



First
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Church

GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

OPPORTUNITY PROFILE



A COVENANT ORDER OF
EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIANS

ASSISTANT PASTOR FOR YOUTH



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THE OPPORTUNITY

A member of ECO since 2018, the church is fervently praying for an individual who will help lead our youth program and community into the future while discerning Christ's plan for FPC youth as we look to grow God's kingdom both here and abroad.

POSITION:

Assistant Pastor for Youth

ORGANIZATION:

First Presbyterian Church

LOCATION:

Greenwood, Mississippi

WEBSITE:

www.fpcgreenwood.org





WHO ARE WE?

“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.” - Romans 12: 4-5

First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood, MS has been in this community here in the Mississippi Delta since 1846. In 2021 we will celebrate 175 years of worship and ministry. 400 persons, counting confirmands, have joined this church in the last 20 years, but the membership level has stayed basically the same, due mainly to deaths and college students or retirees who have moved away.

This is a very generous congregation. Pledges grew in the last 20 years from \$310,000 to a high of \$885,000 in 2019. Thirteen of the last fourteen years this congregation had over \$1,000,000 a year in total income from all sources. There is a \$1.3 million trust that generates money annually which must be used for youth ministry. In 2019 a generous member gave a \$1 million gift to the church's Endowment Fund which will generate monies to enhance the church's benevolences.

350 ACTIVE MEMBERS - AGE BREAKDOWN:

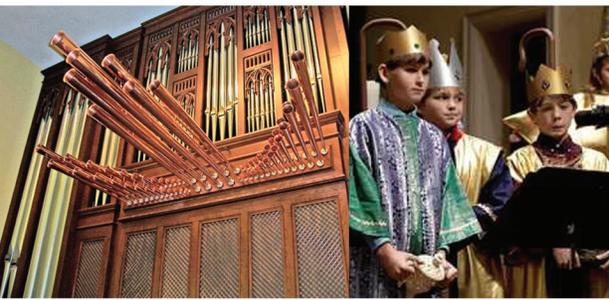
0-10	69	16%
11-18	33	8%
19-35	107	25%
36-50	69	16%
51-70	94	22%
71+	52	12%



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Christ calls us to love and serve others, just as He has loved and served us. Presbyterians seek to be a servant church, fulfilling Christ's commission to go into the world and share the gospel in word and deed, to help the hungry, the stranger, the sick, and the needy in our community and world. This is a very generous congregation and a large percentage of the church's annual budget supports benevolences here in Greenwood and beyond.

OUR MISSION

Presbyterians are "people of the Book." That book is, of course, the Bible. The Bible is for us God's Word, inspired by God's Holy Spirit. It is our dependable guide for faith and life.

Worship is at the heart of who we are as a congregation of God's people. We follow the "Service for the Lord's Day," an order firmly anchored in God's Word and in the historic Reformed faith. This congregation's primary worship style is traditional. In worship we gather to sing God's praises, confess our sin, seek God's forgiveness in Christ, listen for God's Word in Scripture, and dedicate ourselves to God's service in the world.

We are seeking to become better disciples of Christ. Presbyterians have always stressed the idea of "loving God with the mind." We value an informed and thoughtful approach to the faith. We view Christian education as a lifelong obligation, one that we undertake with enthusiasm.



OUR OUTREACH

Members of First Presbyterian Church strive to show God's love for all of His people through a large variety of missions and benevolences. Historically, our congregation has been very generous, with more than \$200,000 in benevolences proposed for fiscal year 2020.

Some of First Presbyterian Church's benevolences include:

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| Kenyan Nursing School | Medical Benevolence Foundation |
| Mission Trip - Dominican Republic | The Outreach Foundation |
| Palmer Home for Children | Rev. Amos Yam - Campeche, Mexico |
| Rivers of the World | Boys and Girls Club of Greenwood |
| Boy Scouts of America - Troop 200 | Community Food Pantry |
| Delta Streets Ministries | Fellowship of Christian Athletes |
| Fuller Center for Housing | Greenwood Community Kitchen |
| Joe Hartman School - Dominican Republic | Kent Hull Charity Golf Tournament |



MUSIC

PIPE ORGAN & INSTRUMENTS

Our worship services are supported by our Casavant pipe organ. The organ is the largest church organ between Memphis, Tennessee, and Jackson, Mississippi, and our sanctuary provides near perfect acoustics for both instrumental and vocal music. Throughout the year, worship services are enhanced by vocal and instrumental solos and ensembles. We typically have a brass ensemble for Easter Sunday.

