

Pastor Profile - Christ United Methodist Church

Practical Requirements

- United Methodist heritage, preferably with experience serving in a multi-staffed church that exceeds 1,000 in worship.
- Comfortable preaching in contemporary and traditional setting.
- Willing to make a 10 to 15 year commitment.

Foundational Beliefs

- The Bible is the inspired Word of God and is our true rule and guide for life and contains everything necessary for salvation.
- God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He reveals Himself in the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus Christ is the unique Son of God, born of a virgin, who lived a sinless human life and died on the cross to atone for our sins. He rose from the dead and ascended to heaven and will return again.
- The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son and convinces the world of sin and leads persons to a response in faith to the Gospel.
- Ascribe to the doctrine, discipline and polity of the United Methodist Church.
- Believes in the vision of Christ Church to transform lives and serve others.

Preaching/Teaching

- Biblically based teaching with a focus on God's character, God's purposes, and God's call on our lives.
- Preaches the Truth without reservation.
- Preaching style with a heavy teaching content.
- Preaching that challenges the congregation to respond appropriately to God and His Word.
- Polished preaching style.
- Manage priorities to ensure Sunday morning worship and sermons are always delivered with excellence.

Shepherding/Nurturing

- Passionate about leading people to love God and to love and serve others.
- Live as an example to the church inspiring others to live out what they have read in the Scriptures through a life of consistent Bible study, prayer, tithing, and service to others. Desires to shape both himself and the body to be more like Jesus Christ.
- Show compassion to staff and church members in need, whether physically, spiritually or emotionally.

Leadership/Administration

- Able to lead a church geared towards disciple-making and a life of service.
- Able to communicate God's long and short term vision for Christ Church.

- Lead and encourage the staff and lay leaders to effectively accomplish God's vision for the church.
- A servant leader who follows the example of Jesus and puts the interest of others before his own, and journeys outward to serve the body of Christ, the city and the world.
- A humble and teachable spirit.
- Periodically meet with other Sr. Ministers of Memphis churches for fellowship, prayer, and encouragement.

Alignment of Goals and Passions

- Belief that the greatest thing the church can do for others is connect them to the Living Christ.
- Belief that we best reach persons for Christ through His Word and loving service in His name.
- Belief that we best grow closer to Christ through His Word and in small communities.
- Belief that a healthy church is a church focused on missions and outreach.
- Belief that the call and focus of Christ Church is to equip and send persons into their neighborhoods, work places, family, community, and world as fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.
- As a reflection of God's heart, possess a desire to have at least 50% of the church budget spent on persons outside of our congregation.
- As a reflection of God's call, lead the church in actively meeting the needs of the poor in the inner-city and around the world.
- As a reflection of God's desire for justice and hatred of oppression, lead the church in engaging in issues of injustice and the most pressing needs of the community including poverty, education, racial reconciliation, and the welfare of children in Memphis and around the world.
- Have a clear understanding and vision for the future of the church.
- Have prayer as a central foundation to ministry.