



PASTOR CANDIDATE PACKET



RESURRECTION

PRESBYTERIAN ✝ CHURCH

WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA



WELCOME FROM THE PULPIT COMMITTEE

Dear candidate,

Thank you for your interest in Resurrection Presbyterian Church (RPC). The packet begins with a profile of the man we believe the Lord is calling to lead our congregation. This is followed by several pages describing our church, ministries, and history. The next section contains a description of our community, including the Greater Lafayette area and nearby Purdue University. You will also find profiles of our pulpit committee and officers. The final page provides information regarding how to submit an application package.

The congregation (and committee) is already praying for the next man whom the Lord has chosen to shepherd RPC. We thank God for His faithfulness to our congregation and are excited to see where He is leading us next.

Although RPC is a small church, we have dedicated people with great potential. We thank you for your time and hope you find this packet helpful. If you have any questions, please reach out to our search chair, Tamara Moore, at tamarajmoore@gmail.com.

Blessings,
The pulpit committee

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PASTOR PROFILE

Resurrection Presbyterian Church is seeking a pastor to lead our committed congregation located in West Lafayette, part of the Greater Lafayette region.

Basic Qualifications

- Ordained in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) or ordination easily transferred to the PCA
- Shows visible evidence in his life of the particular qualifications for elder as listed in 1 Timothy 3:2-7 and Titus 1:6-9
- Possesses a Master of Divinity from an accredited seminary or equivalent

Skills and Experience

Preaching – Focused and Oriented in the Gospel

- Loves God's Word and possesses a gift for preaching and teaching it
- Preaches the whole counsel of God from the Old Testament and New Testament, marked by humility, repentance, and our need for a Savior
- Believes that God's grace is for all sinners – his message should resonate with a wide variety of people who may attend RPC on a weekly basis
- Willingness to make space for those who are not Christians to be among us and feel loved and cared for

Shepherd Leader

- Ability to seek out relationships with and shepherd his congregation, love them well, and invest in their lives
- Willingness to sit with members of the congregation in their joys and pains
- Leads and serves his congregation, session, and diaconate with humility, wisdom, clarity, and competence as demonstrated in Mark 10:42-45 and John 13:3-5
- Ability to work closely with the session and diaconate while fostering an environment that encourages healthy engagement and trust
- Ability to guide us in setting a clear vision and to engage the session and members of the congregation in developing and using their gifts in pursuit of that vision
- Has demonstrated experience in successfully initiating and developing ministries in a manner commensurate with available resources and needs
- Ability to minister to Purdue University students by creating a healthy partnership between RPC and Reformed University Fellowship at Purdue

Personal/Family Life

- Is a Spirit-led, humble man of prayer
- Utterly dependent upon Christ, growing in knowledge and presence of Him
- Faithful in his marriage – his love for his wife and family should be an example for the church
- Understands this calling is not just for him, but his family as well – his family should be fully supportive and excited about this opportunity



OUR CHURCH

WORSHIP

We gather for one morning service each Sunday to worship God as a community and grow together in hearing the Word. Our church emphasizes the connection of the Gospel to all parts of the Christian walk. Each week we celebrate the Lord's Supper, including prayer for all who come forward to receive the elements.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our desire at RPC is to equip our children to know Christ fully. One way we pursue this is through Children's Church – where children hear God's Word through an active lesson and ask questions as they grow in their understanding of the Lord. Members of RPC also provide nursery care for families with infants and toddlers.

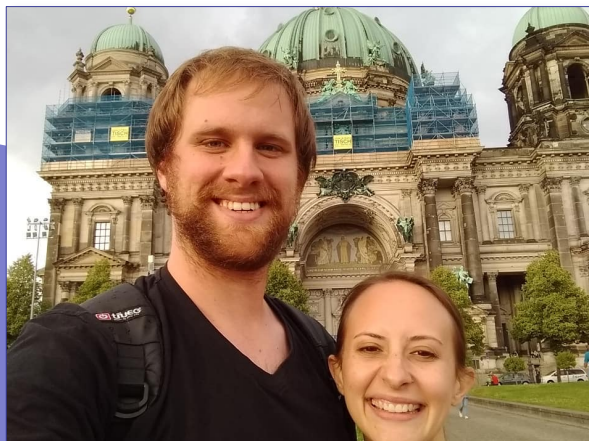
MISSIONS

As a college town, many people worship with us for a time before moving on. Amidst the sadness of seeing them go, we have the honor of blessing them into their next calling. Our formal outreach includes support for members Peter and Rebekah Stafford, who have been serving as medical missionaries in Africa, and RUF, which allows us to connect with students at Purdue.



