

opportunity profile
SENIOR PASTOR

First Presbyterian Church
Wichita Falls, Texas



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First Presbyterian Church of Wichita Falls is seeking a Senior Pastor who demonstrates a deep and personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and whose dynamic leadership ability and vision will allow him to shepherd our multigenerational congregation.

Vision

That all would know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Mission

Our mission is to produce authentic disciples of Jesus who...

- embrace biblical truth
- embody christian love
- impart His gospel to the world.

Our Core Values

Bible Centered Teaching, Godly Servant Leadership, Effectual Fervent Prayer, Passionate Evangelism, World Missions, Strong Families, Biblical Community, Authentic Worship, Warm Fellowship

First Presbyterian Church

Administrator / Head of Staff

- Works closely with other ministry staff in developing coordinated strategies to accomplish the church's mission
- Interfaces effectively with all members of church staff
- Leads a staff culture of service
- Moderates Session
- Commits to good stewardship of campus and financial resources

Preacher

- Leads worship each Sunday
- Delivers Biblically-based messages from Old and New Testaments that are challenging, educational, and relevant to all ages
- Shares the Gospel with intentionality and enthusiasm
- Challenges and inspires a multigenerational congregation
- Serves as a role model for Christian values and lifestyles



Teacher

- Cultivates spiritual gifts of covenant partners
- Teach and train in various settings
- Pursues self education
- Offers guidance to families within the church and the community

Visionary/Ambassador

- Grows and equips disciples of Christ to share the Gospel in a rapidly changing culture
- Deepens relationships with Christ through the creation and implementation of small groups (or the equivalent)
- Seeks to bring others into the worship/ministry community of First Presbyterian Church
- Actively involved in the missions of the church
- Builds and maintains relationships within the community

Shepherd

- Equips and enables covenant partners for their tasks within the church
- Participates in the life of the church through fellowship with persons of all ages at formal and spontaneous gatherings
- Oversees the ministry to the homebound, the sick, and those in need
- Performs weddings, funerals, and administers the Sacraments
- Responsible for promoting internal/external communication

History

Founded in October 1882, the church has been affiliated with five denominations: the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

Over the past several years, First Presbyterian Church has seen an increase in young families, which has brought a newfound energy into our congregation and has positioned us for growth.

Children and Youth

Kids' and youth ministries will strive to lay a firm foundation in biblical truth, preparing young adults to defend the Christian faith in our increasingly anti-Christian society.

Our children's director is Elizabeth Barnard. She has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 2007. She is a Wichita Falls native, a mother of three children, and has been married to her husband, John for 12 years. Beth is also the Director of our preschool, The Learning Center (TLC). She is committed to helping the young children within our church and TLC learn about Jesus and His deep love for each of them.

We recently hired our newly ordained youth pastor, Michael Morris. Michael is from Douglasville, Georgia and attended Reformed Theological Seminary in Atlanta. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Emily, family and friends, and playing games. His wish is that the youth of Wichita Falls will all come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.



OUR CHURCH

Sunday School Classes

We have a strong Sunday School program for all ages, with many active and vital adult classes. Additionally, we have a Men's Ministry and a Women's Ministry, and small groups for men, women, youth and children which meet regularly.

Fellowship

We, as a community of family, seek to embody Christian love as we gather with and partner with our covenant community. This manifests itself as we care for one another, pray for one another, and seek genuine Christian fellowship with one another.

Missions

We pride ourselves in having a heart for missions. We sponsor individual missionaries locally, nationally, and internationally, and have multiple annual mission trips both nationally and abroad. We have regular programs featuring our mission causes, and our members participate monthly in serving at the local homeless shelters and weekly at local elementary schools. From the county jail to mission efforts in Romania, Belize, and North Korea, we are always eager to embrace worthy causes and see this as one of the vital outreaches of our church.

The Learning Center (TLC)

The Learning Center was founded in the early 1980's. Today, TLC serves 170 students. Fully realizing that the early years of life are the most important for laying the foundation of faith, social, emotional, and cognitive development, the school provides each child with acceptance, respect, and love in a Christian environment. TLC is a cherished ministry of FPC, and a wonderful outreach opportunity within our church.

OUR COMMUNITY



Wichita Falls Community

Wichita Falls is a welcoming community. Although it is the largest city in the area, with over one hundred thousand residents, it maintains a small town feel, supporting a multitude of family-owned businesses dating back to the early 1900's. The city offers a thriving downtown with shopping, theaters, and restaurants. There are numerous popular special events including concerts, festivals, rodeos, and the nation's largest bike race, the Hotter'N Hell Hundred.

Midwestern State University, located across the street from First Presbyterian Church, is a public liberal arts college with over 6,000 students. It is the state's only public liberal arts college. Sheppard Air Force Base is located just five miles north of downtown Wichita Falls and is the largest and most diversified Air Education and Training Command training base. The University and the Air Force Base help maintain a flow of diverse cultures, ideas, and life throughout the city.

Wichita Falls is a great place to raise a family and put down roots. The average living expenses fall nearly 15 percent below the national average. Housing costs are 14 percent less than the average American city, with the median home price in the region listed at about \$119,000. The city boasts highly affordable living, a low unemployment rate, 37 beautiful parks, and a 20 mile concrete trail system that rivals that of much larger metropolitan areas. Only two hours away from major metropolitan cities like Dallas and Oklahoma City, Wichita Falls represents the best Texas has to offer.

QUALIFICATIONS



Qualifications:

1. Master of Divinity, or its equivalent, from an accredited seminary
2. Committed to ECO Essential Tenets and Confessional Standards
3. Ordained by ECO, or by a Reformed denomination and eligible for transfer to ECO
4. Successful experience as a senior or associate pastor

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 - a. Your faith journey
 - b. Your calling to pastoral ministry
 - c. Your vision for a church you lead as senior pastor



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Rob Lauer is leading the First Presbyterian Church, Wichita Falls search. Rob founded AGORA in 2000 and provides nearly 30 years of executive search, church consulting, and pastoral ministry experience for our clients. Rob has a passion to serve organizations with an emphasis on building relationships throughout the executive search process versus the typical transactional approach. He is adamant, believing not every great leader or pastor...is a great fit...for a great organization or church. As a result, he and his team invest significant time matching exceptional leaders with outstanding organizations.

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