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CHURCH PROFILE FORM

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Check here if you would like to be added to our Ministry Opportunity List
(www.pcaac.org/get-involved/pastoral-job-positions/)

PART I -- BASIC DATA

1. NAME OF CHURCH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ PRESBYTERY: _____

2. NAME OF PULPIT COMMITTEE CONTACT PERSON: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

3. TYPE OF COMMUNITY

Inner City	_____
Urban (Downtown)	_____
Urban (Residential)	_____
Suburban	_____
Small Town	_____
Rural	_____
College	_____
Retirement	_____
Resort/Recreational	_____
Agriculture	_____

4. TYPE OF CHURCH

Church with Multiple Staff	_____
Church with Solo Pastor	_____
Mission Church	_____
Non-PCA Church	_____
Overseas Church	_____

5. SIZE CHURCH

Under 100 members	_____
101-250 members	_____
251-500 members	_____
501-800 members	_____
801-1,000 members	_____
1,001-1,600 members	_____
Over 1,600 members	_____

6. TYPE OF POSITION VACANT

Pastor (Solo) _____
Senior Pastor _____
Associate Pastor _____
Assistant Pastor _____
Interim or Supply _____
Lay Professional _____
(e.g. Educator, Musician)
Pastoral Counselor _____

7. CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Average Attendance _____
of Adults over 65 _____
of Adults under 65 _____
of Teens _____
Number of Children _____

8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total Income _____
Benevolent Disbursements _____
Church Expenses _____
Ministers Compensation Package _____

9. MANSE:

(a) Does the church have a manse? ____Yes ____No (b) If "yes," is the pastor expected to live in the manse? ____Yes ____No

10. SCHOOL:

Does the church own or operate a school? ____Yes ____No

11. PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH

_____.	_____.
_____.	_____.
_____.	_____.
_____.	_____.
_____.	_____.

PART II -- PASTOR CRITERIA DESIRED
(Check all that apply)

A. YEARS OF MINISTRY EXPERIENCE REQUIRED (may include ordained or nonordained experience):

None needed _____
1-5 _____
5-10 _____
10-20 _____
Over 20 _____
No preference _____

B. Marital Status:

Single _____
Married _____
No preference _____

PART III -- CONGREGATIONAL PRIORITIES

THE CONGREGATION PLACES PRIORITIES FOR THIS MINISTER ON THE FOLLOWING:

Check no more than six (6) of the following twenty activities to indicate the highest priorities for this ministerial position.

CHECK NO MORE THAN SIX (6)

1. ____ WORSHIP LEADERSHIP: Pastor and Session work to develop a rich worship life, educating the congregation for meaningful participation.
2. ____ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD: The word of God is preached with urgency and conviction, bringing it to bear on the changing needs of individuals, the community, and the world. High priority of pastor's time placed on sermon preparation.
3. ____ SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF MEMBERS: Pastor shares members' struggles regarding the Christian faith, with opportunity provided for individuals and groups to reflect on beliefs, concerns, doubts regarding Christian understanding of the spiritual dimensions of life.
4. ____ CONGREGATIONAL VISITATION: Church officers and pastor develop and carry out a systematic plan for visitation of the entire congregation with special attention to prospective members and those with special needs.
5. ____ HOSPITAL OR EMERGENCY VISITATION: Those in hospitals or emergency situations are regularly visited; network developed to keep pastor and others informed of crisis situations; needs of ill or bereaved are met.
6. ____ CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP: Emphasis placed in developing fellowship, helping members to know one another; groups encouraged which give members the opportunity to love and support one another.
7. ____ COUNSELING SERVICE: A counseling program initiated for assisting those in and outside the Church; appropriate referrals made when needed.
8. ____ EVANGELISM: Pastor and congregation share faith in Christ as personal Savior in total lifestyle; seek to lead others within and outside the Church to accept Jesus Christ; congregation is informed, trained, helped to establish effective evangelism programs for the church.
9. ____ DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING
10. ____ ENCOURAGING THE MINISTRY OF THE LAITY: Creative ideas and directions developed together with the Session; many persons with appropriate skills stimulated to become involved in services.
11. ____ MISSION BEYOND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY: Awareness of the Church's worldwide mission and opportunities for corporate and individual involvement; specific projects identified: persons challenged to support, study and/or visit mission programs on six continents.
12. ____ DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM: Session and pastor identify the educational needs of persons of all ages and backgrounds, developing programs to meet needs; church education supported; educational goals are congruent with the total mission of the Church.
13. ____ TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY: Pastor accepts an active teaching role, interpreting and teaching the Scriptures, theological concepts, history of the Church and current events; provides instruction for Church Officers; educational leaders, and confirms new members.
14. ____ INVOLVEMENT IN LOCAL COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND ACTIVITIES: Concern for identifying social problems in the community; work done with groups seeking solutions. Time and skills committed to community groups. Information and encouragement provided which enable members to become informed and involved.

