



# First Presbyterian Church

Kings Mountain, NC

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**“Glorify his name, Grow spiritually, Go faithfully into his community”**

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Seeking a full-time pastor to partner with us as we seek God’s will in our community

- whose spiritual gifts include:
  - a real love for Jesus that shows with enthusiasm
  - relationship-oriented leadership skills
  - a passion for outreach in the community
- for a congregation:
  - of 120 covenant partners, 75-100 Sunday attendance
  - and a staff of Pastor, Office Manager, Choir Director, Youth Pastor, Sexton
  - mindful of growth in the community as well as the church
  - committed to fellowship and outreach

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## Our Community

Located in the Piedmont of North Carolina, the city of Kings Mountain was incorporated on February 11, 1874 and takes its name from the historical [Revolutionary battle](#) fought five miles south, thus bringing meaning to our motto “The Historical City.” This battle was proclaimed “the turning point of the American Revolution” by Thomas Jefferson. We are thirty miles from [Charlotte](#) and an hour and a half from [Asheville](#) and the [Blue Ridge Parkway](#). We have a beautiful lake, Moss Lake, for recreation, fishing and living. Also, an indoor natatorium, a [Gateway Trail](#), [YMCA](#) and two [state parks](#) within a five-minute drive of downtown. North and [South Carolina beaches](#) are just four hours away.

[Kings Mountain](#) has a population of 11,000 and has four [elementary schools](#), an [intermediate school](#), a [middle school](#) and a [high school](#). [Gardner Webb University](#) is only a thirty-minute drive and [UNCC](#) is forty-five minutes away. Both schools are 4-year degree institutions offering excellent masters and doctorate programs.

## **Our Church**

### **It's History**

On April 5, 1884 eighteen men and women gathered to organize a new church "The Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain." In 1887 a small frame structure was built. As the church grew a new brick building was built in 1906. The congregation and Sunday School grew so rapidly the current English Gothic structure made of rose-colored bricks was dedicated on December 5, 1937. The magnificent stained-glass chancel windows gracing the sanctuary were designed by an artist in Hungary and they were exhibited in Paris before being shipped to Kings Mountain.

In June of 2016 the congregation voted unanimously to disaffiliate from the PCUSA and to apply for acceptance into ECO. That process was completed shortly thereafter.

### **It's Identity**

**Our Mission Statement:** Striving to give honor and glory to God in all things. It is the mission of First Presbyterian Church to grow in the grace and love of Jesus Christ as we reach out to God's people sharing the good news of the gospel through words and action.

Our church campus consists of an historical sanctuary, a manse used for offices and a recreation building. We have twelve elders on Session- each serve as chairman of a committee. Staff consists of full time office manager, choir director/organist, youth minister, and sexton. We have 120 active covenant partners on our church roll with an average of 75-100 people actively attending worship. We have excellent relationships with the many other churches in the community, cooperating in local outreach projects, and sharing in joint services of worship during the Holy Weeks of Easter and Christmas and a joint Vacation Bible School.

Opportunities for service during the week include:

#### **Sunday**

- breakfast
- Sunday school
- Worship

#### **Wednesday**

- Wednesday night youth
- Choir practice
- Bible Studies

### **Worship + One**

First Presbyterian Church possesses numerous gifts, skills, and experiences as a congregation to fulfill its mission. We are a Bible-based church with an active prayer life. Participating in and supporting local, national and international missions is a priority. Since

becoming an ECO church, we have created a “Worship + One” campaign in which we have developed programs headed by leaders of the church and we are requesting that each member of the church serve in at least one program along with attending worship on Sunday morning. Each church member possesses skills that are essential to our church thriving and this program has proved to be successful in bringing these skills out so that our church mission can prosper. These programs are essential to the life of our church and each member participates graciously.

Worship + One programs include:

- Discipleship
- Fellowship
- Community Missions
- Worship
- Congregational Care
- Wings (Wed. night youth program)
- Shepherding
- Property and Grounds / Maintenance
- Backpack Ministry
- Middle and High School Youth / FCA
- College students and young adults
- FPC Strategic Planning
- Kitchen
- Special Events
- Bus outreach
- Senior Outreach

## **Our Pastor**

We are seeking a full-time pastor to partner with us as we grow spiritually, worship God, and do his work in our community. We hope to be a part of the pastor’s family, and the pastor’s family is welcomed to be a part of the pastor’s ministry. Our church has opportunities for additional paid service in both musical and youth areas.

Our ideal pastor would be in ECO or can affirm the [Essential Tenets](#) of the denomination, have at least 5 years ministerial experience, possess strengths in congregational care and building relationships within the community, be interested in thoughtful study and preaching, and have a desire to grow our church and expand it’s ministries, specifically our youth. We seek a minister who wants to grow the church, but not for growth’s own sake. We measure membership not in pews filled, but relationships developed. We do not seek a pastor for the present, who will maintain the status quo, but for the future; an individual who will help us work through the next chapter God will add to the story of First Presbyterian Kings Mountain.

We realize we are looking for a specific individual and hope to be able to come to an agreement on a salary and benefits package that is both worthy of our pastor and sustainable for our congregation.

## References

Below are people who can speak to our church's ministries, members, and idiosyncrasies. Some are members; others are people we have worked with in different ways.

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