COMMUNITY GROUPS

Currently, we gather on Tuesday evenings as a whole church community. After a shared meal, we move into a focused time of prayer and learning together. By the fall of 2022, it is our intention to return to our tradition of meeting in members' homes – sharing meals, praying, and studying God's word in more intimate settings.



As a result of our proximity to Purdue, we often have individuals and families that spend a period of time with us before moving on. We are privileged to have former members and attenders all over the world serving the Lord through work, study, and missions.

WE ARE A SENDING CHURCH

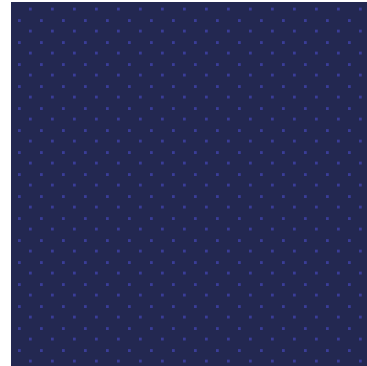


Our church has always had a good number of students who attend – both undergraduate and graduate. In fact, graduate students and their families have been some of our most faithful and involved members.

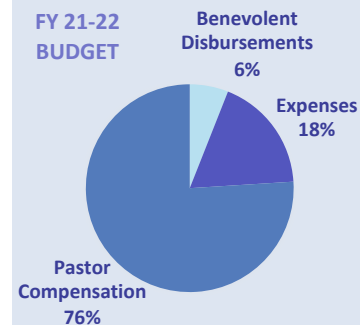
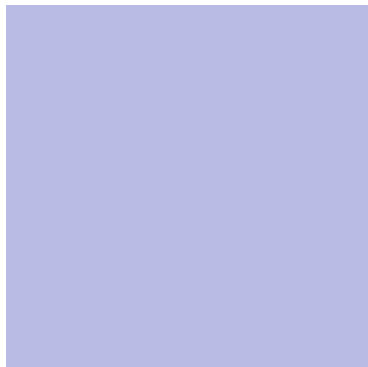
Average 40-50
per Sunday
Service



