

First Presbyterian Church

Hannibal, Missouri





Our Mission Statement: “We are a church that is committed to fulfilling the Great Commission and obeying the Great Commandment.”

Our Purpose: We want to grow as a family in Christ Jesus who loves our Heavenly Father and show it by Spirit-led investing in our neighbors.

Our church is an established, traditional, grace-filled, praying, Bible-centered, and mission-minded congregation in Mark Twain’s boyhood hometown. The congregation remains true to its founding as reflected by our seventeen basic Biblical tenets. (see website)

Our Church

Worship

The congregation has approximately 130 active members made up of a wide range of ages, with an average attendance of 85 for Sunday worship. Sunday School for all age groups is held at 9:30am and worship is at 10:45am. First Presbyterian Church is blessed to have a full-time Youth Minister/Commissioned Lay Pastor, an Administrative Assistant, a part-time Coordinator of Music, Custodian, and Nursery Attendant. Music is an integral part of our worship and our services balance traditional and contemporary music.

Fellowship

Our Wednesday evening fellowship meal is followed by activities for all ages and averages 65 in attendance weekly. The Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study and Men's Breakfast meet every week, and the church has an active Prayer Fellowship and Prayer Chain.

Annually we lead a Men's Retreat; hold an annual Church Picnic; host a Fish Fry, Ice Cream Social, Birthday Dinner, and Cookies and Carols outreach, several in conjunction with our Baptist neighbors across the alley.

Missions

FPC has a very active missions committee that directs countless initiatives throughout the year. Programs we currently support include the Blessing Box, Fifth Street Baptist Food Pantry, First Methodist Food Pantry, HAYS Buddy Packs, Kids in Motion, NEMO Food Bank, Hannibal Free Clinic and Food Pantry, Christmas Shoebox at Calvary and Immanuel Baptist, Tyre Church in Lebanon, Wild Hope International in Africa, and several others. Additionally, the youth group goes on an annual mission trip, this past year to Memphis, TN, where nine young people accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior.



Our Community

The City of Hannibal is located on the Mississippi River just 100 miles north of St. Louis, offers a stable population, a viable tourist industry, cultural and artistic opportunities, a Christian university, a community college, and a wide range of outdoor activities.

Known as "America's Hometown," Hannibal, is best recognized as the boyhood home of Mark Twain. Visitors from across the world visit Hannibal to experience the sites describe in the author's books, including Mark Twain Cave, Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum, Mississippi Riverboats, and historic sites in downtown Hannibal. FPC has a link with young Samuel Clemens, as he and his family joined the church in February 1841 where Sam attended Sunday school. Years later he recalled that his mother also used the church as punishment, making him attend Sunday evening services to atone for some "exaggerated impropriety". He returned to the church in 1890 to attend his mother's funeral, and later visited one last time on Memorial Day, 1902.



Hannibal is a community of approximately 17,000 and is a wonderful place to live, work, shop, or simply visit. It has a number of local industries, including General Mills, Watlow Electric, Spartan Metal, Continental Cement, Hannibal LaGrange University, Hannibal Regional Hospital, the Hannibal Clinic, and nearby BASF.

The city offers a full range of public services which include police, fire, parks and recreation, public works, streets department, tourism, library, and airport. Hannibal has more than 20 public parks scattered throughout, and an ever-growing multi-use trail system. These facilities are complimented by the Admiral Coontz Armory, a small boat marina on the Mississippi River, and an aquatic park within walking distance from downtown Hannibal. (Hannibal's riverfront is currently undergoing an extensive redevelopment.)

Aside from Hannibal's unique Historic District, the community has grown into a thriving haven for artists, and is included along the famous 50 Miles of Art corridor. The 50 Miles of Art corridor includes a scenic drive along Highway 79, and focuses on the growing art communities of Hannibal, Louisiana, and Clarksville. Hannibal is home to numerous world-class artists and craftsmen.

Hannibal's closest neighbor, Quincy, across the river in Illinois, also boasts extensive activities and attractions to visit. Its significant facilities include John Wood Community College, Quincy University, Blessing Hospital, Quincy Medical Group, Amtrak, and Quincy Regional Airport.



We Are Seeking a Pastor Who

- Believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, the inerrancy of Scripture, and that the only way to eternal life is with God the Father through Jesus Christ.
- Acknowledges and believes the Holy Spirit is alive and active in the church.
- Demonstrates continuous growth in faith through regular and active prayer, Bible study, and devotional time.
- Displays a shepherd's heart for God's people.
- Exhibits Christ-like characteristics.
- Is missions- and Kingdom-minded through support and outreach.
- Refrains from using the pulpit as a political platform.

The pastor, in conjunction with the staff and session, will oversee the life and direction of the church. The pastor articulates a clear understanding of the purpose, values, and strategy of the church and demonstrates the ability to align staff and church leadership with the church mission. The pastor provides pastoral leadership to the congregation and ensures that church practices and policies support ministry activities. This is a full-time, salaried position expecting to require at least 40 hours per week with a minimum of 30 hours per week in the office/building, including Sunday worship, and Wednesday adult Bible study, among other activities.

Qualifications

Skills/Knowledge:

- Commitment to Reformed theology and affirmation of ECO's Essential Tenets, Polity, and Confessional Standards.
- Positive and clear communicator, personally engaging, ability to delegate.

Experience:

- A Master of Divinity Degree is preferred.
- Ordained as a pastor by ECO or other ECO-approved Reformed Denomination.

Physical Requirements:

- Possesses all essential physical and mental abilities to complete responsibilities.

Compensation

- The compensation package includes a competitive salary, housing allowance, and ECO Health, and Retirement benefits.

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