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## Ministry General Information

Ministry Name	Presbytery	Synod
Riverdale United Presbyterian Church	Pittsburgh	The Trinity
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Mailing Address	Alternate Phone/Email	Community Type
1555 Brodhead Rd, Moon Township, PA 15108		Suburban
Congregation or Organization Size	Curriculum	Average Worship Attendance
101-250 members	Children's - Faith Alive Middle School - PCUSA store New Testament Adult -various video series w/discussion	107
Church School Attendance		
25		
Intercultural Composition		
White: 98%, Black/African American/African: 2%		

## Information about the Position

### Position Requirements

Position Type(s)	Language Requirements
Solo Pastor: Installed	English
Experience Required	Statement of Faith required?
No Experience/First Ordained Call	Yes
Employment Status	Are you open to a clergy couple?

Full-time

Yes

## Ministry Requirements

### Church Mission/Vision Statement

As a family of faith, we worship the Lord Jesus Christ by building strong disciples to serve our community and reach people with His good news.

### Tasks, expectations, duties, supervision, assignments, and responsibilities for the position

- Serve as Head of Staff overseeing the Christian Education Director, Director of Music Ministry, and the Office Administrator. Liaison to Pumpkin Patch Preschool and Boy Scouts of America.
- Attend Deacon meetings as requested and serve as advisor to committees as necessary.
- Create, direct, and oversee the various worship services of the church, providing strong Biblically based inspirational preaching of God's Word.
- Provide strategic leadership and vision to the congregation, to session and staff to spread God's Word and foster welcoming Christian relationships of congregants and visitors.
- Involve active and inactive members, congregants, and visitors in the life of the Church.
- Support youth programs and adult bible studies, hold new member classes and visit members in need.
- Covenant with the leadership to uphold the bylaws and adhere to financial policies and procedures.

## Compensation & Housing

Minimum Effective Salary

60000

Housing Type

Housing allowance

## MDP - Narratives

How would you describe the congregation's/organization's specific vision for ministry? How will this vision impact the community? Is the congregation part of a ministry vision or program?

Riverdale Church's vision for ministry is to continue to be a Biblically based Word-centered worshipping community seeking to spiritually nourish the congregation through compassion, scripture, music and meaningful relationships. Our vision is lived out through our commitment to strengthen youth programs, bible-studies, and congregational fellowship. We've extended this commitment through our social media and the livestreaming of our Worship services.

We are excited about continuing to attract more individuals, families, children, and youth to share in God's love, grace, hope and mercy.

What is the nature and context of the community in which your congregation lives out its mission/vision? How will you address the emerging needs that are impacting your community?

We believe Riverdale Church has been called to serve as an extension of God's word. We feel the best way to achieve this goal is through our mission work in the community. We are proud of our annual summer Vacation Bible School, serving between 50 & 80 children from our congregation and the community. We help those in need through our 24/7 Portico Pantry food bank as well as supporting our local community food bank. In the fall we host our annual backpack / school supply event for kids in our community. We then have a Blessing of the Backpack Sunday where the children bring their backpacks to church and are prayed for during the service. At Christmas we participate in the Angel Tree Project helping families, where one or both parents are incarcerated, ensuring their children have presents under the tree. In the spring, we sponsor a local youth mission trip assisting local families and organizations in the area with a wide variety of needs.

In recent years we extended our mission work reaching out internationally by partnering with MDM Honduras and attending Virtual Mission Trips! We have funded the construction of a new home for one family, sponsored tuition for a young girl to attend school and provided dental care for the entire class. We are always looking for new opportunities for mission work. We believe there is no better way to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Every season at Riverdale is a mission season!

How will this call help complement the responsibilities of other staff/volunteer positions, and the life of the congregation/organization, so that you may accomplish your short and long-term goals for ministry?

For the past decade, our vision and mission goals have seen significant achievements through the life of our church. This overall growth has led to a high level of emergence in our congregation, positioning us as unified and strong in our faith in an ever-changing world. We would like our Pastor to nurture both spiritual development and leadership potential to help members identify their personal gifts and

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opportunities to serve. We will rely heavily on the leadership of our Pastor for direction and continuity in Christian Education.

We recently added a Director of Christian Education (DCE), who is charged with all Sunday programming for adults and children as well as Kids Club and Youth Group. Our new Pastor will work with our DCE and CE Committee to develop and further these programs which are supported with a strong volunteer base.

Our worship service includes a blend of both contemporary songs and traditional hymns. We are blessed to have a talented Director of Music Ministry who will work with the Pastor in the development of Worship Service. We desire our Pastor to challenge us to continue to assess, implement, and expand our vision and mission goals so that together we can thrive in glorifying our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Provide a description of the skills, gifts and training the person you hope will become a part of your ministry must have, to lead the congregation towards the vision and mission established.

Riverdale is a vibrant intergenerational church; we value our seniors as well as our children and families. Our children and youth make up 25% of our congregation and we desire to hire a pastor who will continue to focus on family programming. We seek a candidate who can create learning opportunities and design lessons that teach concepts, facts, and theology. A firm knowledge and belief in scripture must be the fundamental basis of the ministry.

We desire an energetic worship leader who can inspire from the pulpit and communicate a clear and consistent message, presented in a contemporary format. Someone whose heart is centered on the Lord, can bring out the best in other people and can help them explore their callings and spiritual gifts.

We seek a pastor who is empathic, humble, not afraid to lead in challenging situations and who is adaptable with strong organizational skills. A successful applicant will be a good listener, compassionate and skilled in motivation. It is important for our pastor to provide pastoral care and serve the needs of the congregation with home and hospital visits along with a strong emphasis on counseling which may include marital and family, medical and emotional, and end of life.

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## Optional Links

Riverdale Presbyterian Church

Website - - [https://  
www.riverdalechurch.org/](https://www.riverdalechurch.org/)

Riverdale Facebook page - -

[https://www.facebook.com/  
RiverdaleUnitedPresbyterianChurch](https://www.facebook.com/RiverdaleUnitedPresbyterianChurch)

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