



Huntersville Presbyterian Church

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Position

Transitional Pastor/Head of Staff
Full Time

Our Current Church Mission Statement:

Take Jesus as He is to people as they are from the heart of Huntersville

Our Current Church Mission:

Huntersville Presbyterian Church is a community church that God has called to reach out to all age groups, including young adults and families with children and youth, as well as those beyond this stage. We are seeking to become a church that leads individuals into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, builds them up in Christ, nurtures them in loving relationships, and leads them to service in the community and the world.

Church History

Huntersville Presbyterian Church (“HPC”) was born in a blackberry patch in 1878 by two founding members, who formulated the idea while picking blackberries together. HPC was officially chartered that same year. During our history, we’ve had 17 pastors, one of whom served 47 years (1908-1955) and another who served only 8 months (1895). We’re in our third sanctuary building (1988) and we own and operate a cemetery at the site of the original sanctuary. HPC is located in Huntersville, North Carolina which has a population of approximately 56,000 making it one of the fastest growing towns in the state. This exciting growth and our historical background help us in our mission as a community church to reach out to all God’s people, to lead them to service in the community and the world. In April 2002, a Family Life Center was dedicated to expand the Christian outreach of HPC in response to the needs of our growing church family. We also added a contemporary worship service to reach out to a wider church community. In November of 2007 the FLC debt was retired and we remain debt free to this day. A renovation of the sanctuary was completed in March 2008 to allow more space for our growing music leadership. In 2012 our pastor retired, we made the decision to break away from PCUSA & become A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians Church (ECO). We have approximately 400 covenant partners with an average weekly attendance of around 225. We hope to renovate our existing educational space in the near future.

A Bit More About Us:

Currently we are a church in transition. Shortly after the retirement of our pastor & our decision to become an ECO church, we lost our identity, our membership has declined & our congregation has become stuck in uncertainty. As a response to this we have recently partnered with an outside organization called Aspire to assist us with discerning God's purpose for HPC. As part of our partnership with Aspire we have formed a Vision Planning Team made up of current & resting elders from our congregation. Together with God's guidance, they are currently working through a process to set a vision & mission for Huntersville Presbyterian Church. As a result, we may find our current missions ministry, programs, and vision may change.

Church Mission and Programs

The church family spans all age groups, from the very young to the young at heart, including a large number of families with children and youth. We support and/or actively participate in Angel Tree Ministries, Loaves and Fishes, Operation Christmas Child, Solomon House, One Harvest (during the holidays), Room in the Inn, Lake Norman Pregnancy Center, Fight the Good Fight 7k, Meal Buddies and Haiti Missions. Other missions include a Community Garden, Men's Retreats & Women's Retreats. HPC is also committed to Women's Bible Study programs, Vacation Bible School, small groups and children's programs that provide various musicals, dramas, and fun retreats, led by our Director of Discipleship & Director of Worship.

HPC has active pre-school and after-school programs that currently serve over 160 students. We have one of the largest Boy Scout programs in the Charlotte area, with over 250 active participants; and over 100 Eagle Scout recipients.

HPC is fortunate to have a very talented and lively Director of Worship Arts, who leads our adult choir, our praise band, and hand bell choir, and has brought a variety of music and musicians into the church. She is also involved with children and youth, leading the youth praise band, Praise Kids, and giving ORFF classes to our preschoolers. We also have a Youth ministry, led by our Director of Youth, with various Bible studies, retreats, mission work, and weekly communal meals.

Gifts and Abilities of the Congregation

A number of our families have roots in the church that go back several generations. The gifts and wisdom of these members allow us to maintain a solid commitment and understanding of the church's rich traditions. These long-time members are steadfast and can be counted on to support each other as well as welcome new members into the church. As new members have grown with the love of Christ, they've become involved in starting new ministries and missions. There are a small number of covenant partners in the church help assist the pastor with hospital visits, teaching church classes, and in Worship leadership. A large segment of our covenant partners are involved in external ministries such as North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage, Arise & Student Life each year. A smaller number are active in Positive Moms, weekly Sunday School classes and/or one of three life groups currently meeting.

Biblical Authority/Worship:

We affirm the divine authority of God’s Word. We believe Christ’s atonement on the cross is the only way to salvation. In worship, we proclaim Holy Scripture through prayer, the reading of the Word, the sermon and liturgies, and by singing hymns and songs of praise. The sermon is a proclamation of the scriptures, seeking to bear full witness to Christ and to reveal God’s will to us as long-time Christians, new Christians, and seekers of the faith; offering grace and calling for obedience.

Evangelism/Fellowship:

In our worship services, missions & fellowship, we strive to share Christ’s love for each other so those people who do not know Jesus will feel welcomed. It’s our hope to heal and unify our church in order to draw people to a personal relationship with Christ.

Service and Mission:

We strive to meet the needs of the changing population in the Huntersville area. Currently we offer a variety of mission programs but as we come out of the discernment process with Aspire we expect our mission and vision will change.

Discipleship:

We believe in life-long learning for followers of Christ. Our small groups, Sunday school classes, and Bible studies reflect God’s expectation that the church will nurture all who seek to know Jesus and desire community to fellowship in His name.

References:

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3	Rev Brian Stewart	200 W Washington St Greenville SC 29601	864-423-2660	bstewart@firstpresgreenville.org	Associate Pastor ECO
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6	Rev Bill Cain	19920 Bethel Church Rd Cornelius NC 28031	407-473-0912	bcain@bethel-pc.org	Pastor ECO

Position Description

A. Major Responsibilities:

The role of the transitional pastor will be to assist the congregation in the following developmental tasks:

Hold Session accountable for:

1. Modeling the two greatest commandments of God
2. A consistent/regular prayer life & personal relationship with God
3. Adhering to the ECO Tenets
4. Fulfillment of their individual call

Developmental Tasks for the Congregation

1. Coming to terms with history
2. Discovering a new identity
3. Managing shifts of leadership
4. Commitment to new leadership and a new future

The Transitional (Interim) pastor also works at the following additional tasks:

Additional Tasks

1. Reducing the level of anxiety
2. Rebuilding infrastructures
3. Attention to stewardship/financial matters
4. Renewing the spiritual life of the congregation
5. Conflict management
6. Teaching moments re: dynamics of change

B. Description of characteristics and qualifications needed in a person who would fill this position:

We are seeking an ordained minister of ECO, or ECO Affiliate, who is a man or woman of joyful faith, zeal and integrity, and holds to the essentials tenets of ECO. This individual should possess a compassionate and dynamic personality, excellent mediation skills, and an ability to communicate well with various age groups with mature pastoral care. He or she will be expected to support regular fellowship events for the congregation and provide leadership in worship, teaching, preaching, counseling, and other areas in the life of the church, to help build a comprehensive ministry of Christian love, and to support and serve throughout the church.

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