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Job title: Solo Pastor

Job description:
The Pastor of Grace Fellowship Church will be a devoted shepherd who understands, embraces, and cultivates true Christian community. Grounded in a vibrant, personal relationship with Jesus Christ, he will heartily receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith, Catechisms, and PCA Book of Church Order. As an effective preacher and leader, his expository teaching will consistently point believers to their absolute need for God. As a collaborative leader, he will work closely with our Session and volunteers. Through his administrative skills, biblical order is maintained and systems established that ensure the congregation is well cared for. His ministry will focus on equipping the saints by helping members develop their spiritual gifts and apply faith to their daily lives. Through his ministry, the church body will develop relationships in the community with the desire to spread the Gospel and add to the Church.

Priorities:
- Worship leadership: The pastor works with the Session to create a rich worship life, educating the congregation for meaningful participation. The pastor creates a structured Sunday morning order that moves the body towards an attitude of worship.
- Proclamation of the word: High priority is placed on sermon preparation. The word of God is preached with urgency and conviction, applying it to the changing needs of the Church body.
- Spiritual development of members: The pastor is invested in the lives of the congregation, and counsels members on spiritual development
- Discipleship training: The pastor helps members develop their spiritual gifts and apply faith to their daily lives
- Teaching responsibility: The pastor accepts an active teaching role; teaching the scriptures, theological concepts, and how to apply our historical faith to the current culture; and provides instruction for Church officers and educational leaders.
- Congregational and denominational responsibility: Value is placed on balance between local church and Presbytery responsibilities. The congregation and session know and are involved in the work of the denomination.
- Outreach: The pastor has a desire to reach our community, save the lost, and create an atmosphere at Grace Fellowship Church that fosters reaching the unchurched.

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Position qualifications:

- Master of Divinity: Or equivalent theological seminary degree, or close to completion of such degree.
- PCA ordination: Must be an ordained Teaching Elder in the PCA Church, or fully qualified and ready to undergo the PCA ordination/transfer process.

Application process:
Begin the process by submitting a resume to the pastoral search committee chair, Shawn Nelson.

Application deadline:
Until filled

Job type: full-time

Salary range:
TBD

General information:
Church organization name:
Grace Fellowship Church of Freeport, IL
https://www.gracefellowshippca.org/

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Denomination
PCA

City, State
Freeport, IL

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Description of Church:

Grace Fellowship Church uniquely centers its worship around reformed covenant theology and is perhaps one of the few churches in the area that combines a Christ centered, gospel focused message with an emphasis on equipping people to be ambassadors of Christ. Grace Fellowship Church is a vibrant church that has been in existence for sixteen years, and draws its members from Freeport and the surrounding communities. We strive to disciple the men, women, and children of the church in order to progress in our knowledge and application of our faith. As a dedicated congregation and loving family, we aim to be a modern expression of traditional reformed teaching and the ancient Christian faith. Our desire is to impact our community with the gospel by addressing physical and spiritual needs, in order to make disciples of Christ. We worship as an intergenerational family, singing a mixture of hymns and contemporary music. Our worship also encompasses historical readings about our faith, confessing of our sins, assurances of our salvation by grace, and prayer. We currently meet on Sunday morning for worship and Sunday school.