

**Church Leadership Connection**  
The Call System for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Mif #: 08534.AB0**

**Ministry General Information**

<b>Ministry Number</b>	08534
<b>Ministry Name</b>	First Presbyterian Church
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<b>Ministry Size</b>	101 - 250 members
<b>Ethnic Composition</b>	
	White 98%
	Other 2%

<b>Average Worship Attendance</b>	110
<b>Church School Attendance</b>	40
<b>Curriculum</b>	(K-5) Growing in Grace and Gratitude (6-12) Feasting on the Word
<b>Yoked</b>	False
<b>Presbytery</b>	SOUTH DAKOTA PRESBYTERY
<b>Synod</b>	SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES
<b>Community Type</b>	Town
Ten-year trend statistics of this church/organization <a href="#">Show Statistics</a>	

**Information about the position**

<b>Position:</b>	Solo Pastor
<b>Experience Required:</b>	First Ordained Call
<b>Specific Title:</b>	
<b>Employment Status:</b>	Full-time

<b>Language Requirements:</b>	
	English

<b>Other Language:</b>	
<b>Statement of Faith Required:</b>	True
<b>Clergy Couples:</b>	True

<b>Training/Certificate Requirements:</b>	
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<b>Other Training:</b>	
<b>Brief Church Mission Statement:</b>	

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***"Leading people to experience God and become fully devoted to Christ"***

**What is the congregation's or organization's vision for ministry:**

**Our congregation's vision gives us structure and focus and becomes our guiding light for all that we do in Miller. We are striving to exemplify an "Experiencing God Church" – experiencing God's presence not only during worship services but also as we reach beyond the walls to serve Him with grace and gratitude.**

**Teaching and spiritual growth take place inside our church during worship, classes and activities the church hosts such as: Adult Bible study, Sunday School classes, youth groups, and Presbyterian Women groups etc. Fellowship and relationship building take place as we coffee together, enjoy potluck dinners and work together. We encourage community fellowship as we host musical events, ecumenical services and community meals throughout the year. These events build strong relationships with other congregations.**

**Our church finds itself in the schools, (mentoring underprivileged children through Kids Hope), in the hospital (travel bags for families in medical crisis), in homes of the elderly (delivering Meals on Wheels), in farm fields (sowing grain to support programs to educate others around the world about growing their own food), in Belize as a partner in mission projects (building and repairing churches and teaching young children about Jesus), in a food pantry (donating food items & providing workers), in a women's shelter (delivering all types of necessities) and in other churches (collaborating & executing an interdenominational Vacation Bible School.)**

**How do you feel called to reach out to address the emerging needs of your community or constituency:**

**Our church strives to reach outside its walls and connect with those in need. We are also known as the "Community Church," a place in which people feel comfortable when they do not have strong church ties. Non-members feel welcomed when they are able to celebrate life events such as baptisms, weddings and funerals in our sacred halls. Currently our church building converts itself into a school each weekday as our local school recently had an explosion and fire. We welcomed those students with open arms and continue to support them as they manage through their school year.**

**Our church feels the importance of meeting people where they are at in order to help them grow as Children of God. Our church family is stronger when we worship together, and have direct contact with each other. The large span of ages needs to be bridged together in order to respect, revere, and honor our beautiful traditions while at the same time updating our worship service to include more participation from members of the congregation, experiment with musical worship, and find a sense of purpose and closer connection to Jesus as we hear His teachings in sermons that are easy to understand and relevant in our lives.**

**How will this position help you to reach your vision and mission goals:**

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We are excited to think that this position will help us continue to meet our vision and mission goal of reaching more people within the congregation as well as out in the community. A fresh approach in worship might encourage the younger audience to return to Sunday services. We look forward to having a pastor that has novel ideas and enthusiasm and is willing to explore new avenues of worship.

More importantly we seek a pastor who would be a facilitator – making sure that those who hold offices in the church (anything from Elders to Sunday School teachers) get adequate training which can lead to success in reaching all of God’s children. Another job of the facilitator would be to help keep us in the know about opportunities to engage in worship with other Presbyterians - of all ages - from all across the state and region at various events such as retreats, youth camps and Christian concerts to enrich our spiritual lives.

Provide a description of the characteristics needed by the person who is open to being called to this congregation and or organization:

First of all, we are looking for someone who is interested in knowing us – and who is willing to build relationships with members and non-members alike. We want this person to be community-minded, realizing that this is a fundamental characteristic to lend leadership to a successful small town. In addition, we want those relationships to be strong between other denominations so that when we need to lean on each other or worship together, we all will be there to fortify and assist each other’s work.

Secondly, we are looking for someone who appreciates the power of communication and how integral it is not only for making individual people feel valued and needed, but also how vital it is for building a solid church family where everyone is included. Active listening, reaching out and hearing all voices and opinions regardless of age or gender, leads to building solid relationships and keeps us all on the same page.

Finally, we want someone who is dynamic – unafraid of challenging our congregation with new ideas while at the same time giving sermons that help us think critically and relate to today’s world. Additionally, we are looking for someone with strategy and vision to enhance our church and carry it into the future. And like every congregation, we pray for a pastor who is patient, kind, loving, compassionate, inclusive and enthusiastic while simultaneously making decisions to guide the direction of our church.

What specific tasks, assignments, and program areas will this person have responsibility?

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Leading a church brings a variety of tasks and assignments that help to inform, lead and comfort a congregation and even an entire community. Various obligations include:

1. **Weekly Sunday service**
2. **Maintain regular church office hours – is readily available to attend to and answer congregational needs.**
3. **Home visits to the elderly, sick, or grieving congregants and their families offering comfort and support.**
4. **Once a month Sunday services for Assisted Living and Good Samaritan Nursing Home**
5. **Joint Easter services with the Methodist Church (Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday)**
6. **Ecumenical Services – (Palm Sunday Pilgrimage, Good Friday service, Sunday Thanksgiving service, and Unity Week service.)**
7. **Weddings, baptisms, Funerals**
8. **Facilitating training for every office in the church such as Sunday School teacher, elders, deacons, etc.**
9. **Teaching New Member Classes, Bible Study Classes, Confirmation Classes**
10. **Moderating Session meetings**
11. **Family Consulting**
12. **Youth group leadership**

**Optional Links:**

<https://www.millersd.org>  
<https://www.millerpresby.com>  
<https://presbyteryofsd.org>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5llTcmsgHeM>

**Leadership Competencies:**

Compassionate

Preaching and Worship Leadership

Communicator

Advisor

Task Manager

Decision Making

Strategy and Vision

Collaboration

Interpersonal Engagement

Motivator

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<b>Compensation and Housing: <u>Cost of Living Calculator</u></b>
<b>Minimum Effective Salary:</b> \$50,000
<b>Housing Type:</b> Manse

<b>References:</b>				
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<b>Has the Pastor Nominating Committee and Search committee affirmed its intention to follow the Form Of Government in this regard?</b>
Yes
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