

Join Our Warm and Welcoming Community at the First Presbyterian Church of Schoolcraft

Every Sunday, envision yourself delivering inspiring sermons within the walls of our beautiful brick church—a place where laughter and fellowship bloom. Our parishioners are not just attendees; they are active participants, eagerly “passing the peace” and forging genuine connections with one another.

As our Interim Pastor, you’ll be embraced by the harmonious voices of our choir, uplifting spirits with hymns that resonate through the sanctuary. Your message of hope and faith will be the highlight of our congregation’s week.

Post-service, the congregation gathers in the adjacent Westminster Hall for coffee and conversation, creating a sense of community that extends beyond the church doors. The manse, a charming residence next to Westminster Hall, awaits you, offering comfort and convenience just steps away from your spiritual home.

Located a mere 20 minutes from the bustling college town of Kalamazoo, Michigan, you’ll find the perfect balance of serene church life and vibrant city energy.

If this vision speaks to you, and you feel called to lead and nurture our community, we invite you to step forward. For a detailed look at the Interim Pastor Position, please refer to the attached Position Description. To apply, submit a cover letter and resume to Martha Gammill at macgammill@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming you into our family at the First Presbyterian Church of Schoolcraft.

First Presbyterian Church

Schoolcraft, Michigan

Interim Pastor Position Description:

Sunday morning worship is an important part of our church life. The pastor serves the congregation by preparing and organizing Sunday morning worship, special holiday services and special children’s worship services. He or she prepares and conducts the service with lay support. The pastor preaches the word of God and ties the message to the everchanging needs of the congregation, community and the church. She or he administers the sacraments of baptism and communion and conducts weddings and funerals for members and friends of the congregation.

A major goal of this congregation is the spiritual development and growth of its members. The pastor’s leadership is essential to encourage a supportive and enthusiastic church congregation. The pastor is expected to be active in visitation, pastoral care and encouraging fellowship within the congregation.

The pastor works closely with the Elders, Deacons, Christian Education, Worship Team and Administrative Assistant.

Looking for someone to work 2/3 time (approximately 28 hours a week).

Characteristics and qualifications needed:

We are searching for a caring interim pastor who:

- Actively participates in visitations and pastoral care.
- Has Biblical and spiritual knowledge with an ability to show relevancy to everyday life.
- Possesses strong interpersonal skills with an ability to communicate well with various age groups (children, youth, adults and senior adults.
- Is interested in continuing our support of local missions' projects and
- Is enthusiastic about working with a small church!

Job description:

- Prepare and organize Sunday morning children's and adult worship service, special holiday services and any special children's worship services.
- Time providing visitation and pastoral care to our shut- ins and hospital visits.
- Administers the sacraments of baptism and communion and conducts weddings and funerals for members and friends of the congregation.
- Meets with the Worship Team, Christian Education Team, Elders, Deacons and participates with the Schoolcraft Ministerial Association.

Brief Church Description

For more than 150 years, our congregation has led the way spiritually for the people of our community. Located in rich, fertile prairie land of Schoolcraft, we serve God and our community through weekly worship, education and outreach projects. Our Sunday morning traditional worship service includes lessons from the scripture, music, a children's sermon and an adult sermon.

Education

Our Sunday school program teaches combined elementary through high school students.

We traditionally have an after-church Adult Sunday School as well as a Wednesday Bible School. We serve as a host facility for the Schoolcraft Community Coop Preschool. We offer our Westminster facility for rent for outreach as available (showers, crafting events, etc.)

Gifts, Skills and Experiences the congregation possesses to fulfill its mission:

We are fortunate as a small congregation to have members and friends who possess a variety of skills and gifts. Our congregation has many individuals who offer a warm and caring feeling to visitors and to each other. "Passing of the Peace" during the Sunday Service and Coffee Hour after our service our two special times where you will see us shine! Our adult choir provides the opportunity for these individuals to enhance our morning worship service and special services with beautiful anthems. We are blessed with individuals who are willing to share their gift of teaching in Sunday school.

We are blessed to have a live stream team to be able to utilize You Tube for our weekly Sunday live service at 10 am. We also have a church Facebook page.

In the last year we were able to replace the roof on Westminster Hall.

Our Deacons provide many programs that are enjoyed by our members and community. They include potlucks, game nights, Church Bazaar, luminaries and many more events!

Our church has a Barnabas Card Ministry. This group meets monthly and makes cards for the Deacons, Eagle's Nest Food Pantry, Cedar Part and other areas that are needed.

We have a weekly men's breakfast out and a monthly women's breakfast out to enjoy.

The key that makes all the skills and talents blend is the leadership role assumed by the Session, the Deacons and key individuals. Being involved in the life of the church provides members and friends with the feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction.

Ministry of the church/congregation

As a working and active church, we are devoted to the spiritual life of all believers in the community. We have taken an active role in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of our members and the greater community through support of missions, food pantry, clothing drive and the Schoolcraft Ministerial Association. The Schoolcraft Ministerial Association is comprised of area churches. Together they offer immediate assistance for non-residents who are in financial need.

Our congregation reflects a spectrum of perspectives and ideas. We follow a traditional Sunday morning worship service, but we don't mind modern splashed in! Following the example of Christ, we believe leadership is key to ministry and service. The ministry of leadership can take many forms inside and outside of the faith community. Members of our congregation serve on community boards and actively volunteer for not-for-profit organizations.

For more information about this position including salary and benefits, which includes availability of manse, please contact Martha Gambill at (269) 429- 2936 or macgammill@gmail.com