**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**2023 SUMMER INTERNSHIP**

**Job Description**

**Dates:** June 1 – August 6, 2023

**Principal Functions**

Support the ongoing Gospel ministry to youth at First Presbyterian Church by building relationships with youth, modeling a Christ like lifestyle and attitude for youth, assisting and leading ministry events that reinforce FPC priorities, and becoming actively involved in the life of First Presbyterian Church.

**Job Summary**

This position exists for the mutual benefit of First Presbyterian Church and the intern. FPC receives individuals who can offer their own set of skills, knowledge, interests, and passions to support and enhance the Gospel ministry of FPC while being willing to be challenged to grow beyond their own personal “skill set”. In turn, interns receive the opportunity to learn and practice ministry in a supportive and practical setting.

**Responsibilities**

*Major Ministry Event Responsibilities (assigned by the FPC youth department)*

1. Attend either Horizon (high school conference) or Quest (middle school conference).
2. Participate in InCity mission with middle school students and other mission trips as assigned.
3. Plan and implement weekly youth programs, hangouts, Bible studies, etc.
4. Plan and coordinate Youth and Family events throughout the summer as directed.

*Fellowship Responsibilities*

1. Actively and intentionally build relationships with students, both one-on-one and in groups.

*Discipleship Responsibilities*

1. Provide bible study leadership for high school and/or middle school students. Exact opportunities depend on the FPC Youth summer schedule.

*Additional Responsibilities*

1. Actively participate in the life of First Presbyterian Church.
2. Develop and nurture relationships with FPC Youth.
3. Work effectively with FPC ministerial and support staff.
4. Ask questions, seek leadership, take risks, learn.
5. Other duties and ministry participation as assigned or desired.

**Compensation**

1. **$3000** stipend for the dates of employment.
2. The church will help locate housing for the intern (FPC will not be financially responsible for intern's housing). Typically interns live with host families who are members of First Presbyterian Church.
3. Reimbursement (with Youth Director’s approval and guidance) for expenses incurred in execution of the ministry responsibilities.

**Qualifications**

1. A confessor of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior committed to the Church as the Body of Christ.
2. A respect and appreciation for the Reformed faith and its teachings (as expressed in the ultimate standard of God’s Word and our confessional substandard, the Westminster Confession of Faith).
3. A lifestyle that reflects a commitment to Christ and one that can be modeled for youth.
4. A desire to work with and learn from youth and their families.
5. Ability to work and serve well with a team.
6. Ability to manage time, complete assignments, and initiate new ideas and tasks.
7. Preferably an individual who senses a call to ministry and desires a place to follow and process that calling.

Clear expectations are given to each intern. Each work week will consist of approximately 50 hrs with one full day off, Saturday. A week will usually include late nights, early mornings, and weekend ministry.

If you would like to learn more about First Presbyterian Church you can visit our website: [www.firstprescolumbia.org](http://www.firstprescolumbia.org) . For more on the youth ministry, feel free to contact our youth director, Matt McFarling (information below).

If you are interested in being a candidate for the intern position, contact Matt McFarling as soon as possible and complete your application (beginning on the next page) **by April 31, 2022 (sooner would be most helpful!)**. After your application is reviewed by the Youth Ministry department and the Christian Education Growth and Nurture Committee, you will be contacted. Please **email** your application to:

Matt McFarling

*Director of Youth Ministry*

First Presbyterian Church

1324 Marion Street

Columbia, SC 29201

Office: 803-799-9062 ext. 301

Cell: 919-455-8648

[mmcfarling@firstprescolumbia.org](mailto:%20mmcfarling@firstprescolumbia.org)

**First Presbyterian Church**

Columbia, SC

2021 Summer Youth Internship

Please type or print in black ink the information below. Use additional paper for sections II - VI.

1. **Personal Information:**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_\_   
  
DOB:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AGE:\_\_\_\_\_\_Yr. in College\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Address

City \_\_\_ State Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address

City \_\_\_ State Zip \_\_\_\_Phone \_\_

**Education**  
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**Employment Experience** (please list most recent employer first)  
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**Ministry Experience** (please list the most recent ministry first)

Church/Ministry/Director:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Church Background**  
Home Church:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Senior Pastor:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Church Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_City:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Church you attend while in school:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Senior Pastor:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Church Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_City:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **More personal info:**
2. Activities (extra-curricular, campus, sports, honors, governmental, interests, hobbies, etc...)
3. Family (current situation, your relationship with them, how they have influenced you)
4. Who are some of your favorite Christian Authors/books (other than the Bible!)?
5. What do you think about when you’re not thinking?
6. **Ministry**
7. Describe any ministry experience/skills you possess with middle/high school students.
8. Give two examples of your weaknesses.
9. What do you prefer least/most in Youth Ministry?
10. If you could share three ideas with a student, what would they be and why?
11. How would you share the gospel with a student?
12. Why would an internship at First Presbyterian Church be beneficial to you?

1. What do you hope to be doing in five years, ten years? Where? Why?

1. **Faith**
2. Explain your view of the Bible.

1. Define the gospel.

1. What is the role of each Person in the Trinity?

1. Share your view of the Reformed faith, and how you see its relevance to Youth Ministry?

1. **Testimony and profession of faith**
   1. Describe how you became a Christian, how that is affecting your life, where you are now in your walk with the Lord, and what you believe.
   2. Please provide 5 adjective to describe you and explain why they apply.
   3. If your best friend were to tell us your most annoying habit, what would it be?
2. **References**Please ask the following people to give you a reference:

* **Pastor**
* **CURRENT campus minister or leader in which you’re active**
* **fellow student/friend**
* **professor**

Have them e-mail the reference letter to Matt McFarling at [mmcfarling@firstprescolumbia.org](mailto:mmcfarling@firstprescolumbia.org) along with their contact information.