

Teaching Elder of Grace Church of Utah

Introduction

Grace Church of Utah desires a teaching elder/pastor who is a mature male believer. He should have a passion for the Lord, the Bible, and shepherding. His beliefs should be consistent with those of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). He shall also meet the requirements for an elder that are listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-7. He shall be an ordained pastor in the PCA or in a theologically-compatible denomination.

Areas of Specific Responsibility

Word and Sacrament

- Preach and teach the Word of God as written in the Old and New Testaments during every Sunday worship service, except as agreed upon with the Grace Church Session
- Oversee appropriate pulpit fill from either lay leadership or a qualified man outside the church as necessary
- Lead the worship service by extending a greeting, issuing a call to worship, praying for the congregation, and giving a benediction, sharing these responsibilities during some services with the ruling elders of the church
- Administer the Sacrament of Communion at least once a month and Baptism when necessary
- Communicate at least two weeks in advance the sermon title and scripture passage to the Worship Coordinator
- Preach in an expository manner through a topical series or through books of the Bible
- Provide teaching periodically for Sunday school and small groups in coordination with the Christian Education Committee

Pastoral

- Embrace Grace Church's vision of "Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known"
- Shepherd and mentor the ruling elders, regular attenders and visitors
- Help the ruling elders shepherd their assigned members
- Counsel families and individuals in the church as appropriate, and refer persons to additionally local counseling if necessary
- Visit sick congregational members in homes and hospitals
- Officiate weddings and funerals when necessary
- Promote and encourage discipleship in the church
- Help the Session and the church develop and implement a strategy for mission in the community
- Foster a culture of evangelism inside the church
- Attend and interact with members at small groups or other church functions when available
- Meet with new attenders
- Help the ruling elders lead new members' class, communicants' class for youth, and church officer training

Administrative

- Help provide clear communication between committees, leadership, and the congregation
- Lead and guide all other members of the pastoral staff, ensuring all staff, pastoral and otherwise, fulfill the requirements of their job descriptions
- Support the deacons to the best of his ability
- Serve with and support the Session, serving as moderator for meetings
- Serve as representative for Grace Church of Utah at the Northern California Presbytery and General Assembly
- Assist the Session Clerk and staff in required reporting to Presbytery and General Assembly

Expectations

The teaching elder shall either be present on the church grounds or meeting congregational members 4 weekdays per week during normal business hours (9 AM to 4 PM). Additionally, the pastor should be available for occasional evening and weekend activities. The pastor is free to take two days off each week depending on the needs of the congregation.

Church Ad for Senior Pastor

In the midst of the local predominantly Mormon culture, Grace Church of Utah (graceutah.org), a PCA congregation of 75 Communing members, ministers to a generationally and experientially diverse congregation in a multi-ethnic neighborhood. Grace Church owns and occupies approximately 4 acres of land and a 9,000 sq ft building in a suburban setting in Layton City, Davis County, northern Utah, between Salt Lake City and Ogden. Hill Air Force Base is just a few miles away, and the I-15 corridor is just behind the church property. The Grace Church congregation includes faithful families and individuals who have been members since the church was planted over 20 years ago, Christians who have come out of the LDS (Latter Day Saints) church to the true Gospel, military families who are in the area for just a few years (sometimes needing support while the military member is deployed), and many families with young children. We seek a Spirit-filled, Gospel-centered Teaching Elder who will help us share the Gospel throughout the local communities. We desire strong biblical preaching for our congregation, and Christian Brotherhood and leadership for our church officers (currently four Ruling Elders and two Deacons) as they develop a long-term vision for Grace Church.

