



**North Greenville Church** is searching for a full-time Senior Pastor to replace our retiring Pastor. NGC is looking for a humble man of Christian faith, called by God to shepherd the flock, administer the sacraments, and faithfully preach the whole counsel of Scripture, holding to Covenant theology and the Reformed tradition.

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### **About NGC:**

North Greenville Church is a small Reformed and Presbyterian fellowship consisting of members committed to the worship and glorification of God in a traditional worship style. NGC embraces traditional, reverent Christ-centered worship with its teachings and exhortations from the Word, as God's written and divine revelation to His believers. The church's purpose is to glorify God, to know Him, and to help make Him known. To this end, we dedicate ourselves:

1. To live for God, worshipping Him alone with all our heart, mind, and strength;
2. To live for each other, building up one another in love;
3. To live for the salvation of His people, used by God to bring others to faith in Jesus;
4. To live in the world for Christ's sake, representing Him in service and joyful giving.

NGC continues to develop a Reformed church presence in the northern part of Greenville County which consists of rural and suburban areas. The church's worship style is one of a warm and inviting nature that is focused on God and not man or entertainment. Knowing that music is an expression of worship, NGC uses traditional hymns, with a desire to develop this using only Scripturally sound and reflective music, including special music and choir.

NGC seeks to develop a community of love in which everyone is welcome, valued, and treated with respect by caring and praying for each other, and assisting each other as Christ's example to all His followers. In addition, the church is community-minded with locally supported missions, as well as a global mission project.

### NGC Worship and Discipleship:

- Sunday Morning Worship Service
- Sunday Morning Adult and Children's Sunday School
- Sunday Evening (alternating weeks) *Table Talk* discussions on pertinent published topics
- Wednesday Evening prayer time and Bible study
- Special Services, such as Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve
- Semester Women's Bible studies and Men's Prayer Breakfasts

The Adult Sunday School is attended by 20+ adults, and the children attend Children's Sunday School.

The Music Ministry is an area to grow, although continuing to use traditional hymns and theologically sound, reverent, and Christ-responsive music. NGC has a grand piano and small organ.

### Local and Foreign Missions:

- North Greenville Crisis Center
- Piedmont Women's Center
- Miracle Hill Ministries
- Rafiki Foundation—Ms. May Nealey, missionary

### NGC Fellowship Events:

- NGC has an annual Spring Picnic sponsored by one of the members to further fellowship and social interactions of the members.
- The quarterly Men's Breakfast seeks to promote fellowship among the men of the church and includes prayer and spiritual training with a special speaker.
- The Women of the Church and Dorcas Ministry meets for Bible Study and prayer and to discuss potential mission opportunities.
- Quarterly Mission Meals gives voice to the local and foreign supported missions to understand their work and value in the community.

### NGC History:

North Greenville Church was born from the closure of Travelers ARP Church, which began in 2007 as a mission church. Rev. William L. (Billy) Barron was hired as pastor with a Provisional Session made up of five ruling elders. The purpose was to establish a Biblically sound church in the Reformed tradition where the whole counsel of God is preached, and the Lord is worshipped with reverence. After five years of laboring as pastor, Pastor Barron transitioned to a bi-vocational status, working also with World Witness, and pastoring with the help of interns. He would consequently resign as pastor of Travelers Church in August 2015. In March 2016 the Extension Committee of the Second Presbytery of the ARP closed down the church in Travelers Rest. However, many from this congregation wanted to remain together to form and establish, with the same purpose, the North Greenville Church. It continued to meet at the local YMCA. In April 2016, NGC began meeting at The Woodlands at Furman Retirement Home with Sunday

Worship, Sunday School, and Wednesday Bible Study. Through all of this, Pastor Barron was advising and preaching at NGC, as well as preaching in another church in Tennessee. While away, other ordained ministers and interns would preach. When the Woodlands imposed quarantine protocol in 2020, NGC was able to meet in a Youth room of Westwood Baptist Church in Easley, SC, and continued Sunday School, Worship services, and home Bible study. In March of 2021, Pastor Barron was officially called as the pastor of NGC. In June 2021, the members of NGC voted to purchase the property of Gateway Baptist Church in Travelers Rest. By God's grace and blessings, NGC held the first service at the new church on Sunday, October 10, 2021. Currently, Pastor Barron is serving as Senior Pastor and will be retiring imminently. Rev. Tim Leslie, though retired, is serving as assistant to Pastor Barron. The Session is presently in the process of exploring a Reformed and Presbyterian denominational affiliation.

**Pastor Profile:** The Pastor called to lead the congregants of North Greenville Church shall be a humble man of Christian faith, who adheres to the tenets of the Westminster Confession, who has the commensurate Reformed educational training, and has been ordained or examined and approved for ordination.

