

# Meadowview CHURCH PROFILE

#### Mission: To Savor the Grace of Our Lord Jesus & Be Servants of that Grace Locally & Globally



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"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ."

Colossians 1:28



### Welcome Letter

Dear Potential Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Senior Pastor Position at Meadowview Reformed Presbyterian Church (PCA). It is our Mission *to Savor the Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ and to be Servants of that Grace, Locally and Globally.* We have a history going back over 80 years that is testimony to the Grace of God in the life of Meadowview (MRPC) and her congregants.

We hope this Church Profile will serve to give you some insight into our Church life, history, culture and identity. We are confident that the Lord has already chosen the right man to serve as our next Senior Pastor and that He will use this process to make that clear both to us and the next man who will make his home among us.

If after reading this profile and researching our online presence, you believe the Lord is calling you to apply to be our next Senior Pastor, please email the following to secretary@meadowviewpca.org:

- A Cover Letter Expressing why you are interested in applying for the position
- The PCA's Ministry Data Form (MDF)
- Your Resume or CV
- Reference Contact information
- 2 Videos of Sermons for us to review
- 2 Videos of Classes you've taught

Thank you for exploring this opportunity and may our Lord use this process, whether you apply or not, for your good and His Glory.

Soli Deo Gloria,

The Meadowview Session & Search Committee

# **Solution:** Church by the Numbers











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# General Fund \$863,000

**Faith Promise** \$65,000

"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain..." Psalm 127:1

## **Identity and Distinctives**

Mission: To Savor the Grace of Our Lord Jesus & Be Servants of that Grace Locally & Globally

#### **Summary Statement**

From start to finish, it's all about Sovereign Grace! Grace is received by Faith. We therefore seek to promote, preach, and embody this Gospel of Grace, wherein we call on all people to receive that Grace by Repentant Faith, both in their coming to faith and in their daily walk with the Lord Jesus. We look forward to receiving the Ordinary Means of Grace in the form of Word, Sacrament, and Prayer as a united body through Corporate Worship on the Lord's Day. As we ourselves are fueled and overflowing with God's grace, we seek to serve that Grace both within our own loving church community through fellowship and discipleship and to those outside of it through acts of loving service and generosity.

### Word & Worship Centered

Meadowview is a church who loves the Bible. We love to read the Bible, to study the Bible, to discuss the Bible, and to hear the Bible Preached. Expository Preaching is expected and loved. We guard and guide our Worship with the Regulative Principle of Worship that is Word-Saturated, Christological and Doxological.To that end we pray we honor God with warm, joyful, reverent Reformed Worship that communicates the Gospel of Grace.



### **Solution** Reformed Identity

Our Reformed Identity is important to us. We love the Westminster Standards which teach all about Sovereign Grace and the Gospel of Grace. As a member church in the PCA, we don't shy away from this identity. While people don't have to be Reformed to worship or join Meadowview, we reference, incorporate, and teach our Reformed heritage and distinctives.



### Community, Fellowship, Relationship

Meadowview is a family. We are a church that loves to be together, eat together, worship together, and serve together. Our members are valued, included, noticed, and loved. In turn, we hope to extend the Grace that we've been extended in and through our relationships in the body and beyond.

### **Solution** And Service

Meadowview has a long history of being generous with time, talent, and treasure. Our members want to be engaged in "acts of mercy" and "doing good in the world," especially where needs are evident and we can meet them. We are a church with a history of knowing and contributing to mission work both locally and globally.

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and so we are..." 1 John 3:1

# Philosophy of Ministry

# Worship



"The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." While our whole lives are to be lives of worship, Lord's Day Corporate Worship is particularly important. Therefore, we seek to Worship our Triune God as the Lord has commanded, to rest and receive from Christ alone as He is offered in the Gospel, to observe the Regulative Principle of Worship, to have a high reliance on the Ordinary Means of Grace, and to keep Holy the Lord's Day as the Christian Sabbath. To that end, Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, gave the Church under-shepherds, elders (Teaching and Ruling), to plan, oversee, guard, train, and lead the worship of God's people.

(Colossians 3:17; Psalm 95:1-8; 1 Corinthians 14:40; Acts 2:42, 20:7; Matthew 4:4; Isaiah 55:11; Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42-47; Romans 12:1-2, 1 Timothy 6:20. John 21:15-19, 1 Corinthians 14:26-40)



# Discipleship

The Church exists to make disciples. This comes first through being the recipients of the Ordinary Means of Grace expressed in corporate worship, and secondarily through being in community with the body. This ministry of discipleship extends to the classroom, small group settings, and 1:1 relationships as we collectively seek to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior through repentant faith. The Elders oversee the formal discipleship programs as well as the use of Church Discipline according to Scripture, to the glory of God, for the peace and purity of the Church, and for the correction and restoration of the members.

(Colossians 1:28; Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 2:1-2; John 13:34-35; Luke 9:23-24, Hebrews 13:7,17, 1 Peter 5:1-5, Matthew 18:15-20, 1 Corinthians 5:1-5, Galatians 6:1-9 )



# Fellowship

We are a church that desires to embody the koinonia, demonstrated in the New Testament. Therefore, we seek to live together in community. This occurs both in formal occasions such as weekly Wednesday night meals, life groups, and men's and women's ministry groups as well as informally sharing life together.

(Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42-47; Philippians 2:1-2; Romans 12:10,16)



### Outreach

We care about the lost because He cared about us when we were lost. To that end, we seek to be light and salt in the world by sharing the grace we've experienced. As we partner with the King of the Universe, we join in His mission to make disciples of all nations. Through in-house ministries such as Car Care and Gotta Mission as well as support of local and global ministries, we serve, help, witness, and love those in our town, state, country and world.