Approximately
\$200K in reserve
and \$65K in
facility fund



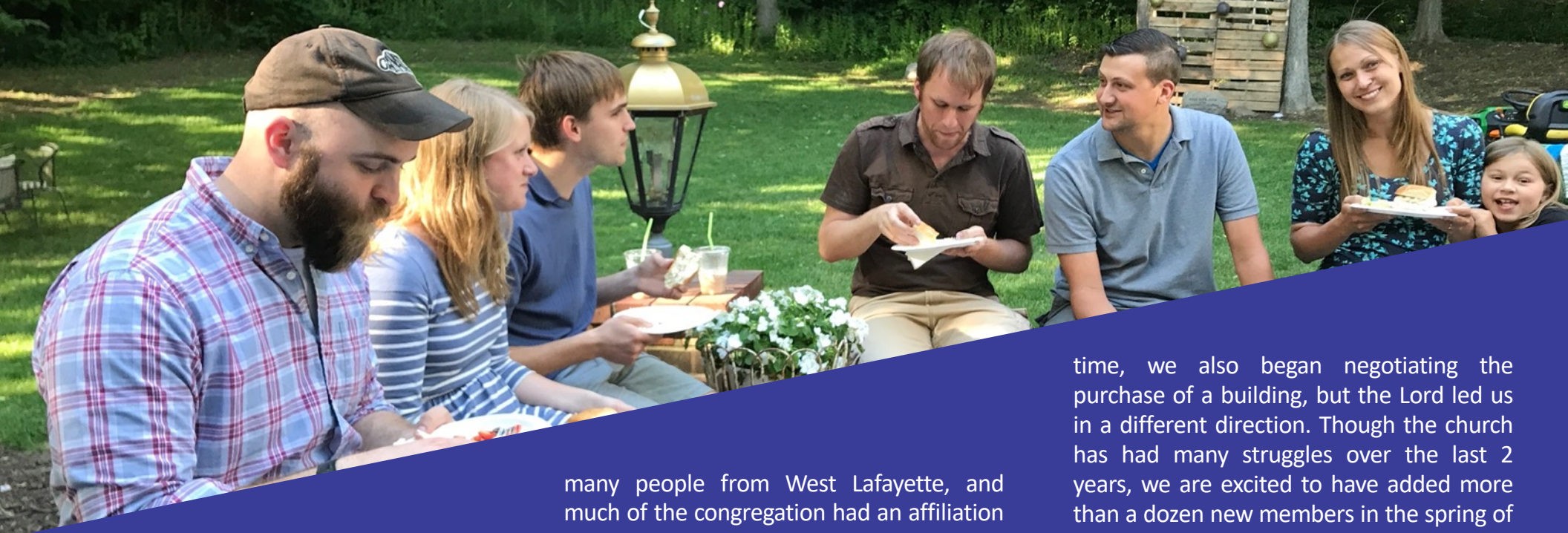
Total Giving
FY 20-21
\$156K



Regular Attendees

Adults Under 65:	29
Adults Over 65:	9
Children:	8

BY THE NUMBERS



OUR HISTORY

The story of our congregation begins in 2006, when a small group of like-minded families began meeting regularly for fellowship, study and prayer, and to seek God's will and guidance in planting a PCA church in the Greater Lafayette area. In 2008, Adam Brice was called as our first pastor, and the name Two Cities Church was chosen with the vision of bridging the communities of Lafayette and West Lafayette. Around the same time, an RUF ministry was established on the campus of nearby Purdue University. Early on, the church met near downtown Lafayette and struggled to thrive numerically and financially. However, we were drawing

many people from West Lafayette, and much of the congregation had an affiliation with Purdue. It made sense to refine our vision to embrace that connection.

After much searching, the Lord provided a place to meet in West Lafayette, and Two Cities Church was renamed Resurrection Presbyterian Church in 2016. With a renewed sense of purpose, the following years were a time of numerical and spiritual growth. Average weekly attendance climbed to 70-80 adults and children. We had several healthy community groups meeting regularly with nearly 100% of our membership participating. It was also a time of financial growth and the beginning of financial stability. We were able to build substantial reserves and start a ministry facility fund.

We are now in a time of transition. The year 2020 brought about the pandemic and the passing of our dear pastor's wife following an extended illness. During this

time, we also began negotiating the purchase of a building, but the Lord led us in a different direction. Though the church has had many struggles over the last 2 years, we are excited to have added more than a dozen new members in the spring of 2022. Pastor Brice now feels that the Lord is calling him to a new ministry position where he can better focus on utilizing his strengths.

Through all, the Lord has been faithful. He has provided us new places to meet when needed, including a space to worship outdoors in the summer of 2020. He has brought people and families with many different talents and gifts into the church when people with those particular skillsets were needed. We see God's blessing on our church even through our trials, and we are excited to embark on this next journey that God has put before us.

We are searching for a man who will embrace the challenge of leading us in crafting and implementing a sustainable vision that maximizes our unique position and makeup to advance the Kingdom locally and throughout the world.

OUR COMMUNITY

Greater Lafayette is located in West Central Indiana, 60 miles from Indianapolis and 120 miles from Chicago. It is made up of the cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette – home of Purdue University. Here, we experience all four seasons and are surrounded by the natural beauty of the Midwest.



Education

Tippecanoe County has top-tier public schools – including West Lafayette Community Schools, ranked #1 in the state. We also have non-denominational and parochial schools, as well as schools for special needs. Post-secondary institutions include Purdue University and Ivy Tech Community College.

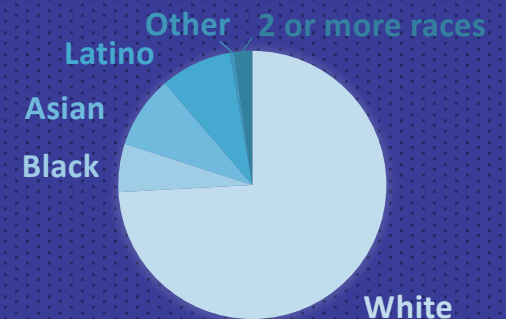
Business

Purdue Research Park is a technology-based business incubator designed to create a dynamic entrepreneurial environment that attracts high-tech companies and launches new startups.

