

For Potential Applicants for St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Youth Director

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, as a church in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), has served the greater Orlando, Florida, area for 29 years. We have an average weekly attendance of 350–400 in our Sunday worship service, and about 30 youth participate in our weekly program (from a potential group of about 50). While our vision and mission, history, core values, and ministries may be found on our website at stpaulpca.org, the Youth Director Search Committee thought it would be helpful to potential candidates for this position to have a brief overview of St. Paul's and, especially, of our youth ministry.

At St. Paul's, we seek to see God's invisible kingdom made visible as we grow in grace and give our lives away in the following seven major ministry areas:

1. **Worship** that exalts God in Christ and promotes unity in the Spirit
2. **Discipleship** that is rooted in all the Scriptures and centered in the gospel
3. **Community** that is characterized by discipleship and care for one another
4. **Local Missions** that promotes the common good and evangelizes the lost
5. **Global Missions** that participates in church planting and spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth
6. **Children's Ministry** that partners with parents to build children up in the faith through loving care and Reformed biblical teaching
7. **Youth Ministry** that promotes maturity, joy, and identity in Christ

For those of us who know and love her, St. Paul's is special, but probably also distinct amongst most churches today. From the very beginning, St. Paul's has been committed to vibrant, historically rich liturgical worship. This includes expository preaching, congregational responses, prayers of confession and of the people, and amazing hymn singing led by organ, piano, instrumentalists, and choir. We also put great emphasis on our discipleship/educational ministries, which include Sunday Adult Education and children's Sunday School, Women's Ministries, and Community Groups. We are very much a global *and* local missions church, reaching out to the neighborhood where we are planted as well as all around the world.

Our congregation is blessed by families and singles of all ages, and many children. We love our kids and our youth, all of whom have a special place in our church life. While we are sad to say goodbye to our current Youth Director as he responds to a ministry call of a different nature, we look forward to what we know God has already planned for us in a new Youth Director. The following overview of our Youth Ministry is intended to provide you with an idea of how much we value our youth and their growth in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Youth ministry at St. Paul's is characterized by:

- Biblical and Reformed teaching.
- Personal growth in Christian community.
- Participation in the mission of God's people.
- Identity and joy in Christ.

St. Paul's devotes significant resources and is financially invested in youth ministry. A community of servant-leaders—parents, adult volunteers, and youth officers—partner together under the leadership of the Youth Director to plan and support the youth ministry. The youth ministry at St. Paul's strives to connect students to Jesus Christ through both age-specific programs and whole-family and whole-church ministries. On Sunday mornings, our middle school and high school Sunday school classes are a way that we come alongside parents and, through the power of the gospel, make disciples who glorify God and enjoy him forever.

Our combined high school and middle school meetings take place most Sunday evenings during the school year from 5:30-7:30 pm, with an average weekly participation of about 30 youth (from a potential group of about 50). During these evenings, we join in singing praise songs, spend time in the Bible together, and then split into separate, smaller groups for boys and girls for a time of discussion and prayer. Our youth program includes a growing number of children who are in unstable housing situations. Their presence is a blessing that has presented a growth opportunity for everyone involved.

During the summer, we break from our regular schedule to focus on larger events like an annual mission trip and summer camps for middle school and high school students. We also take advantage of the flexibility that the summer provides for making connections in family events and smaller groups. Throughout the year, we have activities and events that include everything from fun outings to discipleship opportunities.

Included with this overview is the St. Paul's Youth Director Job Description. If you are interested in applying for the position, please forward your resume, a Ministerial Data Form (available on the PCA web site, www.pcanet.org), and a cover letter that includes what you would like us to know about you not covered in your resume or MDF. This should be sent to:

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Your correspondence with us will be kept in strict confidence.