



First Baptist Church of East Greenwich's Purpose

The purpose of this church shall be the promotion of the gospel of Christ; that is, to discern and bear witness to God's presence in the world. The Church should be able to know God through Jesus Christ and to be aware of and fulfill each person's highest potential. The Church should encourage its members to discover and share with others a community of faith which enables them to work creatively in the world.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EAST GREENWICH

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Job Description

First Baptist Church, East Greenwich Rhode Island is looking for a part-time senior minister who will lead this faith-based, American Baptist community as it grows in worship, fellowship and community. We are particularly seeking a pastor who will be creative and adaptive as we seek to become who we are next.

Professional Qualifications

- Possess a Master's degree (Master of Divinity preferred) from an accredited seminary or currently be enrolled in a Master's degree program at an accredited seminary.
- Hold an American Baptist ordination or meet the ordination requirements established by American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island.
- Have exceptional written and oral communication skills.
- Have an ability to work well with other professional staff and the laity in planning the worship experience and church programs.
- Possess organizational skills and the ability to prioritize tasks.

Worship

- Conduct worship with sermons that challenge and move the congregation spiritually and are relevant to the communities around us.
- Work closely with the Director of Music and the Board of Deacons in planning and executing the worship program.
- Prepare and lead all special services of the church including but not limited to Christmas Eve, Holy Week, weddings and funerals.
- Lead the congregation through preaching, teaching and example.

Pastoral Care

- Provide pastoral care for members of the congregation who are housebound, hospitalized or in crisis.
- Work with the Board of Deacons to see that a shared visitation program is in place for all housebound congregants.
- In counseling situations, make appropriate referrals to outside agencies/individuals when the level of counseling is outside of the pastor's expertise. Be familiar with counseling resources in the community.
- Work with the Board of Deacons in maintaining regular contact with the congregation.



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Outreach

- Provide training to the congregation in outreach and evangelism.
- Take an active role in welcoming new worshippers and invite them to participate in worship and in the life of the church.
- Participate in local activities including working with other pastors in a spirit of ecumenical sharing of the Gospel.
- Work with others in the congregation in helping to continue the national and international commitment in mission activities.

Fellowship

- Work with the Boards and the Women's Alliance in continuing the many fellowship programs that have long been part of the church.
- Be willing to suggest other creative opportunities for fun and fellowship.
- Promote along with the Board of Trustees the use of our facilities for community groups.
- Work with the Director of Christian Education to provide strong educational programs to the youth and adults in the church.

Administrative

- Work in accordance with the By-Laws and the appropriate boards in supervising and supporting all staff.
- Write a monthly Evangel article.
- Work with the Church Council in developing a Strategic Plan.
- Establish regular office hours.



Contact Us

To apply for this position, please submit a cover letter and current resume to:

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