Greater Lafayette boasts many unique small shops and local businesses.

Statistics

Tippecanoe county is home to approximately 196K people.



Median House Price: \$221K
Cost of Living Index: 89/100

RECREATION

Greater Lafayette has a variety of fun and unique attractions. The Riverfront and Downtown districts offer numerous restaurants, coffee houses, galleries, theaters, shops, and other attractions.

There are many festivals throughout the year, such as 'Round the Fountain Art Fair, Taste of Tippecanoe, and Feast of the Hunter's Moon. In addition, there are several farmers' markets throughout the season.

Columbian Park boasts a zoo, Tropicanae Cove water park, and the newly built Loeb Stadium – home of the Lafayette Aviators. Prophetstown State Park, the Celery Bog Nature Center, and Clegg Memorial Gardens provide space to explore the outdoors. There is something for everyone to enjoy!



AGRICULTURE

A wide variety of agriculture takes place around Greater Lafayette. Corn and soybeans are the primary crops grown in Tippecanoe County. Livestock production also plays a prominent role in local agriculture. Purdue University sponsors a lively 4-H presence and youth education through its agricultural extension services. Our county 4-H Fair is a highlight of the year in late July.

INDUSTRY

Manufacturing is the largest and fastest growing industry in the region. Caterpillar and Subaru are two of the area's largest employers. Other industries include Wabash (tractor trailers), Evonik (pharma), Arconic (aluminum processing), Saab (aviation), and General Electric Aviation.

***Many large industries
support a strong
job market and high
salaries***





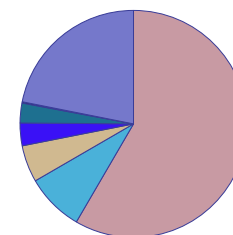
Purdue University is a public, land-grant, Big 10 university recognized worldwide for its highly-ranked academics in areas such as engineering, management, speech-language pathology, audiology, pharmacy, and agriculture. It is home to 13 colleges and schools offering 200 majors. Well-known alumni include Orville Redenbacher, Drew Brees, and Neil Armstrong.

Purdue is home to 45,000 students and 17,000 faculty and staff, including 1150 international faculty members representing 68 nations. International students represent 21% of the student population and 134 countries.

Purdue has the fourth largest international population of any university in the country.

Purdue is a residential campus with 36% of the students living in university housing and 64% living near campus.

Student Demographics



There are more than 1000 registered student organizations and clubs, all created and led by students. This includes many campus ministries such as RUF, Navigators, and Cru.





Resurrection Presbyterian Church is partnered with Reformed University Fellowship. RUF is committed to reaching students for Christ and equipping them to serve. RUF at Purdue was founded in 2009 and regularly engages students in weekly Bible studies, social outings, and large group meetings. RUF students make up a significant part of the congregation of RPC during the school year, and we are constantly seeking to deepen our connection with the students in RUF at Purdue.

The staff of RUF at Purdue usually consists of a campus minister and 1-2 interns. Currently, there is also a search underway to find its next campus minister, and we hope to have that man working on campus by the fall of 2022.



PULPIT COMMITTEE



Tamara Moore – Chair

Tamara has been a member of RPC since 2013 and in the PCA for approximately 25 years – in Indianapolis and Minnetonka, MN. She is a true Boilermaker fan as she has four degrees from Purdue and is now a Purdue engineering professor. Tamara currently is the chair of the pulpit committee, plays flute for worship, and serves in the nursery. In years past, she was the director of children's ministry, co-led a community group with her husband Jason, and organized the initial RPC women's ministry. Tamara also enjoys reading, teaching Zumba, card making, painting – and snuggling with her shih tzu, Doodlebug.

Caitlin Manning – Secretary

Caitlin has lived in the area for seven years and became a member of RPC this spring. After getting her degree from Purdue, she worked for a campus ministry where she served college students and partnered with them in their faith. After her time in campus ministry, she moved to work at Caregiver Companion, a ministry that serves Greater Lafayette by loving and serving the weary caregivers and isolated elderly. She loves RPC's foundation in Biblical teaching and how doing life together is deeply pursued by its members. For fun, Caitlin loves spending time with her niece, being outside walking, cooking, or reading.

