worship services for a congregation with various needs and worship preferences.

As members of Christ's body, we strive to live as a welcoming family of faith, extending hospitality to all, and loving, supporting and forgiving one another as Christ has done for us. We have multiple church events and meals throughout the year to foster our sense of family, such as Lenten Soup Suppers, Progressive Dinner, Mardi Gras Pancake Supper, Church Picnic, Day on the Lawn Church-wide Garage Sale, Christmas Pageant, and Easter Egg Hunt.

As followers of Jesus, we seek to grow in our faith by worshiping together joyfully, studying God's word, abiding in prayer, and obeying Jesus' commands. We have a Fall Kick Off, multiple discipleship opportunities weekly and seasonally as well as many special guest speakers and preachers throughout the year. We also have a weekly women's Bible Study and Prayer Group, and two men's groups.

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

In addition to supporting the Center for Hope and housing the Samaritan Counseling Center and the Friendship Preschool, we provide space in our buildings for many outside groups, such as AA, Al-Anon, Nar-Anon, the Boy Scouts, and Overeaters Anonymous. We take a monthly hunger offering which goes to several organizations that provide food for those who are in need. We support the Community Youth Worker who serves at-risk youth in our school district.

Within our own church family, we recently formed a Congregational Care Ministry. Our Deacons do flower delivery, home communion, and visit shut ins. In an attempt to be more welcoming to young families in our church, we moved our childcare room to a more accessible location. We are currently looking at ways to enhance our sanctuary to make it more effective for worship in the 21st century. We have also tried to better meet the spiritual needs of our members by beginning several new discipleship groups in the last few years.

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

Our congregation intentionally strives to deepen each member's faith through worship, study, fellowship, mission, and discipleship. Our members contribute time, talent, capital, education, and experience to glorify God and strengthen the church's mission. We offer three Sunday morning worship services: an intimate chapel service, a praise team-led, contemporary service, and a traditional service. Special services enhance and deepen our faith and spiritual needs.

Our Pastor will have a hand in all aspects of church life: leading worship, preaching the Good News, ministering to congregational needs, fostering spiritual growth through Bible studies and other classes, supporting youth and young adult participation in the church, leading the congregation in mission locally, nationally, and internationally. The Pastor supervises Associate Pastors, Business Administrator, Ministry Associate for Youth & Young Adults, Directors of Congregational Care, Children's Ministry, Communications, Discipleship & FriendShip Preschool, Choir Director, Organist, and Praise Team Leader. The Pastor moderates Session.

Through preaching, teaching, and living the Christian life together, our Pastor will help us grow as disciples of Christ and adapt to a rapidly changing world so we can continue the mission of Christ and reach the next generation with the Good News.

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

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Most importantly we are looking for an energetic, compassionate, hopeful person who passionately wishes to help us build back our church after Covid focusing especially on engaging our youth and our young families. Someone who is:

- grounded in Scripture, an able teacher and communicator willing and versed in connecting scripture to our everyday lives.
- emotionally mature, warm, engaging and humble in that he/she is open to ideas from other faiths and cultures; a person who prioritizes the essence of our Presbyterian practice, but is open to celebrating elements of other faiths, such as in interfaith marriages.
- able to minister to and lead a highly educated congregation with a broad range of theological and political outlooks without pushing political agendas.
- a high-energy team player willing to help visions of ministries organically grow from different segments of the church family-- inclusive of varying ideas and committed to making SPC a community center of faith by, for example, including other local churches in various faith-based activities.
- a social, caring, good listener who is able to maintain a sense of humor.
- an organized, self- motivated administrator and staff leader who is able to delegate, build consensus, and think strategically about the use of technology to reach our members and potential members.
- passionate about mission.

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

We seek a Senior Pastor and Head of Staff who will preach the Word of God with urgency and conviction. We value compelling sermons that are relevant, challenging, and motivating. The Senior Pastor must plan and lead worship in ways that are sensitive to the needs of members of the worshipping community and also attend to their education and spiritual development, wherever they may be in their faith journeys. The Senior Pastor should provide visionary leadership and have the requisite skills and experience to skillfully manage a church of our size and complexity, and to create an environment that specifically engages children, youth, and young adults.

A priority of our Senior Pastor will be to create ways for church members to participate in worship, in the various programs of the church, to engage in local and global missions, and to find new and exciting ways to be involved in our church and serve the Lord. We desire that our Senior Pastor be visible and active within our church community and also interact meaningfully outside our church as a leader of our faith community. As our church leader, the Senior Pastor will assist the staff and committees of the church in constructive and positive ways to implement existing programs and create new ones. In short, we are looking for an articulate preacher, effective administrator, and innovative church leader who can help our congregation reach its fullest potential in Christian service and discipleship in Christ's name.

Optional Links:

sewickleypresby.org
exploresewickley.com
sewickleyborough.org
qvsd.org
sewickley.org
sewickleymca.org
samaritancounseling.net
visitpittsburgh.com

Leadership Competencies:

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Teacher

Public Communicator

Willingness to Engage Conflict

Organizational Agility

Strategy and Vision

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

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Initiative

Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator

Minimum Effective Salary: \$100,000

Housing Type: Open to Manse/Housing Allowance

References:				
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The Rev. N. Graham Standish, PhD., M.S.W., M.Div., M.A., Executive Dir	Samaritan Counseling, Guidance, and Consulting ,202 Beaver Street, Sewickley PA 15143	412-316-7273	Samaritan Counseling is housed by our church	ngstandish@mac.com
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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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