

Village Presbyterian Church: Pastoral Internship

Village Presbyterian Church, a newly particularized ARP congregation located in Greenville, SC, is in search of its first pastoral intern.

About Village Pres: Village Pres began as a parachute-drop church plant on January 1, 2017. It launched its first public worship service on September 24, 2017 after gathering a core group of eight members. After 4 ½ years as a mission church, the congregation organized as its own particular congregation on April 24, 2022 with 87 members. The church is now in search of its second hire, and the Session has prayerfully decided that a pastoral intern would be the best fit.

Job Description: The position of pastoral intern at Village Pres would be ideally suited for an individual who desires to go into church planting in the future. As such, this internship includes experience in every aspect of church life. Specifically, four primary areas will be the foundational focuses for this pastoral internship:

- 1) **Prayer** – The most essential aspect of this pastoral internship will be its focus on prayer. The pastoral intern will seek to engage in regular prayer for every member of the congregation (at least monthly). This will include individual times of prayer, but also times of gathered prayer, coordinated by the pastoral intern himself, with: (a) Rev. Jay Crout, (b) each of the elders, (c) each of the ministry team chairs, and (d) other local ARP pastors in the area. We hope this focus on prayer will be both personally edifying and also congregation strengthening, as the church is more engaged in prayer than before.
- 2) **Preaching, Teaching, and Discipleship** – In many ways, this pastoral internship will include the opportunity to minister the Word of the Lord to every segment of our congregation, and in every possible setting currently present at our church.
 - a. **Preaching** – The pastoral intern will have the opportunity to preach at least 4-6 times a year, and will be encouraged to choose a book of the Bible to work through in each of those sermons.
 - b. **Teaching** – The pastoral intern will have the opportunity to teach in a variety of different settings, almost every single week of his internship.
 - i. **Village Youth and Village Kids** – Our church has a very large percentage of members under the age of 16. So lots of the teaching will fall in this range. The pastoral intern will rotate, each week, between each of our four aged classes (preschool, 1st grade, 2nd-5th grade, and middle school). These classes meet from 9:45-10:20 on Sunday mornings.
 - ii. **Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting** – We plan to plug our pastoral intern into the Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, in some capacity, each week. This will include the opportunity to teach at least 4-6 times/year, and to lead the time of prayer each of those weeks. It may also include incorporating a time for children who attend.
 - c. **Discipleship** – The pastoral intern will be asked to connect with at least 3-4 different men inside the church who are not fully plugged into the congregation in an effort to disciple those men and draw those members into the life of the church.

- 3) **Youth Retreats and Conferences** – A major area of need that our church has is someone to coordinate, attend, and lead our youth at our denomination’s Fall Retreat, Spring Retreat, and Summer Conference. The pastoral intern will take the lead role in everything surrounding these retreats and conferences. A major objective for the pastoral intern is to continue uniting our youth together as a solidified group of believers.
- 4) **Church Communications** – Finally, the pastoral intern will be charged with maintaining and growing our church’s communications. This includes: (1) starting a new churchwide email newsletter, (2) keeping information on the website current and updated, (3) updating the congregation on various items or events, and (4) passing on churchwide prayer requests.

In addition to these four primary areas of the pastoral intern’s position, Village Pres will also make sure that the pastoral intern has *some* experience and exposure with:

- 1) Attending Session meetings
- 2) Attending Second Presbytery meetings, if available
- 3) Attending General Synod, if available
- 4) Attending some of our ministry team meetings
- 5) Attending one round of our “Inquirer’s Class” which is the first step toward membership
- 6) Attending one Session meeting with new members as they join the church
- 7) Leading in almost every aspect of worship
- 8) Hospital visitation, if the needs arise
- 9) Observing and participating in pastoral biblical counseling sessions
- 10) Connecting with each elder, congregational treasurer, and other ministry leaders as a form of professional development.

Final Notes:

This internship is for someone currently studying to go into the pastoral ministry, is local to the Greenville, SC area, and can commit 20 hours/week to the position. Those hours will be heavily weighted in one direction the 4-6 weeks that he preaches, and the weeks with a youth retreat or youth conference. Other than those weeks, the hours should be fairly consistent. However, given the right candidate, the hours can be increased.

The pay is flexible and can be applied to tuition and/or salary. Village Pres is committed to finding the right candidate, so there is flexibility in this area depending on the person.

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