



North Central Church of Christ

Lead Minister

North Central Church of Christ — A Great Place to Serve:

Prominently positioned adjacent to the campus of *Indiana University* — directly across from *Memorial Stadium* and *Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall* - the **North Central Church of Christ** stands as a visible witness of faith, hope and love to the 90,000 students, families, workers and visitors who pass by our building every day. Young families and youth are a cornerstone focus for our congregation. Our church family has been worshipping together for over 200 years, and we believe God is still shaping our future in meaningful ways.

Bloomington, Indiana — A Wonderful Place to Live:

Bloomington offers the best of many worlds: the warmth of a small-town community alongside the cultural, educational, and artistic resources of a major university. Indiana University brings NCAA athletics, world-class academics, music, and the arts. The Hoosier National Forest, Lake Monroe, and nearby wilderness areas provide abundant opportunities to enjoy God's creation. Strong schools, affordable housing, and a high quality of life make Bloomington a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Position Overview

The Lead Minister at North Central Church of Christ is first and foremost called to the ministry of the Word. The central responsibility of this role is the faithful, thoughtful, and compelling proclamation of Scripture, particularly through Sunday morning preaching.

The Lead Minister serves alongside the elders and staff to support the spiritual growth of the congregation, but the primary vocational focus of this position is preaching that is biblically grounded, carefully prepared, and pastorally applied.

Our Approach to Preaching and Teaching

At North Central, we value preaching and teaching that:

1. Engages contemporary issues with biblical clarity and wisdom
2. Equips adults to pass faith on to their children and grandchildren
3. Dives deeply into Scripture, modeling careful study and sound theology
4. Builds a hopeful, service-oriented church culture centered on Christ

Our congregation loves to learn and values preaching that challenges the mind, shapes the heart, and strengthens faith for daily life.

Primary Responsibilities

1. Prepare and deliver biblically faithful, Christ-centered sermons each Sunday morning, giving this responsibility the highest priority in weekly planning and preparation.
2. Invest significant time in study, prayer, and reflection to ensure preaching that is both theologically sound and spiritually formative.
3. Partner with the elders to discern, articulate, and advance a clear vision for the church's mission and growth.

Additional Responsibilities

4. Provide biblical instruction through Bible classes, special studies, and other teaching opportunities as needed.
5. Maintain regular office hours at the church building to support study, preparation, and availability to the congregation.
6. Build authentic relationships through presence, visitation, and pastoral care, especially during times of illness or crisis.
7. Support the Associate Minister in his work.
8. Provide counseling, officiate weddings and funerals, and follow up with visitors as needed.
9. Participate in weekly elders' meetings.
10. Provide day-to-day leadership for the church's staff and office operations. This includes leading weekly staff meetings, coordinating ministry activities, and working with the part-time administrative staff to ensure that the church office functions in an organized, hospitable, and effective manner.
11. Collaborate with ministers and pastors from other churches in the community when appropriate.

Desired Qualities

The ideal candidate will:

- Love Jesus deeply and love people genuinely
- Demonstrate Christian character in personal and public life
- Possess a clear calling to the ministry of preaching and teaching
- Communicate Scripture clearly, thoughtfully, and humbly
- Have experience in congregational ministry (preaching/lead minister experience preferred)
- Hold a degree in theology or a related field from a restoration-based accredited institution

What We Are Looking For

We trust that God will lead us to the right person for this ministry. We place a high value on Sunday morning preaching and expect it to be approached with intentional preparation and prayer. We are seeking a minister who feels called to the ministry of the Word and who understands the importance of thoughtful, biblically grounded preaching.

In addition to preaching, the Lead Minister will value teaching in smaller settings and building relationships through pastoral presence and visitation, recognizing that these aspects of ministry work together to faithfully shepherd the congregation.