

The First U.P. Church of Crafton Heights

50 Stratmore St., Pittsburgh PA 15205

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Summer Internship in Preaching and Worship Leadership

June – August 2019

This congregation has been served by the same pastor since 1993. In the summer of 2019, the pastor will take a sabbatical in the hopes that such an experience will inject new vitality, ideas, and energy in the lives of both pastor and congregation. The last such sabbatical experience was in the summer of 2010.

About the congregation: The First United Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights is a mid-sized congregation (membership 142; average attendance 117) in an urban residential neighborhood in the western end of the City. This young-ish congregation maintains a significant outreach in its racially-diverse neighborhood (Open Door Youth Outreach, Pre-School) and offers a single, blended worship experience. There are strong lay leaders in place, and an ordained Parish Associate on hand to assist in worship, sacraments, and moderating the session. This is a fantastic congregation to experience parish life and encounter a wide variety of people and needs in a varied programmatic setting.

About the position: The congregation is seeking a qualified and called individual to provide worship leadership in June, July, and August 2019. During these months, the congregation worships at 10 a.m., and we expect that the Preaching and Worship Leadership Intern will provide continuity in the midst of pastoral absence. We believe that a single voice throughout the summer will allow us to continue to grow together as we are exposed to a voice that is different than our installed pastor. The Intern will be responsible for preparing an order of worship each week, including selection of the liturgy and music. She or he will work with our volunteer and staff to lead the entire service, including the children's sermon, pastoral prayers, and so on. We have a part-time office administrator who will edit and type the order of worship, and a strong musical team (both paid and volunteer) who will assist in the selection of music if requested. Each summer, our congregation conducts a summer day camp for neighborhood children, and we expect that our Sunday worship will be inclusive of children age 6 and older (including some developmentally appropriate opportunities for children to lead in worship as readers, etc.). As noted above, we do have a part-time Parish Associate who will work to cover pastoral care, sacraments, and issues related to the church session.

Direct supervision will come from the elders on session most responsible for worship and spiritual nurture. We anticipate that the position will pay \$1000/month for the three-month internship.

For more information, or to send a resume/application,
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