(Matthew 5:13-16; James 1:27; 2:14-17; Luke 10:25-37; Matthew 25:31-46; Deuteronomy 10:18)







### **Solution** Ministries

#### Inreach

Nursery • Children • Youth • Young Adults • Mens • Womens • Seniors Life Groups • Bible Hour Wednesday Night Suppers

#### Outreach

Care Care •Foster Care Support Community Events •Gotta Mission Disaster Response • Childrens Home Missions Committee

## #Staff

**Senior Pastor** Preaching, Leadership, Vision, Staff Oversight

#### **Associate Pastor** Adult Ministries, Shepherding, Discipleship, Visitation

**Assistant Pastor of Youth & Families** Nursery, Children, Young Adults, Music and Worship

Children's Ministry Coordinator (Part-Time)

Front Office Manager / Church Secretary

**Facilities Manager** 

**Financial Coordinator and Bookkeeper** 



"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." *Matthew* 5:16



# Lexington, North Carolina

is the county seat for Davidson County and has a population of 20,000.

### Lexington Data/Demographics

### Location

- 25 minutes south of Winston-Salem
- 40 minutes southwest of Greensboro
- 1 hr. north of Charlotte
- 3.5 hrs. to Beaches
- 1.5 hrs. to Mountains
- 2 hrs. to Skiing
- Near lakes, hiking, biking, fishing

# Communities

While primarily a rural area, Davidson County's position near medium-large cities provides a suburban culture in some areas.

## **Solution:** Opportunities

- We continue to attract New Families, both local and new to the area
- Lexington, Davidson County, and the Surrounding areas are growing
- There is a Growing Hispanic population in our county and region
- There is a lack of Reformed Presbyterian Churches in the region

# Population

Davidson County has a growing population (170k) in line with the growth trend of the state of North Carolina.





# **Meadowview History**

God's hand has guided Meadowview Church from its beginning.







# **Meadowview History**

The story of Meadowview is one of God's guiding hand and faithfulness. In 1943, an elementary school principal, burdened by the number of unchurched children in her school, urged her Session at First Presbyterian Church of Lexington to plant a church in their neighborhood — with that Meadowview was born. For its first four decades, Meadowview remained a small, Bible-loving, close-knit community of about 60–80 people, largely made up of four founding families — some of whom still faithfully attend today.

With growing concerns over the liberal drift in the mainline denomination, Meadowview transitioned from the PCUS to the RPCES in 1968. In the 1970s, through the Leadership of Pastor Werner Mietling, members grew deeply in their understanding of Scripture, Covenant Theology, and the Doctrines of Grace. In 1982 the RPCES joined with the PCA.

In the late 1980s, Pastor Harry Reeder, working to revitalize PCA churches in North Carolina, connected Meadowview with Pastor Gary Cox. Under Pastor Cox's leadership (1989-2001), the congregation embraced a vision for outward-focused ministry, leading to explosive growth, necessitating the construction of a new, larger campus in 1999. This surge brought together believers from diverse Christian traditions, unified around the Doctrines of Grace and love for the Body though less aligned in Presbyterian distinctives.

God remained faithful to the congregation through the 2000s and 2010s, a period which saw ebbs and flows in worship practices, styles, membership, and attendance. One particular evidence of God's faithfulness during this time was the more than half-milliondollar payoff of the church mortgage in 2011. Through a miraculous 1-time gift joined with the Spirit's stirring in the hearts of members to give generously toward the goal, MRPC was debt free.

By the late 2010's Meadowview remained a strong community firmly established in the Doctrines of Grace and their shared love of fellowship. Sadly, this time period also saw several public scandals that threatened the peace and purity of the congregation, but God remained faithful to His people despite these challenges.

Beginning in 2022, the Session, led by Pastor George Sayour, intentionally strengthened the Church's Reformed and Presbyterian identity, particularly around Worship and the Westminster Standards. While many celebrated these decisions, this transition led to the departure of many long-time members even while drawing new members from throughout the region who were seeking these very things. Today, Meadowview is a church deeply rooted in the Word and blessed with strong Biblical preaching; an authentic community with a rich history of relationships built on God's faithfulness.

Meadowview is seeking a Senior Pastor who can lovingly shepherd this diverse congregation — offering pastoral care to those unsettled by past transitions — while faithfully leading us to continue to embrace our Reformed and Presbyterian convictions. We believe this is the best way to carry out the mission of the PCA in Lexington — "Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission."

### Next Senior Pastor will need to work with the Session to...

Love & Care for the Body Update Strategic Plan & Vision Statement

Develop and execute a comprehensive Discipleship Plan

### Preferred Senior Pastor Experience

- Ordained or Ordainable in the PCA
  7+ years of Ordained Pastoral Experience
  5+ years experience as a
- 5+ years experience as a
- Senior or Solo Pastor
- Experience overseeing staff

### Priorities for the Minister

- Proclamation of the Word
- Teaching responsibility
- Worship Leadership
- Administrative Leadership
- Spiritual Development of Members

### Expected Qualities of the Next Senior Pastor

- A Life that reflects the Gospel and a fervent love for Christ.
  - Expository Exegetical Preaching
  - Grace Saturated and Gospel-Centered
  - Committed to Confessional Reformed Presbyterianism
  - Places a High Degree of Emphasis on the Ordinary Means of Grace and Lord's Day
  - Committed to the Regulative Principle of Worship
  - Highly Relational, Social, and Pastoral
  - Adequate Administrative Giftings
  - Outward Facing in Mission
- Good Communicator of Vision







Thank you for taking the time to learn a little bit about our community. If you would like to explore further, connect with us online through:

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"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24