

# Myers Park

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Myers Park Presbyterian Church (<https://myersparkpres.org>), located in Charlotte, North Carolina, is currently conducting a search for an Associate Pastor for Children and Their Families. Founded in 1926 and a flagship church for Southern Presbyterians by the 1950s, Myers Park Presbyterian Church has a rich and vibrant 93-year history. Today, it thrives and is the fourth largest church in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with over 4700 members, six full-time clergy, and a staff of 55+ people.

The Associate Pastor for Children and Their Families will enable the congregation to engage in children's ministries that nurture a deeper understanding of what it means to live and grow in the Christian life. The Associate Pastor will remain firmly grounded in the Presbyterian / Reformed tradition. The Associate Pastor develops and supervises Children's Ministry programs within the church, including the Weekday School which is comprised of 300 half and full day students.

Key Qualifications and responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

Master of Divinity from an accredited seminary. Prefer Ordained PC (U.S.A.). Demonstrated commitment to the Presbyterian / Reformed approach to ministry with children and their families. At least five years of experience working with children in the PC (U.S.A.). Committed follower of Christ and evidence of personal discipleship.

## **PASTORAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Participate in leading worship on a regular basis, with occasional preaching;
- Offer Pastoral Care as arises in the course of relationship with church members and in the regular rotation of on-call responsibilities;
- Officiate in weddings and funerals as pastoral rotation requires;
- Teach Sunday School classes and Bible studies as part of the Adult Faith Formation Ministry;
- Lead Baptism Classes, Confirmation Classes, etc., as rotation model requires;
- Participate in the regular rotation of daily devotionals and other congregational communications; *and*
- Participate in the Governing Councils of the church as required by ordination vows.

## **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Articulate and implement a vision for children's ministry that reflects Christ's love and grace for us and is lived out in our relationships with God and with one another;

- Work with other clergy and staff to coordinate a life-long approach to Christian Formation for children, youth, and adults;
- Plan and supervise Children's Ministry programs for children birth through fifth grade, and their families;
- Cultivate disciples, plan and coordinate the work of those disciples;
- Build authentic and appropriate relationships with children and their families;
- Work with the congregation to create a place of belonging for children in worship, education, outreach, and other ministries of the church;
- Guide the ministry of the Weekday School as it offers care and nurture of children Monday through Friday, including supporting weekly chapel and faith development;
- Participate fully and actively in children's ministry activities;
- Actively follow and advocate for MPPC's Child and Youth Protection Policy in all Children's Ministry activities;
- Provide input to the Executive Pastor in order to accomplish overall church program coordination;
- Support the Children and Families Ministry Council and the Weekday School Board;
- Oversee budget for Children's ministries; *and*
- Fulfills other duties as assigned by the Executive Pastor.

We welcome and appreciate your networking suggestions and insights as it relates to this very important search for Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

Please feel free to contact one of our Pastor Nominating Committee Members at [associatepastoratmppc@gmail.com](mailto:associatepastoratmppc@gmail.com).

Warm regards,

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