

**The National Presbyterian Church  
Washington, DC**

**Position Description for the Interim Senior Pastor**

Position Description:

This position may be full or part-time depending on the individual's availability and arrangements negotiated between the candidate and the Session. The ideal starting date would be in the fall of 2008, but is negotiable. The Interim Pastor will report to the Session and the Personnel Committee. Salary and benefits will depend on the duties and responsibilities assumed.

Primary Responsibilities:

The Interim Pastor shall have primary responsibility for preaching and worship, and for providing spiritual nourishment and encouragement to congregation and staff. The Interim Pastor will also work with pastoral staff on strengthening lay leadership; helping to reinforce the strengths of the church; guiding us in healing and reconciliation; advising us in the development of alternative worship services; and supporting the work of preparation for a new senior pastor.

Required Characteristics and Qualifications:

The Interim Pastor must have demonstrated exceptional ability and substantial experience in preaching and worship leadership. He or she must: (1) possess excellent communication skills, both oral and written; (2) have prior experience in a multi-staff church; (3) work effectively with volunteers; (4) be able to move into a new situation and adapt quickly; and (5) understand the challenges of a congregation in an interim period.

The Interim Pastor must demonstrate:

- ∞ A mature relationship with Jesus Christ marked by ongoing spiritual growth, moral and emotional strength, and growing obedience in following Jesus Christ in all things;
- ∞ Love of the church of Jesus Christ and commitment to Scripture, Reformed theology, evangelism and mission;
- ∞ Ability to communicate the Gospel and to engage respectfully with those of differing views;
- ∞ Adherence to National Presbyterian Church's Biblical Standards for Christian Leaders (see NPC website).

For Further Information, please contact:

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