



Ministry General Information

Ministry Name	Presbytery	Synod
First Presbyterian Church	Scioto Valley	The Covenant
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Mailing Address	Alternate Phone/Email	Community Type
51 State St, Gallipolis, OH 45631-1198		Town
Congregation or Organization Size	Curriculum	Average Worship Attendance
Under 100 members	Deep Blue Rotation Stations	30
Church School Attendance	Statistical Report	
3	https://ogaapps.pcusa.org/api/report/6235	
Intercultural Composition		Released Date
White: 100%		4/7/2025

Information about the Position

Position Requirements

Position Type(s)	Language Requirements
Solo Pastor: Installed	English
Experience Required	Statement of Faith required?
Up to 2 Years	Yes
Specify Title / PT Work Hours (if applicable)	Are you open to a clergy couple?
Head of Staff	Yes
Employment Status	
Full-time	

Ministry Requirements

Church Mission/Vision Statement

Vision Statement

Gallipolis First Presbyterian Church has a long and rich history of commitment to God. We are an open, inclusive and affirming community of faith because we believe everyone belongs in God's family; we are all God's children and in need of His love, mercy, and forgiveness. We exist to love God by the worship and practice of the teachings of Jesus Christ through serving others. We hear the Lord's call to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8). Together we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our mission is to strive and grow in grace and to serve others for the glory of God, our Father.

Mission Statement

Come Together, Grow Together, Serve Together

Tasks, expectations, duties, supervision, assignments, and responsibilities for the position

Our congregation seeks a pastor who will:

- Preach and Teach the Old and New Testament.
- Act as Head of Staff.
- Provide Pastoral Care.
- Moderate Session.
- Lead the Board of Deacons.
- Attend Committee Meetings.
- Administer the Sacraments.
- Officiate Weddings and Funerals.
- Teach Bible Study and New Member Classes.
- Attend and Support Church Functions.
- Make Connections with Pastors from Diverse Congregations.
- Attend Presbytery Meetings.

Compensation & Housing

Minimum Effective Salary

58280

Housing Type

Housing allowance

MDP - Narratives

How would you describe the congregation's/organization's specific vision for ministry? How will this vision impact the community? Is the congregation part of a ministry vision or program?

Gallipolis First Presbyterian Church, located on the in southeastern Ohio on the banks of the Ohio River, is an open and affirming community of faith because we believe everyone belongs in God's family. We exist to love God through worship and to practice the teachings of Jesus Christ by serving others. We hear the Lord's call to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8). Together we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As we hear the Lord's call we reach out to our community by providing food to local food pantries and community dinners, participating in the national Souper Bowl of Caring program, contributing funds to local law enforcement drives for children, providing quarters and supplies at local laundromats, providing shoes to children in need, providing Christmas gifts and food baskets to local children and their families, and making and donating quilts to the women's shelter.

How would you describe the congregation's/organization's specific vision for ministry? How will this vision impact the community? Is the congregation part of a ministry vision or program?

At this time Gallipolis First is not part of a ministry vision or program.

What is the nature and context of the community in which your congregation lives out its mission/vision? How will you address the emerging needs that are impacting your community?

Gallipolis First Presbyterian Church, founded March 15, 1815, is the oldest organized religious society in Gallia County. Our small but committed congregation is housed in a well-maintained building with space in which to grow programs and missions. We currently open our doors to our local garden club, the Boy Scouts, and the Cub Scouts. Since September of 2024 we became home to Honett Music Studios and the Integral Steps Music and Movement program.

Our congregation is forward thinking. We have completed a New Beginnings study and will be participating in the Presbyterian Foundation's Project Regeneration. Fifteen members recently participated in Positively Presbyterian following the the curriculum Being Reformed: Theology for Presbyterians.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley and the resources offered are a quick 90-minute drive from Gallipolis. Our financially stable congregation contributes to the four PCUSA special offerings and pays our per capita monthly.

The population of the Gallia County is 29,276 and the population of Gallipolis city is 3,384. Our communities are a great place for education, medical facilities, cultural events, exhibits, fairs, festivals, and indoor/outdoor recreation. Our members and friends support and/or sit on the boards of our local universities, medical center, performing arts centers, fair boards and recreation centers.

Although Gallia County and Gallipolis have many things to offer, statistics indicate 11.4% of Gallia County families live in poverty. This knowledge drives our congregation to reach out to the unsheltered, the food insecure, the at risk and the disadvantaged through local and global missions. We are inspired by the words of Matthew 25:40-"And the king will answer them 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these members of my family, you did it to me'". Following this inspiration our congregation participates in many outreach programs. See question one for specifics.

How will this call help complement the responsibilities of other staff/volunteer positions, and the life of the congregation/organization, so that you may accomplish your short and long-term goals for ministry?

Our congregation seeks a pastor who will share our vision of being an inclusive family of faith and who will help us communicate our vision to the community around us. We seek a new pastor who will fearlessly lead us from our four walls out into the community to share the message that God loves everyone.

It is our hope that our new pastor will build relationships with our staff and volunteers through communication and collaboration. We are seeking a pastor who will support our staff and members by facilitating new ideas yet treading lightly on cherished traditions; one who will use organizational agility, flexibility, and decision making to guide us further out into our community, one whose interpersonal engagement includes listening with discernment.

Provide a description of the skills, gifts and training the person you hope will become a part of your ministry must have, to lead the congregation towards the vision and mission established.

Our Mission Study Questionnaire provided varied answers to this question. One idea seemed central; a shepherd. Our congregation is seeking a minister who cares about people in an open and honest manner. A shepherd-pastor who would be accessible to his/her congregation is vital, as pastoral care is important to our congregation.

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The questionnaire also revealed our congregation is seeking a pastor who will provide a preaching and teaching ministry, one who preaches, leads worship, and provides a teaching ministry that will lead to the spiritual growth of the membership.

Our congregation is seeking a pastor who has the interpersonal skills, worship leadership, and vision to be engaging before, during, and after Sunday morning worship services.

What areas of ministry do you expect the person called to be responsible for? Share specific tasks, assignments, and programs.

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Optional Links

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