



— A PCA Church of Salt Lake City, Utah —

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PASTORAL JOB DESCRIPTION

New Song Presbyterian church (PCA), in Salt Lake City, Utah is seeking a full-time, solo pastor to shepherd its congregation as it seeks to follow Christ. Ideal candidates will be strong in the following areas:

Preaching & Teaching - An engaging, expository preacher who is excited about teaching and discipling the New Song community.

Evangelism - Passionate about sharing Christ with others by both example and encouragement inspiring the New Song community to do the same.

Hospitality - Committed to deepening and growing the New Song community by intentionally modeling and encouraging hospitality.

Discipleship & Mentorship - An adept organizer who will develop lay leaders as they assist in the maintenance and expansion of New Song's ministries.

Requirements

The candidate should hold either an MDiv or D.Min, be ordained or willing and qualified to be ordained in the PCA, and ideally have at least 5 years' experience in Christian ministry.



Utah State Capitol | photo credit: Ron Reiring

ABOUT NEW SONG

Established in 1996, we are a congregation of approximately 70 members with an average Sunday attendance of 70-90. In 2000, Sam Wheatley became the pastor of New Song and ministered to us faithfully for 16 years. In September 2016, Sam answered a call to serve as the executive pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian's Manhattan campus. In addition to our vacant pastor position, we have a part-time music director and a part-time accountant. Thomas Warmath, who served as assistant pastor since 2014 under Sam, has agreed to serve as our stated supply while we conduct a pastoral search.

New Song is a diverse congregation that is rooted in historic, orthodox Christianity. In considering our theological beliefs, we believe it is important to make distinctions between convictions, persuasions, and opinions.

The size of our congregation is steady. Due in large part to the fact that we are connected with a University community, we experience a fair amount of turnover, as people come to study or train at the University of Utah and then move on. Our church is made up almost entirely of transplants to Utah and most have no family nearby—instead, we rely on the church to be our local family. Therefore, we take ministering to each other's needs very seriously, but as our next chapter begins, we hope to expand our outreach to the broader population of Salt Lake City.

As a church made up primarily of transplants, we love Salt Lake and are, by and large, here by choice. Most of us spend quite a bit of time outdoors and especially enjoy hiking, mountain biking, climbing, and a variety of snow sports. Many of us are students, faculty, or staff at the University of Utah, and we are located in close proximity to the university.

New Song does not own any property. We currently rent a facility from a Seventh Day Adventist Congregation, which has more than adequate space for worship, Sunday school, and fellowship.

While we have a number of ministries at New Song, we are looking for a pastor to work with the session and laity to drive a long-term vision for our ministries and the direction of the church.

There's an emerging vision of a need for New Song to minister more actively to Salt Lake City, but we are looking for a leader who will help us test, clarify, and expand this vision. Ideally, we hope to see intentionality and a unified vision with regard to such items as outreach, youth ministry, small groups, increased resources, as well as coordination among lay leaders, the session, and our future pastor.



New Song Sunday worship | photo credit: Michael McFadden

NEW SONG MINISTRIES

Hospitality Activities

- Weekly coffee and snacks provided after Sunday's service to encourage fellowship; in the winter, this includes a simple meal every week ("Soup's On!")
- Annual smore-a-thons, camping trips, impromptu ski days, after-church picnics, potlucks, an annual chili cookoff, and board game nights

Small Groups

- Primarily lay-led, with a combined attendance of approximately 40

Nursery Ministry

- Childcare provided for infant - 4 yrs old weekly during Sunday School and worship

Mom to Mom (weekly)

- Friday morning gathering for mothers, primarily those not employed outside the home; also includes community outreach

Men's Ministry (weekly)

- Includes morning prayer and a monthly pub night

Sunday School (9am, Sundays)

- provides Biblical instruction for both adults and children

Youth Group (weekly)

- Focuses on developing Christian fellowship with our Junior High and High School students through a joint ministry with Life in Christ Christian Reformed Church and City Presbyterian (PCA)

GEMS (2x per month, during the school year)

- A ministry for elementary-age girls which is jointly run with Life in Christ CRC and City Presbyterian

Music

- Our music director uses a rotating set of musicians from our congregation to lead the weekly worship, with special music (usually choral) provided during Christmas and Easter

Meal Ministry

- Provides meals to those who are sick, new parents, moving, etc.

