

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AKRON

ECO – A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians

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Our Mission:

We are claimed by God. Now begins the journey...

Our History:

This Presbyterian congregation was formed in 1886 and the building was constructed in 1887. There have been several major renovations over the years. Throughout this time the church has provided a place for people to gather and worship together. We have continued to minister to the needs of our members and community and have always strived to remain faithful to God's word.

The past two years have been very challenging as we have been without a pastor. During this time, we found that the theology and business practices of PC(USA) no longer represented the views of our congregation. Our values aligned more closely with ECO, so we began what turned out to be a very challenging and lengthy transition from PC(USA) to ECO. We were unable to begin the pastor search process until we were officially dismissed to ECO in May 2018. Even without a pastor, we have never missed a Sunday morning worship service and have continued our mission to provide education on the Bible and the life of Christ.

Our Community:

The town of Akron is in northeast Colorado and is the county seat for Washington County. It is an agricultural-based community with a population of approximately 1,700. There are two community colleges, four hospitals, and recreational reservoirs within 35 minutes of Akron. Our school, which is K-

12, was built in 2012. The newly remodeled field house and the weight room are available for community use. Akron has the Colorado Regional Airport which is also home to the Medevac air medical transport. Recreational activities available are a 9-hole golf course, a fishing pond, and an outdoor pool. There are two parks within the city limits. The Washington County Fairgrounds and Event Center accommodate a variety of community activities: county fair, rodeos, concerts, tractor pull, receptions, meetings and conferences. A walking trail winds around the perimeter of the Fairgrounds. Pheasant, deer, and antelope hunting are also available in the area.

Our church joins with other churches in the area for outreach to the community. This includes a Sunday morning worship service during the County Fair, Vacation Bible School each summer, and a Christmas and Easter cantata. A small group of women meet monthly for Bible study and on special occasions for fellowship or mission work. They also participate in a community Lenten luncheon in the spring. Additionally, our church leads worship service at the county nursing home on a rotating basis.

Who We Are:

We are a multigenerational congregation of approximately 90 members. This body of members honors the inheritance of the generations that came before us while chasing a hunger of the Spirit that leads us forward. We are seeking the path that the Lord has for us in our individual lives, in our community, and in His Kingdom. Our expectations for the future involve moving forward by reigniting our congregation's passion for Christ and reaching out to others in our community. We desire to be a church which can compete with life's other demands and diversions, and a place where people want to go.

Our Need:

We are seeking a part-time pastor to lead our congregation with biblical preaching and teaching. The pastor must engage the congregation and encourage the spiritual growth of all who worship with us. The following is a list of expectations:

- Lead Sunday morning worship, except for vacation and study leave.
- Explore the development of opportunities for all ages to unite in Christian education and fellowship activities.
- Do pastoral calling on sick, shut-ins, and prospective members.
- Willing to work with the Session to carry out their vision for the church.
- Provide pastoral counseling to help parishioners overcome conflict in relationships and in the bonds of marriage, etc.

Compensation:

We are open to several options as to employment, including bi-vocational, subject to pastor availability and interested applicants. Tentatively, based on an average of 20-24 hours a week, the total compensation package would be approximately \$30,000 annually (including insurance and pension).

Contact Us:

If this looks like a position that God may be calling you to, email your resume to Diane Schenk, Pastor Nominating Committee Member at rdschenk@centurytel.net

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