



Pastor Search Information

INTRODUCTION

City of Hope Presbyterian Church (COHPC) is a Christ centered, vibrant, multiethnic congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) who gather to worship in Columbia, Maryland. We are searching for a seasoned Pastor with a deep passion for the Lord, for the Bible, and doctrinal views consistent with those of the PCA. The desired Pastor will meet the requirements for office as listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-7. As a servant leader he shall be a minister of the Gospel; be devoted to the service of Christ and the church; preach and teach the Word of God; administer the sacraments; and faithfully give himself to pastoral work. He will preach at most worship services; lead the congregation in worship; lead the church to discern God's vision; work with the Session and Diaconate; supervise development of staff; provide pastoral care for the congregation; and partner with lay leadership to direct church ministries. The Pastor shall lead COHPC to fulfill its mission to its local communities and the entire world.

COHPC VISION AND VALUES

For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. (2 Corinthians 4:15)

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 1:16-17)

Extending the Grace of Jesus Christ Through Community and Connection

We desire to be a community that both experiences the transforming grace of God in Jesus Christ and extends that same grace to all without distinction by:

- Extending grace to connect people to Jesus Christ
- Extending grace to connect people to one another
- Extending grace to connect people to loving service
- Extending grace to connect people to Kingdom Mission

For more information visit us at <http://cityofhopechurch.net/>.



DESIRED SKILLS AND GIFTINGS

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3: 16-17)

- ❖ Passionate preaching and teaching of the Word of God as written in the Old and New Testaments.
- ❖ Deep commitment to labor in study and prayer in preparation for preaching and teaching responsibilities.
- ❖ Loving heart for the people demonstrated through compassionate pastoral care, family counseling and Christian discipleship.
- ❖ Demonstrated ability to work with a broad diversity of people across ages, race, culture, ethnicities and socioeconomic status.

To the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. (1 Corinthians 9: 22)

APPLICATION PROCESS

If you are interested in applying, please send an email to the Pulpit Committee at pulpitcommittee_cohpc@googlegroups.com with the following: a resume and letter of intent, your PCA ministerial data form, three or more sample sermons (e.g., web link or MP3 files), and two or more references. Applicants are encouraged to submit materials as soon as possible.