# **AMBASSADOR PRESBYTERIAN** *Church Profile* \_\_\_\_\_ ۲۰۰۰ ۲۰۰۰







# INTRODUCTION



Thank you for taking time to consider God's work in and through his people at Ambassador Presbyterian Church. We hope you will be encouraged by what you find in this document and that it will encourage you in applying for our Associate Pastor position if the Lord so leads.

For over 25 years, Ambassador has been an embassy for the gospel in Apex and the surrounding communities where we've endeavored to live for, love like, and lead to our King, Jesus. Our founding Pastor and our Session remain committed to carrying out that calling as Christ's ambassadors in our growing community, and we are seeking an Associate Pastor who can help shepherd and equip God's people, particularly in the areas of worship and outreach.

As you look through this profile, you will learn a little more about our church and our community. We are praying for you as you consider this opportunity, and please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

For the King and his kingdom, The Ambassador Pastor Search Committee



# **OUR HISTORY**

Ambassador was planted in 1998 by our current Senior Pastor, Warren Harvey, who moved to Apex with his family at the call and with the support of the Presbytery to start a new work. The Lord graciously brought together a core group of people, many of whom are still active in the congregation, and the church began to meet for worship in local schools. We continued meeting in the school for the next decade, while the Lord added new members, ministries, and eventually staff.



In 2006, God provided the resources to purchase a 6-acre parcel of land in the center of the fast-growing community of Apex, and in 2010, God again graciously enabled us to construct and move into our current building on a beautiful campus. All through this time, primarily through personal invitation and relationships, God has continued to bring new people to the church and enabled us to call our first Associate Pastor and hire our Director of Children's and Youth Ministry. From the beginning, Ambassador has been committed to the growth of Christ's kingdom through discipleship of covenant children and youth, as well as serving and supporting local ministries and global missions.

Last year, the Session began a review and renewing of our vision for the future, resulting in a renewed clarity, focus, and alignment of all our ministries with our vision of being ambassadors of Christ and his kingdom in Apex and the surrounding communities. We look forward to the future with both great expectation and confident assurance in Christ's promise that he will build his church.

### AMBASSADOR at a glance

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

150+ Active Members & Attenders
50 Families
5 Elders, 6 Deacons



### FACILITIES

12,000 sq/ft Building 6 Acre Campus

### BUDGET

**\$617,000** Annual Budget



#### **STAFF**

2 Full-Time Ministry Staff
 Senior Pastor

 Director of Children & Youth
 2 Part-Time Support Staff
 Executive Director
 Administrative Assistant





# OUR VISION

Our name reflects our vision and calling to our community. We are Christ's **Ambassadors** called to represent him and his kingdom. Jesus has reconciled us both to God and to one another in the body of Christ, and he has entrusted us to share the message and ministry of that reconciliation with others. (2 Corinthians 5:16-21)



### LIVE LOVE LEAD



We seek to carry out that calling by:

### LIVING FOR OUR KING

As we worship God and walk in his truth together, we are encouraged and equipped to live all of life for God's glory. (Colossians 3:16-17)

### LOVING LIKE OUR KING

As we live our lives in communion and community with others in the church, we are learning to love one another and our neighbors with Christ-like love. (John 15:9-12)

### LEADING TO OUR KING

As we sacrificially love and serve others with both the message and ministry of Christ, we are prayerfully pointing them to receive and trust in him. (2 Corinthians 5:20-21)

# WHERE WE ARE STRONG:

Ambassador is a healthy church with a committed congregation of various ages, and long-term leadership and staff that are eager to see our ministry and witness to the gospel continue in this growing community.



**WORSHIP EMPHASIS:** Ambassador places a high value on our corporate gathering to worship our King, and Sunday morning is at the center of our church life. We are committed to the faithful, expository preaching of God's Word and the gospel, to singing biblically-rich hymns and songs in diverse

arrangements that honor God and encourage his people, to praying with and for one another and our community, and to celebrating the presence of Christ and the power of his grace in the sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism. We see all of life as a means of glorifying God.

**RELATIONSHIPS:** Ambassador is a strongly relational church that enjoys gathering not only on Sundays for worship, but in regular gatherings (usually around food) for fellowship, community events, or service. We value our connection to one another in Christ and strengthening that connection in our lives together. We are endeavoring to provide more opportunities among all ages to both broaden and deepen our love for one another.

