

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

Mif #: 01699.ADO

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	01699
Ministry Name	Park Ridge Presbyterian Church
Mailing Address	1300 West Crescent Ave. Park Ridge, IL 60068
Phone	847-823-4135
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E-Mail	apnc@parkridgepresby.org
WWW Address	www.parkridgepresby.org
Ministry Size	251 - 400 members
Ethnic Composition	
	Asian 2%
	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 1%
	Hispanic Latino/Latina, Spanish 1%
	White 96%

Average Worship Attendance	115
Church School Attendance	20
Curriculum	Multiple sources of curriculum
Certified as eligible for participation in the Seminary Debt Assistance Program	False
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Presbytery	CHICAGO PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS
Community Type	Suburban
Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization Show Statistics	

Information about the position

Position:	Associate Pastor (Other)
Experience Required:	First Ordained Call
Specific Title:	Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, Missions, an
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

Other Language:	
Statement of Faith Required:	True
Clergy Couples:	True

Training/Certificate Requirements:

Other Training:

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Brief Church Mission Statement:

To Engage and Inspire All People to Share God's Love, Grow in Faith, and Serve as Disciples

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

The mission of Park Ridge Presbyterian Church (PRPC) is to Make Disciples of All Nations (Matthew 28:18-20), Be Christ's Witnesses (Acts 1:8), Love God and Others (Mark 12:28-34), and Serve Those in Need (Matthew 25:45). We are a multi-generational church with a vision to: "Engage and Inspire All People to Share God's Love, Grow in Faith, and Serve as Disciples."

Our vision comes to life through our Share, Grow, and Serve Ministries. Our **Share** Ministries are Worship and Music, Hospitality, and New Members. Our **Grow** Ministries are Children, Youth, and Adult Ministries and Small Groups. Our **Serve** Ministries are Missions, Deacons, Congregational Life, and Outreach.

Our church has a strong foundation of personal relationships. We strive to strengthen these relationships as a catalyst for our future. We seek to engage and inspire our congregation, guests, and visitors through a vibrant traditional worship service; ministries such as coffee hour, greeters, and ushers; and the invitation of guests into membership through our new members ministry. A range of Christian formation opportunities such as Sunday morning children and youth ministries and a variety of adult ministries equip and challenge us to become increasingly faithful members of the church. Our Serve Ministries include collaboration with mission partners, hands-on-serving opportunities, and so much more. Please visit parkridgepresby.org/serve to learn more about our Serve Ministries.

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

PRPC has a deep and abiding relationship with the city of Park Ridge. With a celebration of 70 years of ministry and mission on the horizon, the relationship between PRPC and the city has grown, deepened, and evolved over time.

However, we know our sphere of influence does not end at the city limits. We are called to serve beyond the front doors of our homes and church. In order to gain clarity on what it means to be a church for today's world and how we can help make God's dream for the world a reality, PRPC aspires to learn from and partner with the people we are called to serve. For us, this includes the broader community of the greater Chicagoland area and beyond. We engage in a wide range of hands-on service activities and collaborate with a variety of mission partners.

We recognize that we live in a global community and are called to serve across the world. Growth in travel and communications has minimized the barriers that separate us, shrinking our world and expanding our horizons. With this in mind, an important next step for us is to discern the exact and specific needs, both near and far, that PRPC is called to meet. Our church does not exist in a vacuum, and we strive to engage in the adaptive changes that will allow us to remain vital, vibrant and culturally relevant.

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

Our associate pastor (AP) will have primary responsibility for developing cohesive, comprehensive faith formation experiences that will foster life-long faith journeys for our children and youth and attract increased numbers of kids to our church.

Children's Ministry: Strengthen the spiritual growth of our children through new, expanded Sunday school experiences and greater participation by children in the overall life of the congregation. Empower Sunday school teachers by seeking greater input from them in program development and providing expanded training.

Youth Ministry: Enhance the spiritual development of our youth through energetic small groups, special events, and expanded mission opportunities. Focus on how Christian faith informs all areas of their developing lives. Seek greater participation by youth in the overall life of the church.

Missions: Support expanded participation of all members in mission opportunities at local, national, and international levels, including introducing new mission partners and deepening the existing partnerships.

Outreach: Equip members to be effective in welcoming potential new members and introduce new opportunities for outreach ministries.

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

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We pray God will call to our church an AP who has a life characterized by a love of God, a passion for helping children and youth experience God's love, and the personality and skills needed to put that passion into action. The AP will model key interpersonal traits such as being caring, compassionate, and empathetic. The AP should also show self-discipline, integrity, and strong communication skills. He or she will be an effective advisor and foster collaboration.

The AP will have a heart to equip members for, and participate in, children and youth ministries. He or she will display a willingness to share the love of God with others, encourage discernment of God's guidance in daily life and be a mentor when life becomes challenging. The AP must be able to meet people where they are and have a willingness to support the unique faith journey of each child, youth, and adult. The AP will display an understanding of how to help children and youth to embrace the Christian faith while still leaving space to express doubt. In this way, the AP will desire to be a guide who equips young people to be owners of a faith in God that is built for a spiritual journey in today's world.

The AP needs to have a desire for a local church to embrace an expanded sphere of influence in the broader community. The AP will have a heart to welcome those inside and outside of the church, value the individual gifts of others, and build relationships that energize members to engage fully in the mission and vision of PRPC.

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

Children's Ministry (Infant through 5th grade): Responsibilities currently include leading and supporting weekly Sunday School, special events, Christmas pageant, child-friendly service projects, and supervision of Sunday Nursery staff. The AP will be asked to cultivate a more collaborative approach in children's ministry. This improvement would include seeking greater input from the leaders and providing expanded training.

Youth Ministry (6th through 12th grade): Responsibilities currently include leading and supporting weekly Sunday morning small group, special events, youth mission trip, and youth mission trip fundraisers, and providing support for the confirmation ministry. The AP will also support an integrated model of family ministries and intergenerational congregational activities. A special focus on how the Christian faith informs all aspects of life is needed and a deepened integration of the youth into the overall life of the congregation is desired.

Missions: Provide general staff support to the Mission Committee. Provide specific leadership for the exploration and implementation of missions and service opportunities that seek to prioritize the inclusion of children and youth.

Outreach: Expand and enhance outreach ministry. Current programming includes a community Memorial Day BBQ, marketing communication, and website management. Creative use of social media will be expected. Increasing the recognition, interest, and participation amongst non-members in our community.

Optional Links:

The City of Park Ridge - <http://www.parkridge.us>

Maine Township - <http://www.maintownship.com>

District 207 - <http://www.maine207.org> Maine Township High School District

District 64 - <https://www.d64.org> – Park Ridge-Niles Elementary and Junior High School District

Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce - <https://www.parkridgechamber.org>

Park Ridge Park District- <http://www.prparks.org/>

Park Ridge Public Library- <https://www.parkridgelibrary.org/>

Leadership Competencies:

Compassionate

Spiritual Maturity

Teacher

Public Communicator

Risk Taker

Strategy and Vision

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

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Motivator
Initiative

Compensation and Housing: Cost of Living Calculator
Minimum Effective Salary: \$50,000
Housing Type: Manse

References:				
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Mr. Scott Grau	412 Lake Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068	773-230-4121	Former Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 50 (PRPC's	scott@equivoicetravel.com

Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form Of Government in this regard?
Yes
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