CHANCEL CHOIR

Our Chancel Choir serves by leading the congregational singing in our services of worship, on a weekly basis, as well as by providing anthems and music, offerings to inspire and enlighten our faith journey. This group is open to high school youth through adults who are able to match pitch. The Chancel Choir currently has 27 members.

CHORISTERS CHOIR

Children take part in a once-a-week music, Bible, and enrichment program we call Choristers. Our children learn about hymns and worship music and they prepare anthems to share with the congregation in services. The Choristers Choir has 35 children participating.

EDUCATION

ADULT & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday nights we meet at The Shed to grow in faith through fellowship, service activities and topical discussions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesday nights we gather in the homes of different youth for Youth Bible Study.

YOUTH RETREATS

During the spring semester, our youth attend the annual PYC Retreat at Camp Hopewell in Oxford, Mississippi. At Camp Hopewell, youth get to disconnect from the daily grind and connect with other students from our region to grow in faith through worship, small group discussion, team activities, and fellowship. Every other year, our youth take a ski trip out west and they have been to Montreat, NC. This summer, 2020, they are heading to Hilton Head, SC.

S.A.L.T.

Serving And Learning Together. This Wednesday evening ministry takes place in the Spring and Fall. It includes time for fellowship over a shared meal, followed by educational offerings and activities for participants of all ages.

KINDERGARTEN

First Presbyterian Kindergarten (FPK) is a weekday pre-school sponsored by our church for children throughout the community. It is located in the Van M. Arnold Education Building across the street from the church sanctuary. The students and teachers enjoy fully-equipped classrooms, an outdoor playground, and a large fellowship hall.

OUR MINISTRIES



SERVICE

MISSION WORK

First Presbyterian Church supports missionaries who are working as the “hands and feet” of Christ throughout the world. We support mission efforts in Mexico, Iran, Kenya, Dominican Republic, Russia, Guatemala, and Lebanon. Youth/adult mission trips have been taken before to Belize, Dominican Republic and Guatemala.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

At First Presbyterian, the Presbyterian Women are a vital part of our church. Their history dates back to 1889. Even in those early years, much of the growth of the church was due to their efforts through bake sales, bazaars, ice cream suppers, and cookbook sales. Throughout the years, they have continued to support many projects, such as renovations, foreign and local missions, family night suppers, church receptions and meals for bereaved families and new parents.

ENDOWMENT

First Presbyterian Church has an endowment funds, which provides for ongoing financial support for our church’s youth program and mission work. We have traditionally been the largest financial supporter of local benevolences like Community Kitchen, Fuller Center for Housing and the Community Food Pantry.

EVENTS

KIRKIN’ O’ THE TARTANS

Each year, First Presbyterian Church celebrates our Scottish Presbyterian heritage with a Kirkin’ O’ The Tartans service. Events over this weekend include a golf tournament, Kirkin Committee party, playing pipes and drums outdoors, a guest speaker, a “Blessing of the Tartans,” and a large procession involving flags, Scottish banners, pipes and drums. After worship, a luncheon is held which includes music by Reel McCoy, a Celtic band from Memphis, and sometimes a Knobbiest Knees contest or Best Scottish Beard contest. We also have a contest which elects someone to receive a family kilt to be worn for the first time at next year’s Kirkin’.

SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE

Since its inception in 1980, the annual Singing Christmas Tree program has been a cherished Christmas tradition for the Greenwood community. More than 100 church members assemble on the outdoor tree stand to sing familiar carols and tell the story of the birth of Jesus. The program features a live nativity scene at the foot of the tree complete with a “Procession of the Kings.” This event involves church members aged 8 to 88 and is the largest intergenerational event held each year in the Greenwood community.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Choristers choir present our story of the birth of Jesus through role play, costumes, and music. A favorite among church members, this tradition allows our young children to present the Christmas story as a pageant for their parents, grandparents and other adults in the congregation.