- Practice Biblical style leadership as called for in the elder qualifications of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. A man who humbly seeks the Lord in His Word, in prayer, and in daily spiritual disciplines. Leads by godly example to equip each member for Christian living.
- Seminary graduate with some years of pastoral experience and leadership; other marketplace work experience is welcome.
- Acknowledge the Bible as God's holy and inerrant written Word, and embrace Reformed theology, doctrines, and confessions. Hold to Westminster Confession (state any exceptions with clarity).
- Be a man of strong faith approximately 45-55 years of age.
- Able to effectively proclaim the Word and preach the whole counsel of God. Preach in an expositional manner, using Scripture to interpret Scripture, applying for daily godly living, glorifying God.
- Involve his family in the church as led by the Spirit.
- Strive to build relationships with all members of the congregation and lead them in growing in Scripture knowledge and Covenant theology.
- Encourage members through home and hospital visitation as needed.
- Expand the church's membership, though not at the expense of orthodoxy.
- Work with the Session to keep the vision and peace of NGC rooted in theologically sound counsel.
- Seek to keep NGC pure in its reverence to God, promote peace, exercise discipline where needed, administer the Sacraments, and grow and shepherd the flock of NGC with love, empathy, grace, and mercy.

## NGC Views on Priorities of Pastoral Activities:

Pastoral Activities: Listed below are 20 activities of a pastor in a church. Please determine a priority rating of these activities for the minister. Limit #1 and #2 categories to 6 choices apiece.

Category	High			Low
1. <b>Corporate worship and sacraments</b> (Pastor works with congregation to develop a rich, meaningful worship experience)	1	2	3	4
2. <b>Proclamation of the word</b> (The Word of God is preached with urgency and conviction. High priority on sermon preparation)	1	2	3	4
3. <b>Spiritual development of members</b> (Pastor facilitates spiritual growth through individual training, counseling, and small groups)	1	2	3	4
4. <b>Evangelism of the lost outside the church</b> (Pastor facilitates programs that train laypersons in sharing Jesus Christ with others)	1	2	3	4
5. <b>Church growth and church planting</b> (Pastor places strong emphasis on increasing church size)	1	2	3	4
6. <b>Support and encouragement of missions</b> (Pastor facilitates support and awareness of home and foreign missions)	1	2	3	4
7. <b>Home visitation of the members</b> (Pastor places high priority on visiting people in their homes regularly)	1	2	3	4
8. <b>Hospital or emergency visitation</b> (Pastor willing to take time anytime to visit during sickness or emergencies)	1	2	3	4
9. <b>Support of Christian education programs</b> (Pastor encourages education for all ages consistent with mission of church)	1	2	3	4
10. <b>Counseling and referral</b> (Pastor places high priority on developing counseling and referral programs)	1	2	3	4
11. <b>Congregational fellowship</b> (Pastor places strong emphasis on developing congregational community of mutual love and support)	1	2	3	4
12. <b>Administrative leadership in the church</b> (Pastor is comfortable with accepting administrative responsibility, delegation, and training of leadership)	1	2	3	4
13. <b>Stewardship and commitment programs</b> (Pastor works with church to develop stewardship program of time and talent)	1	2	3	4
14. <b>Encouraging the ministry of the laity</b> (Pastor encourages spiritual gifts of members, sharing opportunities for planning and participation)	1	2	3	4
15. <b>Responsibility for teaching within the church</b> (Pastor places emphasis on his own personal role of teacher)	1	2	3	4
16. <b>Denomination and Presbytery service</b> (Pastor is involved in and encourages participation on Presbytery and Synod level)	1	2	3	4
17. <b>Social and political witness within and without the church</b> (Pastor emphasizes Biblical witness in politics and society)	1	2	3	4
18. <b>Social service</b> (Pastor places emphasis on the ministry of social assistance in the community)	1	2	3	4
19. <b>Development of congregation prayer</b> (Pastor places strong emphasis on the ministry of prayers, offers prayer opportunities)	1	2	3	4
20. <b>Development of youth and/or children's ministries</b> (Pastor encourages programs to reach youth and children)	1	2	3	4

### **Compensation/Benefits:**

Though a small church, NGC is blessed with the means to provide an attractive total compensation package to include Salary, Health Insurance, Housing Allowance, Vacation, C.E. Compensation, and Retirement.

### **The Community of Travelers Rest/North Greenville:**

- Travelers Rest (TR) is a small city in the northernmost part of Greenville County, located 10 miles north of the city of Greenville, and 20 miles south of the NC border.
- In 2018, TR annexed Furman University, a private liberal arts university, into its corporate limits.
- North Greenville University is a private Christian institution located nearby.
- TR is located on the Swamp Rabbit Trail, a popular biking and walking trail that connects TR to Greenville.
- TR has experienced above average growth over the last decade.  
[information from the *Census Data Form 2022*]

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