

OPPORTUNITY PROFILE

Senior Pastor



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Princeton Meadow Church seeks to continue its 40-year history of engaging the communities of West Windsor Township, Princeton NJ and Mercer County. They are seeking a Senior Pastor who will lead by example beyond their beautiful campus, connecting with neighbors that live and work in the surrounding region. The committed members of this church are eager to mobilize and engage the big questions of life and faith. They desire to love and accept people for who they are and demonstrate compassion through acts of service in their community.



THE CHURCH

Princeton Meadow Church

The congregation's goal and passion is to be faithful to the Gospel and engage Jesus' call to mission: to be a strong community that is reaching the unchurched with the Gospel and, in doing so, seeing God transform individuals, neighborhoods, and the world. Already responsive to emerging needs in the community, the leadership of this group is committed to sustaining its legacy of engagement through its pre-school, after school child care, chess club, music lessons and event center. Elders and staff have been prayerfully discerning and discussing a new path forward.

The worship space seats over 700 people. The church has an active preschool and after-school child care program with a solid reputation that meets on campus weekdays, as well as a nationally ranked Chess Club and Music lessons. The campus also houses a 250-seat event center suitable for hosting wedding receptions and many other events. The space is widely utilized by the surrounding community.



VISION & VALUES

Princeton Meadow is a congregation committed to the gospel of Jesus Christ. They affirm the inherent dignity and value of all persons because they are created by God in his likeness, but humanity is also fallen and sinful - alienated from God and his love. This alienation is the root or heart of personal, relational and social problems. The good news of Jesus is that God has not allowed sin to have the last word over human life and existence. Through the

sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we can experience forgiveness and new life, which begins as we connect with the person of Jesus by faith.

Princeton Meadow is a community that takes scripture seriously, and strives to understand and apply its teaching to our lives personally and as the community of God's people. Missionary and Pastor Lesslie Newbigin reminds us that the church is the "sign, foretaste

and instrument" of the kingdom of God through which God invites us to know Christ, experience the healing of his presence and extend the same to others. Princeton Meadow exists within this movement of the gospel to cultivate community that remembers the past with thanksgiving, reaches out in love and service, anticipates the future with hope and lives in the present in peace.



THE COMMUNITY

Princeton, West Windsor Township, New Jersey

Princeton Meadow Church is located on a 7-acre campus near the business and recreational core of the township. Its proximity to on- and off-ramps to US 1 position the church to have an influence that goes beyond its own neighborhood. The Princeton/West Windsor area is home to major pharmaceutical businesses and Princeton University.

Blue Ribbon schools, residential offerings for all ages, and preserved open space are balanced with commercial and retail development. Situated along the Route 1 corridor, West Windsor township boasts the third busiest railroad station in New Jersey servicing New York City and Philadelphia. Major companies are headquartered in West Windsor utilizing modern office complexes such as the award winning Carnegie Center. A variety of hotels and restaurants serve both businesses and residents. The Township offers countless recreational activities including four public golf courses, a swimming complex, indoor and outdoor

tennis, boating, a senior center with recreational and educational programs, and organized sports for children. The West Windsor History Museum showcases the Schenck farmhouse as well as a Dutch/English barn that dates back to the eighteenth century. West Windsor also has many golf courses open to the public for those looking for some tee time. In addition, there are events going on throughout the year including a Food Truck Fiesta and various cultural festivals held in Mercer County Park. This park has numerous walking trails and a Marina for paddle boating, the ideal day activity for families.

THE POSITION

Senior Pastor, Princeton Meadow Church

The leadership is praying for renewal and development of its ministry in the region. Princeton Meadow Church seeks an experienced, visionary and discerning leader to serve as its next Senior Minister. To thrive in this role, a candidate will need to be a dynamic preacher with a deep curiosity about the Word of God, excitement for God's work in the world and committed to the spiritual formation of people through solid discipleship. The community is ready for a leader who demonstrates humility and authenticity as he shepherds the congregation and builds ministry teams with the kind of genuine care and love for people that leads to deeper relationships.

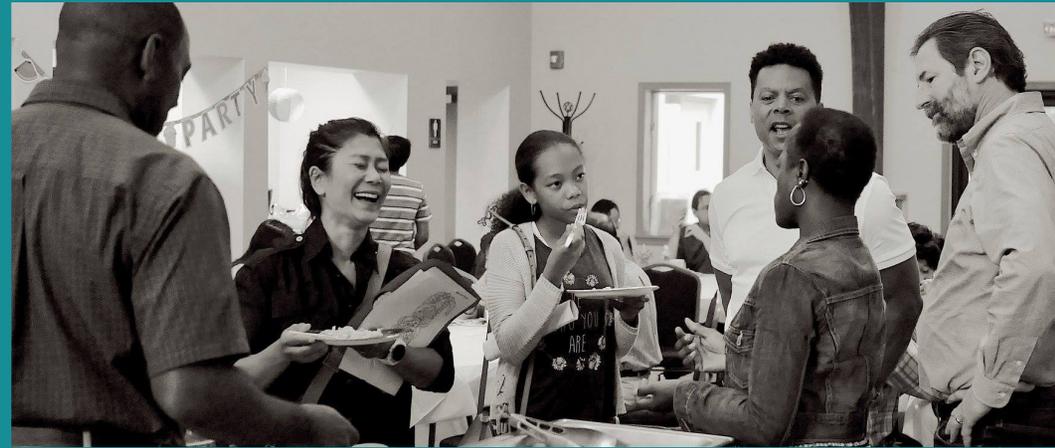
The Senior Pastor will have the tremendous opportunity to spark the imagination of a diversifying congregation that seeks to grow as followers of Jesus and increase their impact on West Windsor Township and Princeton, NJ. The Pastor will invest in a faithful community of people excited to discover a renewed sense of purpose as a church. The right candidate for this role will have a proven record of casting an actionable vision and influential discipleship connecting individuals with the church and the Gospel.



The Senior Pastor will serve as the head of staff and a Session of Elders. He will need a passion for leading leaders and connecting with people one-on-one. The ideal candidate is well versed in and committed to the Reformed theological tradition as articulated in the Westminster Confession of Faith, has a passion for persons outside of the church, and has the competence to lead a complex organization.

CANDIDATE PROFILE

- Alignment with the theological commitments of the evangelical and reformed tradition, and Presbyterian polity
- Ability to minister within and connect with the diverse population of West Windsor and the University community of Princeton NJ
- Ordination in a denomination within the evangelical and reformed tradition preferred.
- Bachelors degree, M.Div with D. Min preferred
- Ten years of pastoral experience in a dynamic and discipleship oriented environment
- Demonstrated ability to build and develop high performing teams
- Experienced leader and change manager



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- Passion for the Gospel and ability to provide clear, influential communication
- Ability to inspire personal and spiritual growth in staff and congregation
- Gifted Bible teacher, able to communicate nuances of Scripture in ways that can be understood by people unfamiliar with the Church or the Christian faith
- Strong shepherding skills that demonstrate how to care for broken, hurting people and groups





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Tuck Bartholomew, Senior Director of Ministry Relationships for AGORA Search Group, is leading this search. Tuck brings 30 years of church leadership experience to his work with AGORA. He has planted and led a church for the last 14 years, and served on the executive staff teams of churches in New York, Virginia and South Carolina. Tuck is a seasoned mentor of pastors and desires to help churches find and develop leaders for the next generation. He holds a PhD in Sociology and has taught in several seminary programs. He and his wife Stacy have three adult children.

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