

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANNAPOLIS

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Over the past 60 years, whether in times of deep blessing or in seasons of trial, our wonderful Savior has faithfully led EP church as we seek to fulfill the Great Commission for those who need Jesus in Annapolis and around the world.



Discipleship



Outreach



Annapolis

he story of EP Annapolis began in 1964, when a denominationally diverse group of friends began gathering in area homes to study God's Word and pray. Surprising growth followed, as did a shared passion to reach Annapolis with the good news of Jesus Christ. In response to that growth, the original sanctuary-now known as Fellowship Hall-was soon built on what ultimately became the present EP campus.

Over the following decades, a chapel and a sanctuary that seats more than 700 were added. By God's grace, twelve daughter or granddaughter churches have been founded by EP, and a substantial portion of EP's annual budget is routinely committed to missionaries regionally and internationally, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in culturally relevant ways.



About EP

Our Heart - Discipleship and Mission

Christ-centered preaching is the weekly touchstone that energizes and sharpens the focus at EP on discipleship and mission. The emphasis on discipleship is experienced every Sunday, as a wide variety of adult EQUIP classes are offered as part of our Sunday School ministry. In Annapolis and throughout Anne Arundel county, a host of home-based Renew groups also meet weekly throughout the year, drawing members into deeper fellowship with one another through guided discussions and the study of God's word.

In this setting, ministry opportunities abound. These include longstanding relationships with Annapolis Area Christian School and Annapolis Classical Tutorial Service, which use our facilities during the week, as well as a thriving ESL program. We are also blessed with a rich music program and active Men's and Women's Ministries. Young people of all ages enjoy Young Adult, College, Youth, and Children's Ministries.

We also strive to be the hands and feet of Christ by meeting our neighbors' practical needs, including hosting a food pantry that serves hundreds, twice-yearly auto clinic, and an annual "Winter Relief" ministry to those experiencing homelessness. A wellsupported Mercy fund is regularly used by those inside and outside EP to help navigate difficult financial times.

A more complete list of our ministries can be found at epannapolis.org.

About our Town

In the heart of the Chesapeake Bay, nestled on the banks of the Severn River, Annapolis is a charming mixture of historic college town, state capital, and tourist destination. Uniformed midshipmen from the US Naval Academy are a fixture on Annapolis streets, and St. John's College is also downtown. The city is perhaps best known for its rich maritime culture, including sailing, boating, and delicious seafood.

The Future - Our Hope for It

Discipleship and outreach will remain at the heart of all we do, heeding our Good Shepherd's call to be missional. We remain committed to continuing to learn and grow in God's grace, and to encourage one another to ever-increasing love and good works. From a debt-free financial footing, we're committed to using our facilities and resources wisely and well, and to sharing the Lord's bounty to care for widows and orphans, to feed the poor, and reach those who do not yet know the saving love of Christ.



Our Next Pastor

Who is our next pastor?

Our next senior pastor is a man who will lead our Session and congregation in the shepherding and discipling of God's people--that we might know Christ as He is revealed in the Scriptures, love Christ as the Holy Spirit reveals Him to us in the Gospel, and show forth Christ as we relate biblically to Him, to the body of Christ, and to the world.

Our next pastor will:

- With joy and winsomeness prayerfully preach the Word of God exegetically in disciplined reliance on the Holy Spirit to guide his preparation and presentation.
- Confidently rely on the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit to transform hearts and minds under the preaching of the Word.
- Lead with a shepherd's heart; a servant-leader who shows love and concern for the people of EP.
- Foster an EP culture of belonging, trust, welcome, warmth, and joy.
- Disciple the Session as they grow into their responsibilities as under-shepherds.
- Cultivate a culture of collaboration among Session, Diaconate, and Staff by encouraging and challenging these leaders to work together to align ministry initiatives.
- Exhibit a personal relationship with Christ and a strong grasp of the gospel as evidenced by humility, a readiness to acknowledge areas of weakness or sin, and a desire to solicit prayer and advice to grow.
- Be the same man in every context—at church, at home, and as he faces the world.
- Model and equip the EP church community to be active in making Christ known through the proclamation of the gospel and through service to a broken world.



HOW TO APPLY

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410-266-8090

Dear Applicant,

Thank you again for your interest. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Anchored in His Peace and Promises, **EP's Pastor Search** Committee

STEP 1

When you apply, please submit the following:

1) A cover letter

2) Your resume

3) Sermon links

4) Brief responses (1-2 pages) to the questions in the following column

a) If you were tasked to do only one thing as our pastor, what would it be and why?

b) What gifts, graces, and experiences would you bring to our church?

c) What do you love most about pastoring?

d) How do we have open arms like Christ but at the same time refrain from diluting the Gospel?

STEP 2 Please label all attachments with the following format: JohnSmith_CoverLetter, JohnSmith_Resume, etc.

STEP 3 Send all attachments as PDFs.

STEP 4 Send completed application to PastorSearch Committee@ epannapolis.org.