

**Church Leadership Connection**  
The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Mif #: 22168.AC0**

**Ministry General Information**

<b>Ministry Number</b>	22168
<b>Ministry Name</b>	Stockbridge Presbyterian Church
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<b>WWW Address</b>	spcusa.org
<b>Ministry Size</b>	101 - 250 members
<b>Ethnic Composition</b>	
	Asian 4%
	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 8%
	Hispanic Latino/Latina, Spanish 3%
	White 85%

<b>Average Worship Attendance</b>	65
<b>Church School Attendance</b>	20
<b>Curriculum</b>	The Wired Word, Books of the Bible, Growing in Grace and Gratitude (PCUSA)
<b>Yoked</b>	False
<b>Presbytery</b>	GREATER ATLANTA PRESBYTERY
<b>Synod</b>	SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC
<b>Community Type</b>	Small City
Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization <a href="#">Show Statistics</a>	

**Information about the position**

<b>Position:</b>	Solo Pastor
<b>Experience Required:</b>	First Ordained Call
<b>Specific Title:</b>	
<b>Employment Status:</b>	Full-time

<b>Language Requirements:</b>	
	English

<b>Other Language:</b>	
<b>Statement of Faith Required:</b>	True
<b>Clergy Couples:</b>	

<b>Training/Certificate Requirements:</b>	
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<b>Other Training:</b>	
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### **Brief Church Mission Statement:**

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church exists to be God's bridge to a world in need in the name of Jesus Christ, who bridges the gap between us and God. Our scriptural focus comes from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians: "In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." (II Corinthians 5:19)

SPC is The Church At The Bridge: aiming to fill the different gaps in people's lives with the help of our family, friends, and neighbors.

We will reconcile the space between us and God; We will become closer to our neighbors; We will fill the chasm between us and a world in need. All of this will be possible through God.

### **What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry:**

We welcome ALL into our church with the love of Jesus Christ. Everyone deserves grace, so everyone is welcome at Stockbridge Presbyterian Church.

We minister to our congregation through fellowship opportunities such as Sunday School, Children's Church, Bible study groups, Children's Choir, Sanctuary Choir, and Prayer Warriors.

We reach out to our neighbors in this diverse community with a variety of activities, keeping Jesus in our hearts while helping to lift up those in need. We feed and clothe our neighborhood friends with Joseph's Pantry, Goodness and Groceries, Neighborhood School Supply Drive, Christmas Baskets, and Coat Closet. Each summer, we leave the church and bring a "portable" Vacation Bible School to select neighborhoods. These ministries are funded by our generous congregation, friends of our church, and our huge, annual Community Yard Sale.

We gladly share our building with our local AA chapter, Meals on Wheels, and Boy Scouts.

In addition, our Session and congregation are always praying for more opportunities to help our neighbors. There is always more to be done.

### **How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency:**

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church exists to help our neighbors. When they have a need, we want to help.

Joseph's Pantry, our 35-year-old food ministry, provides canned foods and dry goods to help our neighbors through rough patches. We work with Henry County DFCS to identify hungry families that need our help. Our friendly local grocery, Food Depot, gives them vouchers for perishables.

Goodness and Groceries began around 2014 when a local grade schooler wished for a school lunch each weekend, because she was going hungry once she arrived home. Now, each week our members gather to bag easy to prepare meals for around 90 children from four local schools. The bags, and a handwritten note of encouragement, go home with the kids every Friday.

Our Christmas Baskets outreach was inspired by the Goodness and Groceries ministry. The generous school administrators talk to the parents and compose a Christmas List for the kids. Our members "adopt" about two dozen of these kids and fulfill their lists, to go along with an overflowing basket of groceries.

Our newest outreach for our neighborhood friends is our outdoor Coat Closet. Donated coats, socks, gloves, and blankets are available to whomever needs them in our covered pavilion.

### **How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals:**

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The new Pastor of Stockbridge Presbyterian Church will embrace our spirit of outreach and love for our diverse community. Our outreach ministries touch many lives and our new Pastor will join us in reaching even more who still need Jesus's love. This Pastor will provide dynamic worship leadership and pastoral care for our members. By inspiring new ideas and helping our members discover and use their unique gifts, this Pastor will support the spiritual health of our congregation.

A key concern is the health of our Discipleship program. We have very few youth or children at SPC, and our Discipleship programs have suffered as a result. Children's Sunday School and our youth program are currently idle due to lack of participation. Our new Pastor will provide fresh insight, ideas, and support in spiritual formation, as we work to improve this ministry.

Our new Pastor will be intentional in developing spiritual growth and prayer practices among the Session as well. The Session holds an extra meeting once a month for studies on discernment, prayer, and seeking God's will for our church. We have been making some minor yet deliberate changes to our programs and worship to ensure that everything we do as leaders of SPC is focused on God. We have made an overall commitment to slowing down and listening for God's voice at every opportunity.

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**Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization:**

Our new Pastor will arrive with a solid theological foundation and a thorough knowledge of Presbyterian polity. This foundation and knowledge, along with God's biblical word, will influence our Pastor's teachings. However, he or she will also search for lessons from our Lord in the everyday experiences of our congregation. This person will be competent in moderating our regular Session meetings, but also allow a free exchange of ideas and open dialogue.

Stockbridge Presbyterian Church is a family, and we will welcome our new Pastor as a vital member of it with open arms. We think of the neighborhoods that surround our church building as part of our family. Our new Pastor will build upon this positivity so that we grow spiritually closer as a congregation and spread God's love to those in our community. Approachability and a collaborative spirit create and cultivate brand new opportunities for evangelism.

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**What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?**

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### **Preaching & Worship**

Create weekly Order of Worship, write liturgy, choose hymns, write & preach a sermon

Serve Communion on 1st Sunday of each month

Prepare for special services: Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Veteran's Day, etc.

Perform baptisms, weddings, & funerals

### **Pastoral Care**

Be available for individual counseling & guidance

Visit members in the hospital or those who are home-bound, including communion as needed

### **Mission, Outreach, & Fellowship**

Attend committee meetings & participate in outreach events

Continue warm relationships with staff & administration at Goodness & Groceries schools, & be available to schools for community activities (i.e., go & talk to classes)

Support & strengthen SPC's stated missions

Participate in church functions, i.e. after-worship dinners & programs

Seek opportunities to strengthen individual relationships

Foster community relationships

### **Teaching & Spiritual Growth**

Continue spiritual growth/leadership development meetings with Session on 2nd Sunday each month

If requested, teach Sunday School class or Bible Study

Teach/facilitate Women's Bible Study Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Promote growth in congregation, especially w/ children & youth, & participate/innovate in Discipleship activities

### **Administration**

Supervise Office Manager & Director of Music

Communicate regularly w/ Office Manager, contribute to monthly newsletter

Moderate Session meetings

Attend Presbytery meetings

Complete annual performance evaluations

### **Optional Links:**

<http://spcusa.org/archives/>

### **Leadership Competencies:**

Compassionate

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Spiritual Maturity

Teacher

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Change Agent
Collaboration
Bridge Builder
Motivator
Initiative
Flexibility

<b>Compensation and Housing: <u>Cost of Living Calculator</u></b>
<b>Minimum Effective Salary:</b>
<b>Housing Type:</b> Housing Allowance

<b>References:</b>				
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<b>Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form Of Government in this regard?</b>
Yes
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