



Ministry General Information

Ministry Name	Presbytery	Synod
Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt	Lehigh	The Trinity
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Mailing Address	Alternate Phone/Email	Community Type
332 Kennedy Dr, Bangor, PA 18013	none	Town
Congregation or Organization Size	Curriculum	Average Worship Attendance
Church School Attendance		
Intercultural Composition		
White: 100%		

Information about the Position

Position Requirements

Position Type(s)	Language Requirements
Solo Pastor: Installed	English
Experience Required	Statement of Faith required?

2 to 5 Years

Yes

Employment Status

Are you open to a clergy couple?

Full-time

No

MDP Application Deadline (if applicable)

2023-08-15

Ministry Requirements

Church Mission/Vision Statement

Mission Statement: We are called to be love in the world. Rationale: Just as Jesus was love, we are also sent into the world to be love. We believe this unconditional love saves and heals and so we seek to be a place of love and healing. Scripture: We have known and have believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. 1 John 4:16 "Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands." Matthew 22:36-40. Values: Our values align with

who we seek to be: *We believe every person matters regardless of background or status, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation *We believe we need to meet people where they are, not where we think they should be *We believe that God is inclusive, not exclusive *We believe we need to be non-judgmental, unbiased, affirming, and justice oriented *We believe that we need to be the best examples of God's love and healing We Demonstrate that Love and Healing in many ways, including through action, worship, study, and communication. The full mission statement can be found on our website.

Tasks, expectations, duties, supervision, assignments, and responsibilities for the position

*To provide for the spiritual and emotional health of the congregation as they seek to live out their mission both locally and globally. *To moderate the Session and provide resources, spiritual and technical, to equip the leadership. *To be responsible for the corporate worship of the congregation which includes baptisms, funerals, and weddings. *To work with the pastoral care team to provide comfort to individuals in need. *To be a colleague in ministry with those in the congregation as well as to those in the Presbytery. *To

partner with us as we continue to discern God's plan for this community of faith. *To create with the Session and teams a year-round stewardship plan. *To live a balanced life, maintaining spiritual practices and learning. *To have a collaborative spirit working with teams, community organizations and other ministries. *To be aware of and comfortable with digital ministry. *To envision new and creative ways to use the building and property in partnership with the Property team and church leadership. *To work with the Administrative Assistant and to supervise the Custodian in conjunction with the Property team.

MDP - Narratives

How would you describe the congregation's/organization's specific vision for ministry? How will this vision impact the community? Is the congregation part of a ministry vision or program?

Our Mission statement says, "We are called to be love in the world". We believe this unconditional love saves and heals and so we seek to be a place of love and healing. Our hope is to continue to serve and thrive as a recently merged congregation in both worship and community outreach. Our Mission Team consistently looks for ways to better know and serve our community, including listening to local nonprofits and government agencies that are responding to the needs within our Slate Belt community. This information is then spread widely to Session and the congregation. Though we are not currently part of initiatives like Matthew

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25, we are doing many of the things contained within that vision and are open to exploring those programs officially.

What is the nature and context of the community in which your congregation lives out its mission/vision? How will you address the emerging needs that are impacting your community?

More than 269,000 people were recorded as living within a 15-mile radius of CPCSB in 2022 with the majority of the population being white. Our area has a low poverty rate; however, two of our boroughs have high percentages of working poor who don't qualify for state and/or federal benefits. Much of our population can be classified as empty nesters and retired folk ages 45 and up. The number one spiritual issue affecting this group and indeed most age groups is loneliness and isolation. It is within this community setting that God has called us together and blessed us with the resources to serve others as CPCSB. Our Congregation looks to the future with optimism and hope as we embrace mission and ministry in our community with an emphasis on hospitality and welcome. Current programs that live this out include Hospitality luncheons, prayer shawl ministry, special programs for children and adults, vision vouchers program with a local physician, and collections of food, school supplies and other requested items within our community. As well, we participate in offerings/programs through PC(USA).

How will this call help complement the responsibilities of other staff/volunteer positions, and the life of the congregation/organization, so that you may accomplish your short and long-term goals for ministry?

We are a welcoming group of neighbors, friends and families who gather for worship, fellowship, and service to others. Hospitality and service are core values. Much of our work is done through volunteers within the congregation. Currently, teams are responsible for mission, worship and music, pastoral care, and property. This call will: *Provide leadership and guidance to our teams as each set short- and long-term goals to carry out our mission and ministry in the community. *Create inspired and experiential worship because everything we do stems from worship

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where we come to praise and glorify God and go out to serve. *Give us direction on our faith journey through prayer, study, and spiritual guidance.

Provide a description of the skills, gifts and training the person you hope will become a part of your ministry must have, to lead the congregation towards the vision and mission established.

Our world is filled with tremendous spiritual, moral, and cultural challenges. It is expected our pastor will offer counseling and direction to church members who seek to find their place in a changing and unpredictable world. We see the pastor as the person who will help guide us through the challenges with love, patience, joy, humor, and prayer. We expect that the pastor will be a warm and visible liaison to the community. We seek a pastor who delegates but realizes the power of pastoral care, servant leadership and mission as areas of great significance within the congregation. We want an individual who is prayerful, positive, practices self-care and is willing to explore new ideas.

What areas of ministry do you expect the person called to be responsible for? Share specific tasks, assignments, and programs.

We expect that the new Pastor will: *Continue efforts to build shared ministry programs with nearby Presbyterian churches. *Work with the pastoral care team to ensure those who cannot attend worship receive visitation and monthly communion. *Meet monthly with the teams for at least the first year to help build and implement the short- and long-term goals. *Work with the congregation and shared ministry pastors to establish Christian Education and Spiritual Formation programming for all ages. *We have made every effort to have a strong on-line presence for church and worship. We would like our next pastor to be aware of and comfortable with technology and its power to communicate our mission and ministry to our community. The Pastor should be able to continue our advances in using technology to accomplish the work of the church.

List any links that support the answers to your narratives or highlights ministries within your church/organization.

www.christpcsb.org <https://christpcsb.org/mission-study>
<https://www.facebook.com/christpresbyterianchurchslatebelt/>

Compensation & Housing

Minimum Effective Salary

63000

Housing Type

Housing allowance

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