Rather than a diaconate, New Song has a Servant Team comprising both women and men.

WORSHIP STYLE

Order

New Song assembles each Sunday seeking to meet with Christ through a blend of music, liturgy, historical creeds, the Table, and fellowship with each other in a worship service that is modern yet historically rooted.

Children are welcome in our service and we incorporate a special lesson to engage them in the service and encourage them to take notes on a children's bulletin. New Song also celebrates the church calendar, taking time to appreciate the rhythms of the special seasons of the year such as Lent, Advent, and Pentecost.

Music

The music of our church encompasses contemporary praise and worship styles as well as traditional hymns arranged for a worship band setting. Instrumentation often includes piano, percussion, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, bass guitar, organ, violin, cello, accordion, and flute.

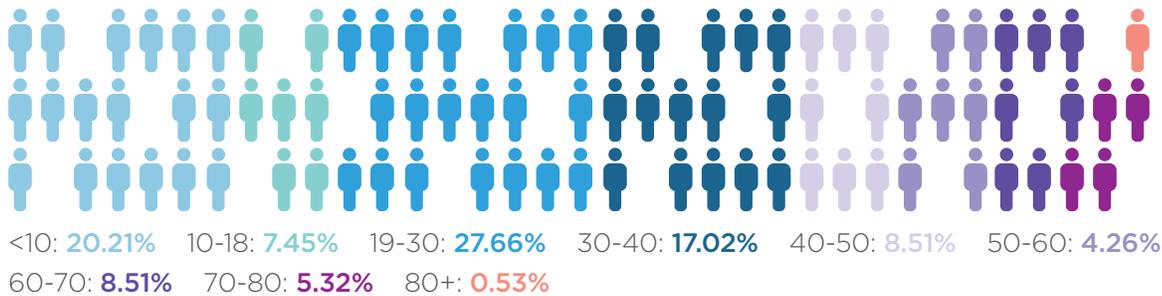
A seasonal adult choir (Advent, Easter, etc.) as well as small children's ensembles are occasionally assembled to provide additional musical enhancement. The prevailing philosophy of music in the service is accessibility and active participation. The worship team strives to make the music at New Song Presbyterian musically uplifting, while offering opportunities for engagement to every congregant.



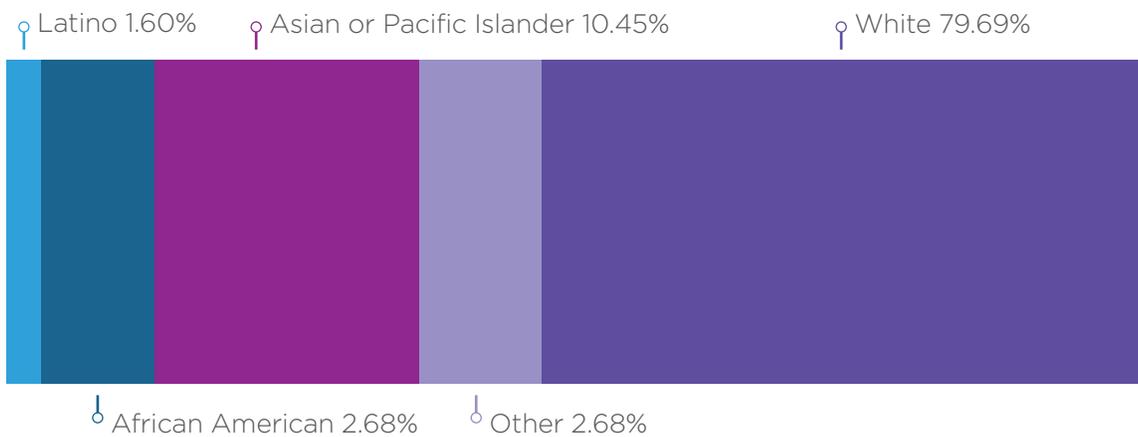
Trax downtown | photo credit: Garrett

NEW SONG BY THE NUMBERS

Age scale



Color spectrum



ABOUT SALT LAKE CITY

Demographics

- Population of Salt Lake City: 181,743
- Population of Salt Lake Metro Area: 1.3M
- Utah's population tends to be younger (27.1) than the national averages, lives longer (77.7), has higher fertility rates (2.68), and more persons per household (3.13 persons)
- Utah's population growth of 29.6% is more than double that of the nation as a whole (13.2%)
- An international airport located 5 minutes from downtown

