

Pastor Profile

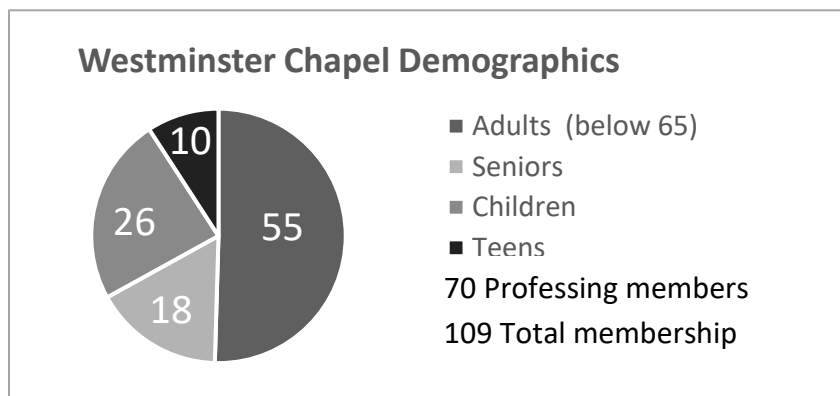
Westminster Chapel seeks a new solo pastor who demonstrates a deep personal walk with God in his life, and in his preaching and teaching; a man who is an enabling leader and a nurturing shepherd in his ministry. A man who knows for himself and for those he ministers to, that “when I am weak, He is strong.”

Our church

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

We began as a church in 2001 as an independent entity of about five families. With steady growth and after due deliberation, the congregation became a member of the PCA about four years later. 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, which 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. In 2019 our second pastor left for ministry at a PCA church in eastern Canada.

Today, as a smaller group than we were four years ago due to some internal hardship, we are a committed body seeking to move forward in glorifying God in worship and witness. In 2020 we engaged a local retired pastor as an interim, to provide consistent preaching and limited pastoral care, while we are vacant.



Our vision at Westminster is to treasure Christ, build the Church, and share the gospel. Our worship style is a blend of contemporary and traditional elements.

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Our prayerful expectations of our pastor

That he prayerfully seeks God's provision to share and carry our vision forward with us, as God wills it and directs it.

Further, that our pastor 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

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 experience as an assistant, associate, or senior pastor.

Our Pastor's Key Tasks

- a.) Provide spiritual and pastoral oversight to members and attendees of Westminster Chapel
- b.) Prepare and preach two sermons each Sunday (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 the 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 Location

Westminster Chapel is in Lethbridge, Alberta, 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.

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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, 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://westminsterchapelpca.ca/>