**GENEROSITY:** God has been pleased to provide for his church and through his church by the generous giving of his people, both financially as well as in practically serving others.



# WHERE WE CAN IMPROVE:

**WORSHIP ENGAGEMENT:** God calls us to worship in spirit and in truth, and singing is an important part and a significant means of engaging in such worship together. We believe that our spiritual engagement in worship can be improved by promoting a higher level of musicality on the worship team, both by training and developing existing members as well as recruiting new members who can use their musical gifts in worship. Selecting music that is fresh and accessible for all ages while remaining biblically-rich and grounded in historic and reformed worship, as well as creating a cohesive theme and flow to our liturgy, will help us to better engage our hearts in worship.

**EVANGELISM:** While Ambassador is a welcoming, relational community, eager to love and serve others, we battle the threats of busyness and the tendency towards focusing inward that can keep us from practically and proactively reaching out with the gospel. We feel the need to be better equipped and encouraged to lead others in our community to our King.

**COMMUNICATION:** As we've experienced the recent struggles in our broader society and culture, as well as the transition from a smaller church to a growing, changing congregation, we have recognized the importance of clear communication and ministry alignment in carrying out our vision as a church. We are working to improve overall communication and coordination among our ministries, and to equip and empower leaders to serve in those ministries.



### OUR DENOMINATION



Ambassador is a congregation of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, a historic, Reformed, Biblical, and evangelical denomination. We hold to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as our standards. You can find a summary statement of our beliefs on our website.

### www.ambassadorpres.org





# OUR MINISTRIES

### FOUNDATIONS

• Sunday morning classes for all ages

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- Kingdom Kids
- Ambassador Kids
- Mainly Music
- Children's Fellowship

### YOUTH MINISTRY

- Youth Fellowship
- Retreats

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- Bible studies
- Fellowship Gatherings
- Retreats

### **MEN'S MINISTRY**

- Samson Society
- Fellowship Gatherings

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

- Worship Team
- Children's Christmas Choir



### **OUTREACH EVENTS**

- Easter Fest
- VBS

### **MISSIONS TEAM**

- 12 Missionaries
- 5 Local Ministries





# OUR COMMUNITY



Ambassador is located in the center of one of the fastest growing communities in North Carolina, as well as nationally. Despite having rapidly grown to a population of 75,000, Apex maintains its smaller community feel while being in close proximity to NC's capital city of Raleigh, the Research Triangle Park, and several nationally recognized universities.

Apex and the surrounding communities of south Wake County (Cary, Holly Springs, Fuquay-Varina, and Morrisville) continue to experience strong growth, a vibrant economy, and an expanding diversity in population. The surrounding area provides a wealth of cultural, educational, and recreational opportunities.

And yet, the rapid and diverse growth of our area brings with it great need and opportunity for gospel ministry and witness. Material prosperity can often mask or overshadow the economic, societal and spiritual struggles people are facing. While situated in a strongly churched area, the percentage



of professing believers is declining in relation to overall population, and the diversity in nationalities and faith backgrounds is rapidly increasing. Ambassador endeavors to seek the welfare of our community by being an embassy of Christ's kingdom in this place.



### **OUR NEXT ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

Ambassador is seeking an Associate Pastor to work alongside our Senior Pastor and Session to shepherd our congregation in being Christ's ambassadors who live for, love like and lead to our King, Jesus Christ. He will focus his ministry in leading our congregation primarily in the areas of worship and evangelism, with opportunities to exercise his gifts in other areas of general pastoral ministry.

We are praying for someone who has a heart and calling to pastor God's people and possesses musical gifts that he desires to use as part of leading our worship ministry and our current music team. As well, we desire someone who can lead in encouraging and equipping God's people in sharing the gospel as a natural outflowing of their love for Christ and others. If that description fits you, we look forward to learning more about you and your life and ministry, as well as sharing more details with you about this position and our congregation.

#### **TO APPLY:**

Please send a letter of interest and resume to pastorsearch@ambassadorpres.org, and we will contact you with next steps.

Please label all documents with the following format: YourName\_Document (ie: JohnDoe\_Resume).



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Thank you for your interest in Ambassador, and may the Lord grant you wisdom as you seek to discern his will in this process.

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