

Assistant Pastor

Faith Presbyterian Church | Anchorage, Alaska

About Faith Presbyterian Church

Faith Presbyterian Church is a thirty-year-old congregation located in the heart of Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Founded within the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Faith joined the Presbyterian Church in America nearly twenty years ago and remains firmly committed to Reformed theology and practice.

On a typical Sunday, approximately 170 to 200 people gather for worship, representing a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and life circumstances. Because of Anchorage's military presence and energy industry, many in the congregation come for a season and then move on. Over time, this has shaped a church accustomed to welcoming people quickly, investing deeply, and sending them on well.

Faith is committed to the ordinary means of grace. The ministry of the church centers on Word and sacrament, prayer, fellowship, and pastoral care. Worship follows a classic Reformed order marked by reverence, congregational participation, and clear, Word-centered preaching. In addition to the Lord's Day morning service, the church holds a monthly evening service, offers Sunday School for most of the year, and maintains community groups, Bible studies, prayer gatherings, and regular opportunities for service and mercy.

The church is led by three active elders, with additional men in training, and eight deacons. Faith also maintains a strong commitment to missions and mercy ministries, expressed through prayer and sustained financial support of missionaries and church planting efforts.

The Position

Faith Presbyterian Church is seeking a full-time Assistant Pastor to serve alongside the Senior Pastor and the Session in the shepherding and ministry of the congregation. This position is particularly well suited for a recent or near-future M.Div. graduate who desires meaningful pastoral responsibility within a supportive and collegial environment.

The Assistant Pastor will share broadly in the life and work of the church, including preaching, pastoral care, discipleship, and ministry leadership. There will be regular preaching opportunities, typically between twelve and twenty sermons per year, during both morning and evening worship services.

The role also includes leadership in youth ministry, either through direct involvement or by organizing, equipping, and supervising volunteers, depending on gifting and season. Additional responsibilities include teaching Sunday School, contributing to community group ministry, participating in pastoral visitation and counseling, and assisting with ministry projects and events as needed.

This position is structured as an initial three-year call. For some men, this will serve as a formative season of pastoral ministry before moving on to another call. For others, it may develop into a longer-term role within the church or in Alaska, depending on gifting, mutual discernment, and the needs of the congregation. Faith Presbyterian Church is intentionally open-handed regarding vocational trajectories and seeks to support faithful ministry wherever the Lord may lead.

The Assistant Pastor is expected to work with a high degree of initiative and independence, while also valuing collaboration, shared planning, and regular interaction with staff and the Session. Weekly staff meetings and Session meetings, as a non-voting participant, are a normal part of the rhythm of ministry.

Qualifications

- Commitment to Reformed theology and practice and to ministry shaped by the ordinary means of grace
- Meets the biblical and confessional qualifications for ordination in the Presbyterian Church in America
- Recent or near-future completion of an M.Div. degree or equivalent theological training
- Demonstrated pastoral maturity, including humility, teachability, and relational wisdom
- Ability to manage responsibilities with initiative and independence while remaining accountable to pastoral oversight
- Capacity to serve in a multi-faceted and active ministry context, including preaching, pastoral care, teaching, and youth ministry
- Relational and emotional maturity, including the ability to receive feedback well, engage disagreement charitably, and contribute to a healthy staff culture

Life and Ministry in Alaska

Anchorage is a distinctive place to live and serve, and Alaska meaningfully shapes both life and ministry here. Nestled between the Chugach Mountains and Cook Inlet, the city offers the amenities of an urban center alongside immediate access to wilderness. Trails, mountains, water, and wildlife are minutes away, and for many families, outdoor life becomes part of the regular pattern of life rather than an occasional escape. The pace of life in Anchorage is full, but not frantic.

Ministry at Faith reflects this same character. The work is active and varied, requiring flexibility, presence, and the ability to move between preaching, pastoral care, teaching, and relational ministry throughout the week. Because the congregation reflects the transient nature of the region, particularly through military and industry-related moves, the Assistant Pastor should be prepared to welcome people readily, invest meaningfully, and release them gladly.

How to Apply

Those interested in applying should send a cover letter, résumé, and links to two sermons to:
applications@faithanchorage.org