



## **Pastor Profile**

Westminster Chapel seeks a new solo pastor who demonstrates a deep personal walk with God in his life, and in his preaching and teaching; a man who is an enabling leader and a nurturing shepherd in his ministry.

## **Who We Are**

Westminster is a member of the Canada West Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

We began as a church in 2001 and almost immediately purchased the building we still occupy. Blessed with effective preaching, Westminster, as an independent entity, grew steadily by attracting a significant number of new members. About 4 years after its inception, internal deliberation led Westminster to affiliate with the PCA. The next few years brought major changes: our original pastor left for a new charge, a new pastor was welcomed in 2007, and soon after that an associate pastor was added to plant a mission church in the community. This church plant was particularized in 2017. In 2010 an additional associate pastor was hired to focus on youth ministry. He left in 2013 to become a solo pastor in another church in the presbytery.

Today, as a smaller group than we were two years ago due to some internal hardship, we firmly and faithfully rest in God's healing mercy and encouragement to lead us forward in glorifying Him in worship and witness. Our worship style is a blend of contemporary and traditional elements.

Our vision at Westminster is to treasure Christ, build the Church, and share the gospel. As a congregation we prayerfully seek God's provision of a new pastor that will share and carry this vision forward with us, as God wills it and directs it.

## **Who We Seek**

Further to the above, we require a pastor who will:

1. Deliver engaging preaching that is a responsible exposition of Biblical text and instructs the listeners, calling them to repentance, to growth in their spiritual walk, and to a deeper dependence and rest in Christ
2. Collaborate with, and provide leadership to Session, ministry leaders, and members at large for the edification, unity, peace, and purity of the church and for the furtherance of the church's ministry and witness to the community
3. Teach the truths of the Bible and the doctrines of the reformed faith as presented in the Westminster Confession of Faith
4. Relate well with people, be approachable and genuine, willing to share life, and proclaim Christ openly with congregants, in conversation, visiting and counselling.
5. Work with Session to develop and oversee worship life
6. Be devoted to prayer and the ministry of the word

**Treasuring Christ, Building the Church, Sharing the Gospel**

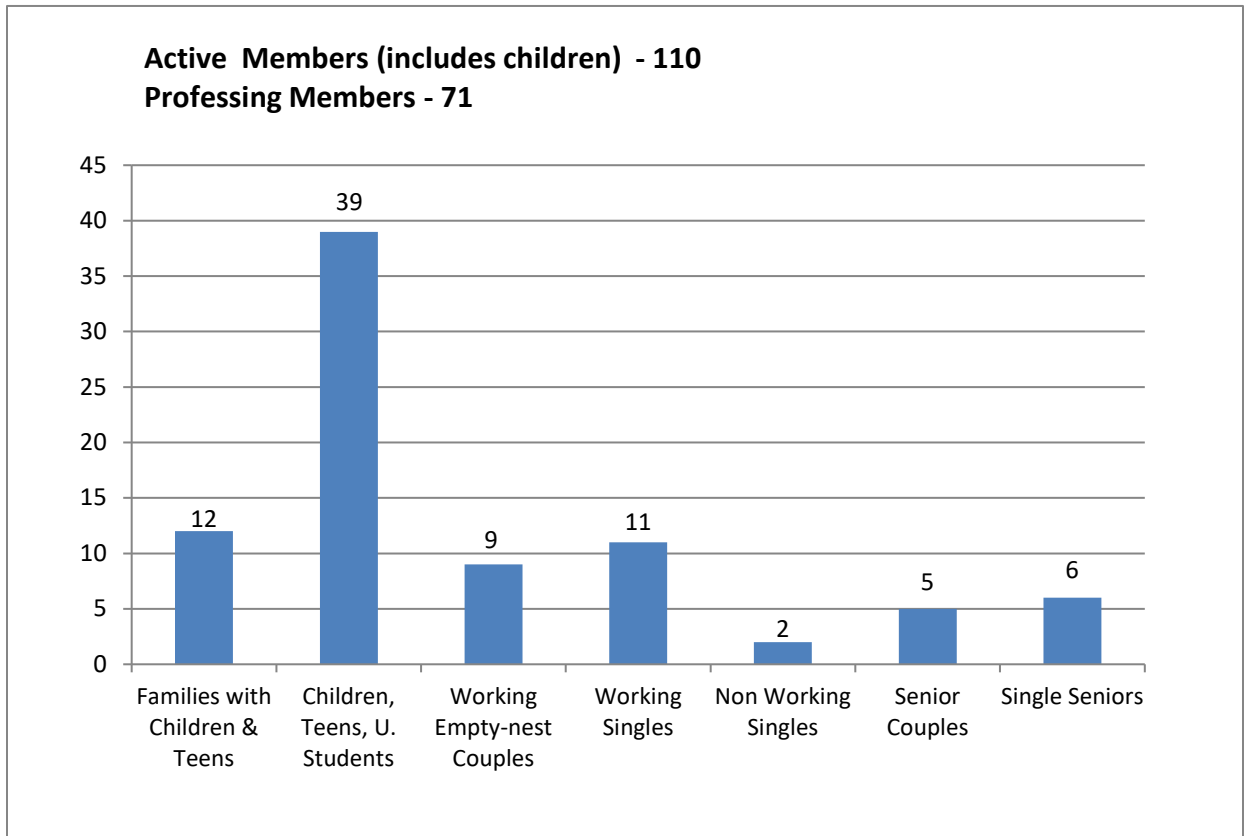
Our new pastor shall also have the following qualifications:

1. Have a Master of Divinity, or equivalent, degree from a Presbyterian or Reformed Seminary
2. Meet the requirements of the Book of Church Order of the PCA (Chapter 8, 13.6, and 21)
3. Agree with the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of the church
4. Preferably have a minimum of two years of experience as an assistant, associate, or senior pastor.

### Pastor's Key Tasks

- a.) Provide spiritual and pastoral oversight to members and attendees of Westminster Chapel
- b.) Prepare and preach sermons (currently we are holding only morning services due to restrictions set in place to control the spread of the Covid-19 virus)
- c.) Provide worship service leadership in collaboration with Music Coordinator and Session
- d.) Lead and develop Session, staff, and lay leaders
- e.) Teach officer training, new member, and profession of faith classes as needed
- f.) Provide oversight to church ministries, together with Session

### Our Demographics



## **Our Location**

Westminster Chapel is located in Lethbridge, a growing city of approximately 100,000 people with a small-town feel. Located a one hour drive north of the Montana border, two hours south of Calgary, and 1.5 hours east of Waterton National Park (our hidden gem and getaway in the Rocky Mountains); recreation and the big city are not far away.

Lethbridge has a moderate climate with warm summers and mild winters due to Chinook winds. It also receives one of the highest amounts of sunshine in the country.

Unique for the size of our community is that we have both a thriving university and a community college. For younger students there are Christian school options, two for the elementary grades and one for high school.

## **How to Apply**

Interested candidates shall send the following application materials to Ralph Witten at [ralphwit@telus.net](mailto:ralphwit@telus.net), Attention: Pulpit Supply Committee.

- Cover letter expressing your interest in serving at Westminster Chapel
- Completed PCA Ministerial Data Form and resume
- Access to recordings of recent sermons

We welcome your interest in ministry among us at Westminster Chapel and invite you to visit our website to learn more about us. <https://westminsterchapel pca.ca/>