

TEMPLETON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Assistant Pastor for Youth and Family Life

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITION

This is a newly-developed position that grows out of what has been our Director of Student Ministries position, designed for someone ordained or pursuing ordination. The vision is that this position is primarily focused on youth (High School and Middle School), but with the intention that it will increasingly involve ministry to families as a natural extension of working with youth. Simultaneously, some areas of responsibility to youth would decrease through volunteer leadership, internships, or part-time directors. The Assistant Pastor would be a vital, creative presence in helping to formulate and implement the missional vision of reaching youth and families in our community.

Additionally, the Assistant Pastor would be involved in worship leadership, with opportunities to preach multiple times a year.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Templeton Presbyterian Church is a multi-generational congregation with ages ranging from 6 months to 94. We have an active children's and youth ministry, Stephen Ministry, multiple small groups that meet during the week, and active involvement in community outreach with the ECHO Homeless Shelter, Front Porch campus ministry at Cal Poly, Vacation Bible School, our annual outdoor Living Nativity, and the like. Community groups such as AA, Parkinson's Support, the High School, and others regularly use our facility, and we share our worship space with a local Hispanic congregation. Our worship integrates both historical and contemporary elements, utilizing meaningful liturgy and broad musical components (worship band, choir, hand bell choir, hymns, and modern worship songs).

Templeton is a small, unincorporated town of 8,000 people, founded in 1888 and located in north San Luis Obispo County in the heart of ranches and vineyards. Adjacent to our town are cities of 25,000 on either side, with a university city 20 minutes away. Our church is 130 years old and located in the center of town for as long as the town has been in existence. We are caddy-corner from Templeton Park (home of the Farmer's Market), across the street from the Recreation Department (and Skate Park), two blocks from the Middle School and three blocks from the High School.

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY VISION

Creating a counter-cultural community of young people who are learning to embody the redemptive activity of God within the body of Christ – in both the congregation as a whole and in the subset of the youth group in particular – and through which are learning to give witness to the activity of God in the world around them.

Loving and discipling students into devoted followers of Jesus through incarnational modeling and personal investment in the lives of young people, as well as intentional programming that corresponds with the spiritual, social, psychological, and intellectual developmental needs of youth.

Helping our youth to discern truth from falsehood in the midst of the dizzying array of choices before them, and to navigate a social landscape that offers a smorgasbord of distracting, disruptive, and destructive alternatives to what it means to live life fully as sons and daughters created in the image of God and being transformed into the image of Christ.

Nurturing a love for and sense of belonging to Christ's church – its worship, formation, fellowship, service, and outreach – that will grow into a life-long commitment to Christ's mission in the world.

POSITION HIGHLIGHTS:

Plan, lead, or coordinate regular gatherings of youth – weekly mid-week meetings (for middle and high school) of fun, worship, teaching, and inter-personal sharing; smaller, volunteer-led discipleship groups; Sunday study classes; confirmation and baptism classes; and one-on-one relationships outside of programmed activities.

Plan and coordinate special avenues for growth, renewal, and service through retreats, camps, mission trips, and fundraising events, as well as local opportunities to serve in the church and community (e.g. Children’s Ministry, local outreach, etc.)

Recruit, train, and supervise volunteers, and (potentially) paid part-time interns and/or staff.

Encourage a “sticky-faith” approach to ministry that involves the broader congregation in their baptismal commitment and responsibility to share in the raising of children toward full participation and commitment in the body of Christ.

Assist in worship as part of the worship leadership team rotation and preach occasionally.

Develop Family-Life ministry that interfaces with both Children and Adult ministry. This will be something that grows out from the youth ministry as new program leadership emerges, enabling the Assistant Pastor to invest more time in the larger context (families) in which children live. This would entail elements such as developing relationship with parents, encouraging small groups, generating classes to address specific family needs (e.g. parenting), and facilitating inter-generational relationships between youth and adults.

TO APPLY:

Send resume to Julie Bower admin@fpctempleton.org.

For a full job description and more information about the church, go to www.templetonpres.org. Our website is being completely reconstructed, so please be patient with what we currently have!