15. ____ CONGREGATIONAL COMMUNICATION: Two-way communication encouraged, information gathered and shared that will assist problem solving and decision making; varying opinions elicited and all encouraged to listen to opposing points of view.
16. ____ ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP: Pastor accepts appropriate administrative responsibilities, in climate of delegated tasks and shared leadership; volunteers and professional staff encouraged to use their ideas and skills. Work done on developing accountability.
17. ____ STEWARDSHIP AND COMMITMENT PROGRAMS: Session and pastor develop a planned stewardship education program to communicate the financial needs of the local church and mission beyond the local church; congregation challenged to commitment to Church's work.
18. ____ EVALUATION OF PROGRAM AND STAFF: Systematic procedures used to evaluate programs and staff performance in accord with goals and objectives. Others trained to use these skills. Regular assessment and evaluation.
19. ____ CONGREGATIONAL AND DENOMINATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY: Value placed on balance between local church and Assembly responsibilities. Congregation and Session know and are involved in the work of the denomination.
20. ____ DIACONAL MINISTRIES: Ministering to the needs of those inside and outside of the Church.

PART IV -- PASTORAL MINISTRY STRENGTHS OR EXPERIENCE DESIRED

Please check **NO MORE THAN SIX (6)** primary pastoral ministry strengths or experience expected for this position.

____ Preaching	____ Teaching	____ Evangelism	____ Discipleship	____ Worship Leadership
____ Team Work	____ Counseling	____ Youth Work	____ Leadership Training	____ Church Administration
____ Christian Education	____ Singles Ministry	____ Stewardship	____ Diaconal Ministry	____ Ministry to Seniors
____ Pastoral Visitation	____ Community Service	____ College & Career Ministry		



New Hope Presbyterian Church

www.newhopeabbeyville.org

Who We Are

New Hope Presbyterian Church (PCA) is a fellowship of Christian believers and their children assembled together before the cross of Jesus Christ to worship the living God in faith, to daily receive the mercy granted us in His Son, and by that grace to bear the fruit of our Savior's love in the world.

As a reformed Church, we believe that the Bible alone is the Word of God, and as such it is our only guide in what we are to believe and how we are to live before God.

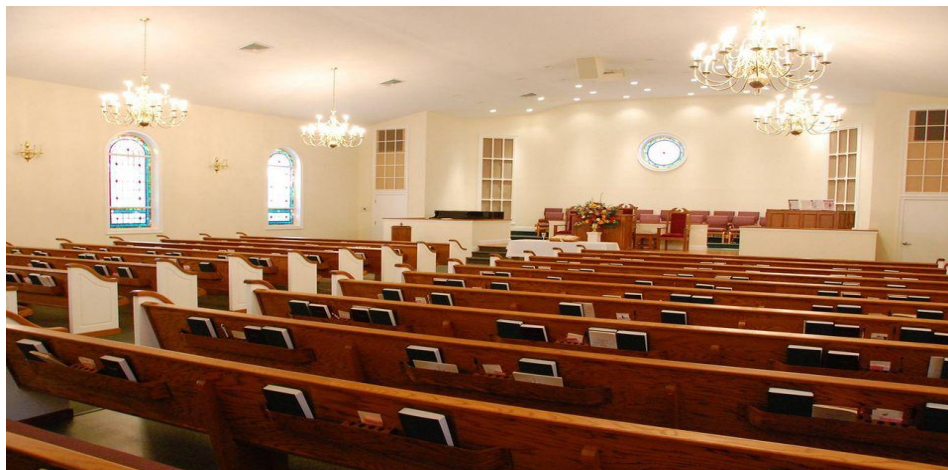
And as it has been revealed to us in the Bible, so we do profess and proclaim that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He has come and died on the cross to save us from our sins, and that He has risen from the grave again in glory to give us eternal life. In short, our message at New Hope Presbyterian Church is the message of the Gospel, and this message is for us and all men the greatest of news, a most precious Light of hope from heaven without which we have no hope in the world.

We Are Biblical

We believe that whenever God speaks, His word is authoritative and that God has revealed Himself to mankind in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. We believe the Bible to be infallible, inerrant, sufficient, and the only rule of faith and practice. God's Word is life-giving and so it is central to everything we believe and do here at New Hope. As God's Word, it's just as relevant for people in the 21st century as it was for people in the 1st. We love to read the Word, study the Word, and preach the Word. It guides our faith, our worship, and how we live, both inside and outside the church.

We Are Reformed

This means we adhere to a particular understanding of Scripture that came out of the Reformation, following the teachings of men like John Calvin and John Knox. The Reformed Faith is an approach to understanding God and Scripture that seeks to stress what Scripture stresses: the sovereignty of God in all things, the centrality and sufficiency of Scripture as the only authoritative rule for faith and practice, the inability of man to save himself, God's covenantal relationship with man, the sufficiency of the work of Christ to save, the effective work of the Holy Spirit to bring dead souls to life, and that God calls us to worship him according to His revealed will.