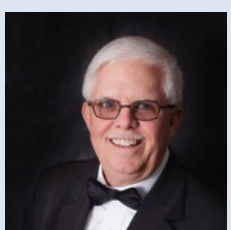


Eleanor Grant

Eleanor is a transplanted New Englander with a degree in graphic design, illustration, and painting from Boston University. A founding member of RPC, her full time job today is being auxiliary brain to her husband Richard, who serves at Purdue as professor and at RPC as elder. She likes hiking, reading, traveling, and looking at tiny things, just like Horton the elephant. She and Rich have two grown children who do NOT live with them. They do have an absurd Bengal cat named Blitzen, who does.

Kurt Knoll

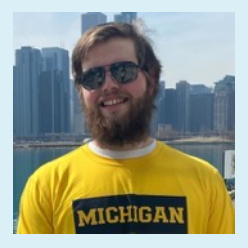
Kurt is originally from Central Wisconsin and has been a resident of Lafayette since June 2020. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is retired from the USPS. As a relatively new member of RPC, he has found it to be a warm, welcoming body of Christ-followers. He and his wife Amy do not have children but have been blessed with a number of special nieces and nephews, aka "grandbabies." Kurt has served the Lord in the past as a deacon and small group leader. In his free time, he enjoys playing golf and vacationing in Florida.



Lonnie Landess

Lonnie and his wife, Joyce, have been members of RPC since their move to Indiana in 2017. They have two sons and eight grandchildren. He has two degrees from Lincoln Christian Seminary. He pastored for twenty five-years and has spent the last thirty years as an optician working with his son who is an optometrist. He jokingly says he has worked fifty-five years helping blind men see. Now in retirement, he enjoys yard work, baking, and ministry with children. He still does some conference training for opticians. He's too poor to play golf, too lazy for tennis but can muster the strength to bake any day of the week.

PULPIT COMMITTEE CONTINUED



Jim Milleville – RUF Intern

Jim grew up in the suburbs of Detroit, Michigan and moved to Lafayette with his wife Bonnie in 2021 after he graduated from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor. Jim currently serves as an intern with Reformed University Fellowship at Purdue and works to connect students at Purdue with Jesus and His Gospel. Jim enjoys lifting weights, reading, cooking, and playing board games.

Rob Wynkoop – Ruling Elder

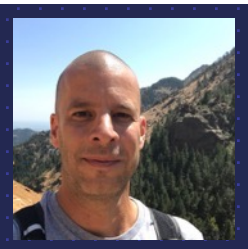
Rob Wynkoop and his wife, Corrie, have lived in the Lafayette area since 2016 with their two children, Robbie and Scottie Ruth. Rob is a ruling elder at RPC and has been an active member in three different Central Indiana Presbytery churches over the last 26 years. In their spare time, the Wynkoops love family vacations, I mean trips, to the beach. They particularly love the beaches of 30A in Florida and Long Beach Island, New Jersey.



OFFICERS

Richard Grant – Ruling Elder

Richard was born and raised in Ohio. He is a professor at Purdue University in the College of Agriculture's Department of Agronomy – employed there since 1985. He is the president of a non-profit company involved in educational opportunities in North Africa, Middle East, and Central Asia since 2010. He and his wife Eleanor were founding members of Two Cities Church/Resurrection Presbyterian Church in 2008. Richard was ordained as a Ruling Elder in the PCA in 2018 after being ordained an elder in the PCUSA in the 1990s and a vestry member in the Episcopal Church of America in the early 1980s.



Jason Moore – Deacon

Jason has been a member of RPC since 2013 and has served as a deacon since 2015. Born and raised in the Midwest, he received his undergraduate degree from Purdue University and Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Minnesota. He currently practices at the Purdue Veterinary Hospital and enjoys cycling and listening to music in his free time. Virtually all of his jokes are funny.



TO APPLY

To be considered for the position of pastor at RPC, please prepare the following items for the pulpit committee:

- Your resumé or curriculum vita
- A cover letter (max 2 pages) to the pulpit committee that includes answers to the questions:
 - Who are you?
 - Why are you interested in exploring the opportunity to pastor our church?
 - What is your philosophy of ministry?
- 3-4 recordings of sermons – preferably across multiple years of teaching (files or URLs)

Please send documents and inquiries to:
Tamara Moore, Chair of RPC Pulpit Committee
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