

Church Leadership Connection
The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Mif #: 02097.A00

Ministry General Information

Ministry Number	02097
Ministry Name	Second Presbyterian Church
Mailing Address	7700 N. Meridian Street Indianapolis, IN 46260
Phone	317-253-6461
Fax	317-252-5590
E-Mail	mplatt@secondchurch.org
WWW Address	www.secondchurch.org
Ministry Size	More than 1500 members

Ethnic Composition	
	Asian 1%
	Black or African American (African Native, Caribbean) 1%
	Hispanic Latino/Latina, Spanish 1%
	White 97%

Average Worship Attendance	1300
Church School Attendance	217
Curriculum	Pre-School through 5th Grade = "Growing in Grace and Gratitude". Majority of additional curriculum is in-house written.
Yoked	False
Presbytery	WHITEWATER VALLEY PRESBYTERY
Synod	SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS
Community Type	Suburban
Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization Show Statistics	

Information about the position

Position:	Associate Pastor (Other)
Experience Required:	No Experience
Specific Title:	Associate Pastor of Children and Family Ministries
Employment Status:	Full-time

Language Requirements:	
	English

Other Language:	
Statement of Faith Required:	True
Clergy Couples:	True

Church Leadership Connection
The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Training/Certificate Requirements:

Other Training:

Brief Church Mission Statement:

Second Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives.

What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry:

Our vision for ministry begins with an invitation: come as a beloved child of God into the life changing pursuit of faith through a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. We bring this invitation to life through the power of worship, mission and giving. Beating at the heart of this invitation is dynamic fellowship, anchored in scripture and emboldened by God's love. Together we seek to grow as the body of Christ at work – with purpose and conviction – rooted in the steadfast leadership of God's eternal word.

We live this out by meeting one another along the journey of faith and withstanding the tides of life. We befriend and support one another and offer a sustaining sense of belonging. We make known the promise of God's presence and God's gift of grace given through the ultimate love of Christ. We are called to be ambassadors of God's peace: advancing God's command to welcome all with hospitality, warmth and intention. We are called to be disciples: to teach the children and to lead one another in relationship with Christ. We believe in a shared responsibility to seek discernment through Biblical guidance and teachings. We seek accountability and to strengthen and encourage one another. In prayer, we seek God's will and the good use of God's blessings, bestowed upon us as individuals and collectively as the body of Christ.

We purposefully invest in a transforming relationship with Christ and with gratitude embrace the opportunity to magnify God's love and presence.

How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency:

We feel called with both clarity and boldness to advance the love of Jesus Christ. God has equipped our church with deep roots and a storied history stretching nearly 200 years. Perhaps now more than ever, we feel convicted to put that leadership to work with renewed vigilance and compassion. We believe that our calling is to serve with mercy, love and justice. The spirit of servanthood is fueled by a responsibility to shepherd God's word and work. Within our community that means feeding our neighbors, sharing our resources, opening our doors, and fostering fellowship that grows into active discipleship. Our objective is to empower the individual whom God has called to lead us forward. This moment demands community and connection. A vital place to nurture this is within our families. We desire to meet families where they are and equip our congregation to engage in the world with empathy and love, teaching our children the gospel of Jesus so as to build up a faith foundation for the future. Studying God's word together is integral to our call. For it is God's word that gives direction and elicits expectation to spread God's love. We study God's word so we can wear the armor of Christ and discern God's callings -- a living, breathing act of servanthood. The emerging needs of our community are clear: to invite, engage and love one another as Christ loves us. Our call is simple: to listen and then act as God's redeemed and faithful followers.

How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals:

The Associate Pastor of Children and Family Ministries will lovingly shepherd our congregation's youngest members and their families through a pivotal time of spiritual formation: infancy through the pre-teen years. Spiritually grounded, authentic and adaptable, this person will welcome and nurture young families and meet the specific needs of this population within our congregation. This season of life for families is ever-changing and fast paced. Helping families build a spiritual foundation, equipping them to grow in their faith as disciples of Christ, and incorporating them into the Body of Christ is at the core of this position. Meeting families where they are, both literally and figuratively, teaching God's word, and building community inside and outside the church are the building blocks of the transformational ministry we desire. Communication, collaboration and creativity are important skills for this person in order to establish new practices of faith, caring patterns of outreach, ceremonies of belonging, warm fellowship, practical mission opportunities, and to sustain a vibrant, visionary ministry for children and families.

Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization:

Church Leadership Connection

The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PROFESSIONAL

- Master of Divinity from an accredited seminary; Master of Christian Education degree preferred
- Skillful communicator of the Gospel and teacher of the Christian faith
- Excellent written/verbal communication skills with the ability to speak in a public forum
- Astute about how congregations work and a skillful administrator of church programs
- Establishes clear direction, distributes workload appropriately, and intentionally provides and willingly receives regular and ongoing feedback

PERSONAL

- Exhibits a compassionate, prayerful, and pastoral presence with children and their families
- Engages parents in the process of learning and growing in faith while collectively teaching children about Jesus
- A vision of growth and vibrancy for faith formation, with a willingness to take risks that address the emerging needs of our congregation and community
- Effective in engaging/motivating staff and volunteers in carrying out a desired program/goal
- A love for and an ability to engage with people of all ages and life circumstances
- Skilled at anticipating the needs of young children and their families
- Adept at establishing meaningful connections with and between families
- Eagerness to advocate for children and their families with a strong commitment of making disciples of all ages
- Collaborate with others while exhibiting grace, humor and joy
- Relates to parents and their children, encouraging faith discussions to evolve out of our interactions as a faith family

What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Articulate and implement a compelling and faithful vision for ministry with children and families, at church and in the community, that reflects Christ's love and grace and is lived out in relationship with God and with one another
- Work with other clergy and staff to coordinate a life-long approach to faith formation for children, youth, and adults
- Pursue joint efforts with other Second Presbyterian ministries and community partners to enhance opportunities for faith formation
- Plan Children's Ministry programs and events for children birth through fifth grade and their families
- Recruit, equip and supervise Children's Ministry staff and volunteers
- Build authentic and appropriate relationships and provide pastoral care to children and their families
- Work with the congregation and staff to create a place of belonging for children in worship, education, outreach, and other ministries of the church
- Supervise the Director and guide the ministry of the Children's Circle Preschool as it offers care and nurture of children Monday through Friday
- Participate fully and actively in children's ministry activities

OTHER PASTORAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Participate in leading worship on a regular basis, with occasional preaching
- Offer Pastoral Care as arises in the course of relationship with church members and in the regular rotation of on-call responsibilities
- Officiate in weddings and funerals as pastoral rotation requires.

Optional Links:

secondchurch.org

Leadership Competencies:

Compassionate

Spiritual Maturity

Teacher

Communicator

Risk Taker

Church Leadership Connection
The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Decision Making
Strategy and Vision
Collaboration
Interpersonal Engagement
Motivator

Compensation and Housing: <u>Cost of Living Calculator</u>
Minimum Effective Salary: \$60,000
Housing Type: Housing Allowance

References:				
Name	Address	Phone Numbers	Relation	Email
Sarah Elliott	747 Dayton Drive, Carmel, IN 46033	630-240-5252	Parent & Sunday School Teacher, Second Presbyteria	sarellio@hotmail.com
Jonathan Sundheimer	1381 Carey Ct., Carmel, IN 46032	317-407-5322	Deacon, Second Presbyterian Church	jsundhei@gmail.com
Rev. Alan Thames	c/o Whitewater Valley Presbytery, 1100 West 42nd Street, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46208	317-752-6561	Executive Presbyter, Whitewater Valley Presbytery	athames@whitewatervalley.org

Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form Of Government in this regard?
Yes
Version Track Info: This MIF was last updated on 02/04/2022

Self-referral Contact Information	
PNC: Ron Snow	Address 14388 Hawthorne Drive, Carmel, IN 46033
Daytime Phone 317-670-0268	Office Phone
Fax	Email secondchurchapnc@gmail.com