South Presbyterian Church in Greenburgh, NY

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Transitional Pastor Position

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About us:

We believe that faith is a journey and respect that it is different for every person who shows up.

South Presbyterian Church in Greenburgh (Dobbs Ferry) attracts worshippers of all ages and backgrounds. Some were raised in this church; many others joined us in the past ten years. We are diverse in income, life experience, race, sexuality, and religious upbringing. We are proud to represent a vibrant cross section of our community. In recent years we have drawn young families, who enjoy the opportunity to have children participate in worship and be welcomed to join us just as they are!

Our congregation is caring, open and welcoming. We also enjoy being challenged to ask questions and go deeper in our faith. We are curious and eager to learn more, whether through spiritual study groups, contemplating art works in our rotating gallery, or volunteer opportunities. We are blessed with members who have felt called to create community ministries like our Food Pantry, Faith & Justice Leadership Lab for teens, and Roots & Wings (our sustainable living initiative), and we try to foster these opportunities whenever we can. Music is an important part of our worship service. We have a talented music director and are blessed with remarkable musicians who have offered their talents during the pandemic.

We are a church that values relationships. This is a place to make deep, meaningful connections with people you may never have otherwise met!

Our mission is stated in our weekly bulletin as "Aiding one another in the work of becoming more fully human, in the ways that God has given us, through constant learning, justice work, the arts and inclusion."

What we need:

- A pastor to reconnect our congregation through pastoral care--reaching out to existing members, personally welcoming new individuals and families and the community—leading worship and being a supportive presence on campus
- A spiritual guide whose interactions are relevant, thoughtful, intellectually stimulating, and honest

• An intuitive and creative collaborator with experience in and excitement for using our church campus in creative, sustaining ways that serve and widen our community

Responsibilities:

- Leadership and support of Deacons and Session
- Pastoral care for leaders of various initiatives at South Church and for people in our church community
- Create space for church community to gestate sustainable ways of using our campus that meet needs of our congregation and the community
- Coordinate with the Worship Committee on planning weekly worship and lead in-person worship on all holidays and at least 2 times per month. Current worship is hybrid, with in-person worship streamed on Facebook.
- Convene and support a committee dedicated to reviving our church school.
- Work with us on stewardship.

Requirements:

- A minimum of 15 years of pastoral or equivalent experience
- Can be either a Minister of Word and Sacrament (MWS) or Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE)
- Ability to effectively communicate with a diverse population of people with diverse social and political beliefs (racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, faith backgrounds, etc.)

Preferred:

- Interim pastoral training
- The ability to empower others to make decision with the guidance of elders to enact new ministries and cultivate existing ministries
- Experience and capability working with social media

We are an equal opportunity employer. All applicants will be considered for employment without attention to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, veteran or disability status.

For the right candidate, SPC is willing to be flexible as to final agreement on hours and prioritization of responsibilities.