Mormonism

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) church is a dominant cultural force in Utah. While the state is over 60 percent LDS overall, only 40 percent in Salt Lake City are LDS. More information about how Mormonism impacts Utah, and the role the PCA churches have been playing in this culture, can be found in an article written by our former pastor in byFaith magazine: <http://byfaithonline.com/lessons-from-utah/>.



The Narrows, Zion National Park | photo credit: Steve Corey

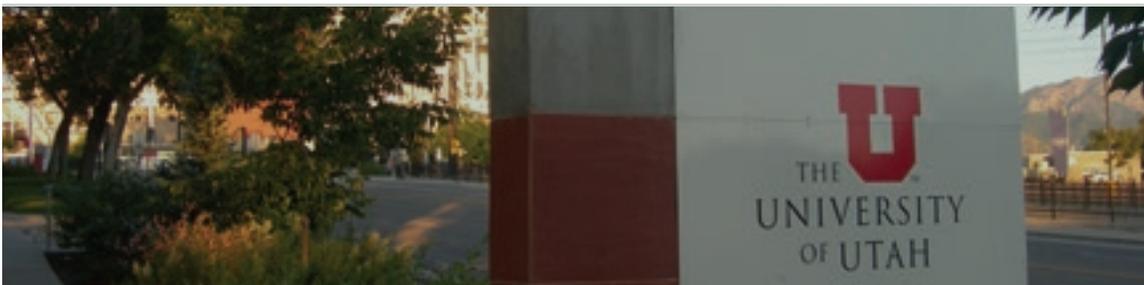
Outdoors

Home to 5 National Parks and 43 State Parks, Utah is a place of stunning natural beauty. From the red rock of southern Utah to the jagged peaks of the Wasatch Front, Utah provides a variety of outdoor recreation. Opportunities for skiing, mountain biking, hiking, camping, and rock climbing are abundant.

Our license plates say, “The Greatest Snow on Earth” for a reason. World-class skiing is 30-45 minutes away, and 9 resorts located in the Salt Lake area. Averaging around 500 inches of snow per year in the mountains and 60 inches in the valley, Salt Lake City is a winter paradise.

University of Utah

The University of Utah is a world-class teaching and research institution ranked in the top 50 universities in the United States and top 100 worldwide, according to the 2014 Academic Ranking of World Universities. With about 24,000 undergraduate students and 8,000 graduate students, the university comprises 20 different colleges, including a college of law and a premier college of medicine. The university’s hospital system, University of Utah Health Care, was ranked number one nationally in quality and accountability in 2016, while nearby Research Park hosts a number of biotech and computer/information technology companies. Additionally, the university’s athletic program is a member of the PAC 12 athletic conference, and its football team was ranked in the top 25 nationally last year.



University of Utah campus | photo credit: Jimmy Emerson, DVM

HOW TO APPLY

(Please complete BOTH Step 1 and Step 2)

Step 1

Please email the New Song Pastoral Search Committee at applynewsong@gmail.com and attach the following using a last name, first name format (Smith, John Resume):

- Letter of Intent
- Your resume
- Your personal statement of faith (up to 1 page)
- A sermon recording (20-40 min.; links to recordings are fine)
- A PCA Ministerial Data Form*

Step 2

Help us get to know you better by using your phone or a webcam to record answers to questions members of our search committee will ask you via “Spark Hire”. Use the following link to get started & have fun with it!

Spark Hire: <https://hire.li/54789b3>

Note: Ideally our new pastor will begin his call at New Song around September 15th 2017.

*Instructions for obtaining a Ministerial Data Form may be found at pcaac.org

Our Church Profile Form is available at newsong.org/church-profile

An example of our Sunday morning worship bulletin is available at newsong.org/epiphany