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OURTOWN

It begins with a history and culture as rich and complex as the fertile alluvial soil of the Mississippi Delta. This is the region that birthed the haunting strains of the blues, America's original musical art form.

It inspired a culinary tradition that rose from humble roots to seduce the most discerning palates while simultaneously comforting the soul. It attracts artists, musicians, filmmakers, craftsmen, chefs, foodies, writers, storytellers, seekers, entrepreneurs, outdoorsmen, lovers, collectors, history buffs, and adventurers. And it lives, breathes and redefines authentic Southern hospitality.

From our year-round attractions such as museums and historic downtown, to our many festivals and events, Greenwood offers a wonderful array of things to do and see.

Greenwood is experiencing a cultural renaissance. Its historic downtown boasts dozens of completed renovations with several others in progress. There are upscale shops, unique dining experiences, a boutique hotel, galleries and museums. All the while, Greenwood has retained its small-town beauty, Delta personality, and deep-South hospitality.

Greenwood, Mississippi Convention and Visitors Bureau's website
Please visit www.visitgreenwood.com for more information.

For a packet on visiting Greenwood, you can download a PDF at
www.visitgreenwood.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Greenwood_Visitor_s_Guide.pdf

Although the Delta has its own socioeconomic challenges, Greenwood stands out with its stable economy and variety of industries such as aerospace, automotive, food production, distribution, medical devices and wood products. The Economic Development Foundation is a public/private partnership whose goal is to bring about organized economic development of our area.

Greenwood-Leftore-Carroll Economic Development Foundation's website.
Please visit www.greenwoodedf.com for more information.

OTHER INFORMATIVE, HELPFUL & INTERESTING LINKS:

www.greenwoodmschamber.com

www.mississippibelieveit.com





JOB DESCRIPTION

PURPOSE

Loves God and discipled the next generation. Leads worship gatherings for Student Ministry (6th-12th). Passionate and patient in raising up young worship leaders through various mediums. Authentic in cultivating a deeper community that shares with one another and cares for one another. Strategic thinking in creating a culture of New Life, through Jesus. Aligns with reformed theology, ECO polity, in teaching age-appropriate values of the Christian faith and teaching His word with sincerity and integrity.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The assistant pastor for youth will be under the overall supervision of the Senior Pastor. The work of the assistant pastor on behalf of the congregation is subject to the review of the youth committee, staff support committee, and session.

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The Assistant Pastor for Youth will work to:

- Foster a community of young people who are actively exploring what it means to be a Disciple of Christ.
- Help youth understand Scripture's relevancy to today's modern world.
- Develop multi-generational relationships between and among youth and older adults in the church, including parents, mentors, and youth advisors.
- Explain what it means to be Presbyterian by exploring reformed theological themes.
- Encourage youth to have fun in a safe Christian environment.
- Handle the day-to-day administrative operations of the youth ministry in a way that helps all staff (paid and volunteer) be exceptionally effective.

COMPENSATION

Salary and benefits negotiable.

Email resumes to firstpres@bellsouth.net or mail to:

First Presbyterian Church
 Chairman, Staff Support
 PO BOX 485
 Greenwood, MS 38935

JOB DUTIES

- Plan and lead weekly Sunday evening PYF meetings.
- Plan and lead weekly Wednesday evening Bible Study meetings and/or Wednesday night family program.
- Responsible for finding youth curriculum and volunteers to teach Sunday school every Sunday.
- Work to develop a strong group of volunteer leaders for the youth program.
- Attend monthly Youth Committee meetings and other subcommittee meetings as necessary for the implementation of the youth program.
- Plan and lead youth activities such as retreats, social events, dinners, service projects, Youth Sunday, and high school graduate recognition.
- Participate in school-based ministries, including FCA, spiritual emphasis week, etc.
- Communicate with youth and parents regarding youth program activities and events.
- Coordinate program activities with the Youth Committee, youth, parents, and other staff members as necessary.
- Provide weekly bulletin announcements and monthly newsletter articles.
- Counsel with youth and/or parents as requested.
- Attend Church Staff meetings and provide regular updates to the Senior Pastor on activities related to the youth program.
- Perform other duties as assigned by Senior Pastor and Session.
- Preaching and other pastoral opportunities available.