

# BALLSTON CENTER CHURCH

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Dear Pastoral Candidate,

Thank you for considering Ballston Center Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church as you seek God's call for your next pastorate. The following pages will give you an overview of our church and what we are looking for in our next pastor.

If you feel that God may be calling you to ministry here, please contact our search committee at **[ballstoncenterchurchpsc@gmail.com](mailto:ballstoncenterchurchpsc@gmail.com)** and include:

1. A cover letter
2. Resume
3. Ministerial Data Form (ARP or denomination in which you are ordained)

*Please include your first and last name in the filename of each attachment.*

In Christ,

The Pastoral Search Committee  
Ballston Center Church



# WHO WE ARE

## MISSION

Our mission is to know, follow, and proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ in worship, fellowship, and service. To love Christ and love each other while resting in the finished work of Christ and seeking the welfare of our surrounding community.

## VISION

Ballston Center Church exists to worship the Father in Spirit and truth, to make disciples of Christ and equip them for the work of ministry, to strengthen families for generations to come, and to be a refuge and training ground for building up the body of Christ in spiritual maturity.

### ***Faith and Tradition***

Covenant theology,  
Reformed doctrine

### ***Covenant Family***

Luncheons and picnics,  
mercy ministries, small groups

### ***Communion with God***

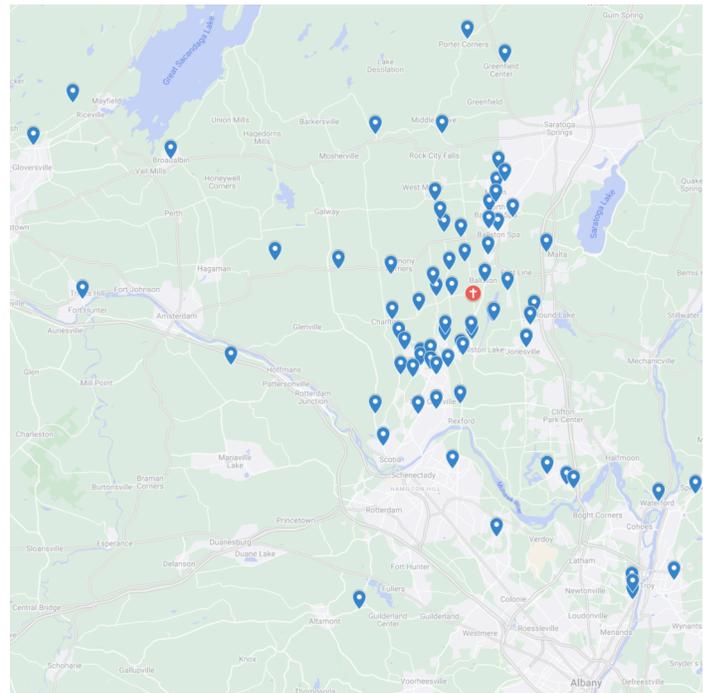
Worship and sacraments,  
Bible studies and prayer

### ***Missions***

Support for and participation with  
35 local and international missions

## VALUES

Our church is located in a rural setting with nearby suburban communities. For the purpose of the joyful worship of God in Christian fellowship, Reverend Eliphalet Ball and a small group of settlers founded Ballston Center Church in 1775. In 1974, the congregation changed its affiliation from the United Presbyterian Church to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to more closely adhere to biblical truth as understood in our reformed and presbyterian heritage. We have welcomed a congregation of members and visitors for almost 250 years, and today we have 130 active members with 10 regular visitors.



# WHO WE NEED

## **Summary**

A man who is called by God to pastor and is devoted to the ministry of Christ, who can faithfully and skillfully preach and teach the Word of God in the reformed tradition, administer the Sacraments, and lead Ballston Center Church with the heart of a shepherd.

## **Candidate Requirements**

- + Ordained (or able/willing to be ordained) in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
- + Demonstrated history of elder qualifications as outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:6-9
- + Called to learn, understand, and minister to the needs of our congregation at this particular time and place
- + Pursues the Lord in prayer, study, and daily spiritual disciplines

## **Responsibilities and Priorities**

- + Proclaim the Gospel effectively, exposit the Bible clearly, and preach the whole counsel of God
- + Cast a vision of corporate worship and ministry to strengthen and unify our covenant family members
- + Guide the Session in ministry decisions through a theological framework
- + Work with the Session to refine the vision, mission, and core values of Ballston Center Church, and embody them in daily life
- + Cultivate family ministry (parental equipping, marriage encouragement, household worship)
- + Teach how to biblically, theologically, evangelistically, and apologetically engage with secular mores and heresies prevalent today
- + Work to build meaningful relationships with all members of the congregation

## **Desired Experience and Strengths**

- + 3+ years of pastoral leadership or seminary graduate with 10+ years of marketplace work experience or equivalent
- + Anchored in the Bible, reformed theology and doctrine, creeds, confessions, Puritans, and church fathers
- + Have overseen, guided, or participated in musical elements of a worship service or the development of such ministry
- + Biblical counseling, conflict resolution, reconciliation, and healing
- + Self-aware concerning spiritual wellbeing, emotional health, spiritual gifts, and core competencies
- + High capacity for the complexity and sensitivity of relationships
- + Empower-and-release leadership style; self-aware of capacity and limitations, and willing to ask for help
- + Communicates with the humility, empathy, clarity, and openness needed to effectively cast vision
- + Seeks to promote peace and purity in the church, and willing to exercise church discipline to that end