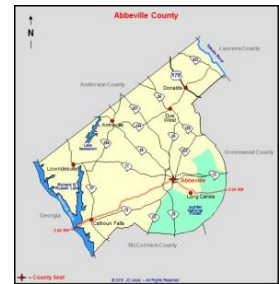


We Are Presbyterian

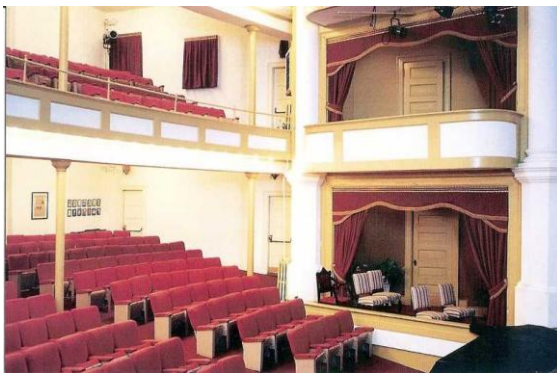
The name Presbyterian comes from the Greek word for elder, presbuteros. In the New Testament, we find that every church was governed by a plurality of elders and that these churches were connected to one another, so we in the Presbyterian church seek to follow the apostolic practice by ordaining men to the office of elder who meet the requirements laid out in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 and by being a part of a denomination where we mutually submit to one another. Presbyterianism simply means churches ruled by elders. This means that there isn't just one man at the top calling all the shots, but instead the church is governed by many elders who are elected by the congregation. This gives the church greater accountability and stability. Our church then seeks to be accountable to other churches in the body of Christ by being a party of the Presbyterian Church in America, the largest Bible-believing Reformed denomination in the English-speaking world.



A CHURCH OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



Abbeville was settled in 1758 by a group French Huguenots. In 2008, Abbeville celebrated its 250th anniversary. The City was officially incorporated as a municipality within the State of South Carolina on December 20, 1832. Since then, Abbeville has experienced many exciting and turbulent events. The city played a key role during the Civil War, and the legacy remains pristinely preserved. Abbeville is called the "Birthplace and Deathbed of the Confederacy", because it was here that Jefferson Davis made some of his most important decisions as President of the Confederacy. On what is now known as Secession Hill, the meeting which launched the state's secession from the Union took place on Nov. 22, 1860. Five years later in 1865, Jefferson Davis and his cabinet decided to dissolve the Confederacy at the Burt-Stark Mansion, a stately home right off from Abbeville's historic Court Square.



The Abbeville Opera House, historic downtown, and the Square are significant attractions in the region. Over 35,000 patrons attend sellout shows at the Opera House each year, making it the State's Rural Drama Theater. Abbeville's Victorian setting attracts thousands of visitors each year who combine an afternoon and evening of shopping, dinner, and then a show at the Opera House. Tourists are also drawn to the City's significant historic district which boasts dozens of restored homes and businesses.

The region is home to a number of state parks, as well as the Sumter National forest. Also nearby in the Savannah River Basin are Lakes Thurmond, Russell, and Hartwell, operated by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Lake Greenwood, and Lake Secession, which is owned and operated by the City of Abbeville. Located thirty miles to the south of Abbeville is Savannah Lakes Village, a resort community with 4,000 home sites. Abbeville is located within a fifty-mile radius of major highways, including Interstates 26, 385, 85, 185, 20 and 520. In addition, Abbeville has US and State highways and railroad lines, making the city very accessible.



Abbeville is part of the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor which stretches from the coast near Charleston to the mountains of Oconee County. Abbeville has a rich heritage of textiles that continues to this day with its two thriving Sage Automotive plants. We are also blessed to have a number of other industries that have chosen to make the area home including Prysmian Cable, Flexible Technologies, and Thermaflex. The area also has several post-secondary education choices including Erskine College in nearby Due West and Lander University located in Greenwood. Piedmont Technical College is a two-year public institution in Greenwood with a satellite campus here in Abbeville.

The Abbeville Area Medical Center is located within the City, and boasts state-of-the-art facilities and medical care. Also located within 30 minutes of Abbeville is Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood.



Some additional informational links.

City of Abbeville

<http://www.abbevillecitysc.com/>

Abbeville Opera House

<https://www.abbevillecitysc.com/374/Visitor-Information>

The mission of the Abbeville County School District is to develop proficient, creative, self-motivated students by providing quality educational opportunities in a safe, nurturing environment which supports innovation and lifelong learning.

<http://www.acsdsc.org/>

Abbeville Area Medical Center

<http://www.abbevilleareamc.com/>

Self Regional Healthcare (located in Greenwood County)

<http://www.selfregional.org/>

South Carolina State Parks

<http://southcarolinaparks.com/>

Savannah Lakes Village (several New Hope congregants live here)

<https://savannahlakes.com/>

Erskine College – located in Abbeville County

<https://www.erskine.edu/>