

Interim Pastor Position Description

for East Woods Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, WA



East Woods Presbyterian Church (EWPC) (www.eastwoodspres.org) is a friendly, small church serving East Vancouver, WA. Our mission statement is *“Celebrating Jesus by connecting with and caring for all people.”* This mission guides our ministries as we remember that everyone is valued in the kingdom of God.

Located near the Columbia River, we enjoy the natural diversity and a mild climate of the Pacific Northwest. We are Christ-centered in our ministries as we work to serve our church and the greater Vancouver community.

We do this by:

- Sharing our building with Unity Family Church (www.Unityfamilychurch.org) and working together to engage the members of both congregations to serve outside of our church walls.
- Supporting the local chapter of Family Promise of Clark County (www.familypromiseofclarkco.org), a program transforming the lives of families experiencing homelessness.
- Encouraging our members and others with prayer, emotional support, and other biblical essentials through our Deacons and Stephen Ministry.
- Leading others to the agape love of Christ through our Walk to Emmaus community.

We are a congregation who are diverse in age, wealth, and thoughts. We love each other as family.

East Woods Presbyterian Church is seeking a full-time Interim Pastor to facilitate worship, provide pastoral care, moderate Session, and guide the congregation through the transition to a new full-time pastor.

The core functions of the position are:

1. Lead Worship each Sunday.

- Plan and prepare with the Worship Commission to lead an engaging and Christ-focused worship service.
- Conduct these services in person and via live streaming each week at our 10:00 a.m. Sunday service.
- Celebrate communion.
- Lead and participate in special services.

2. Encourage spiritual growth of the congregation through worship, preaching and teaching.

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- 3. Develop and lead new member classes.**
- 4. Plan and moderate Session and congregational meetings.**
- 5. Act as Head of Staff and Moderator of Session.**
 - Represent EWPC's mission statement in guiding church staff and coordinating responsibilities.
 - Moderate at all Session meetings.
 - Oversee preparation of annual and requested reports for Session and Presbytery.
 - Empower, act as a resource for, and provide support for the Deacon and Stephen Ministry programs currently in place.
- 6. Work with commissions to encourage participation and assist in carrying out their assigned tasks so to serve the church and the Kingdom through the member's gifts.**
- 7. Become acquainted with all members and frequent visitors, knowing us by name.**
- 8. Perform the sacraments of communion and baptism and officiate at weddings and funerals as requested.**
- 9. Guide the congregation with the elements of interim ministry.**
 - Review history and current ministries to identify their impact on our mission.
 - Revisit East Woods Presbyterian Church's current vision and identity.
 - Empower leadership of the congregation.
 - Affirm the connectional linkage of a Presbyterian church.
 - Make new commitments to the future and new leadership.

Essential Qualities:

- A person of faith who depends on the Word, on Jesus, and God in his/her life decisions.
- An inspiring preacher who challenges listeners to live out their faith.
- An empathetic listener with a welcoming and energetic presence.
- An experienced administrator and staff supervisor who works well with others.

Compensation:

The Interim Pastor's compensation package is negotiable based upon experience.

To Apply or Seek More Information:

Please contact the Rev. Clark Scalera, Advocate for Congregations and Clergy for the Presbytery of the Cascades at (541) 606-5699; clark@potc.life