

**Plymouth Presbyterian Church**  
2615 Sykes Road, Saint Helens, Oregon 97051

Plymouth Church is seeking a part-time Stated Supply Pastor as outlined in the attached job description. To give interested candidates additional information about Plymouth Church, we offer this summary and a few pictures!



Plymouth Church's history dates back to 1847 when the original church was built on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River in St. Helens, Oregon. The current church building was dedicated in September of 1962. Plymouth then became a Presbyterian Church in 1964. The church bell, cast in 1915, was saved and later installed on Sykes Road in the Elmer Lloyd Bell Court. Throughout its history, Plymouth Church has had an active mission to serve not only its members but also the surrounding community.



Plymouth Church is a fellowship of Christians seeking to grow spiritually and be a family of faith. We welcome a variety of views, value independent thinking, and are called to reach out and serve each other, our communities, and God's world.



The church is adjacent to residential neighborhoods, a senior care center, and a small shopping center, which are all located in the City of St. Helens, which has a population of 14,095 as of 2021. Plymouth has a membership of about 60 people plus over 25 family members and friends of the church. There are 30-40 people who worship regularly at Plymouth.



The campus of Plymouth consists of two main buildings on a large and level lot. The Sanctuary holds up to 106 people in the main pews and 24 people in the choir pews. There is a comfort room off the foyer that is also a lending library. On the other side of the foyer is the Fellowship Hall, which has a capacity of 97 people.



Hutchinson Hall is located behind the main building, and the two buildings are connected by a covered breeze way and concrete sidewalk. The Pastor's Study and the Church Office are located just inside Hutchinson Hall off the breezeway. There are several other separate rooms in Hutchinson Hall that are used for meetings or classrooms. The John and Ruth Phillips Alcove and stained-glass window pictured here were dedicated in 1985.



Plymouth is a small but stable congregation of members who are faithful in their giving. In addition to regular offerings, the congregation gives generously to local and global mission projects in addition to the four PC(USA) Special Offerings. The approved 2023 budget for Plymouth consists of \$63,555 in projected regular income and \$61,938 in projected total expenses, resulting in a projected budget surplus of \$1,617 for the year. The governing body of Plymouth is the Church Session, which consists of Ruling Elders who are Chairs of the following Commissions: Administration/Personnel, Buildings/Grounds, Finance/ Stewardship, Membership/Outreach, Mission/Peacemaking, and Music/Worship/Nurture. In addition, there is a Board of Deacons, a Clerk of Session, and a Vice Clerk of Session.

For more than a century, God has guided the members of Plymouth Church and empowered them with the Holy Spirit. There is good reason to believe that God will utilize Plymouth in the future as well. With the grace of God, guidance of the Holy Spirit, and leadership of a new Stated Supply Pastor, Plymouth will continue to do amazing things going forward!

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Website: <https://plychurch.org/>

### **Part-Time Stated Supply Pastor**

#### **Description**

This is a part-time position of approximately 15 hours per week. It is anticipated that our Stated Supply Pastor (Pastor) would preach on Sundays in addition to Christmas Eve, during Holy Week, and at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. The Pastor would be accountable to the Session and to the Presbytery. Church leadership would be shared between the Pastor and the Church Session.

#### **Responsibilities**

Pastoral expectations include worship planning, preaching, administering the sacraments, developing a weekly worship bulletin, coordinating with the Church Administrator, and writing a monthly Pastor's message for the newsletter. The Pastor would moderate the monthly Session Meetings which are held via Zoom. Pastoral care would be shared by the Pastor, the Deacons, and the Parish Associate. Providing educational opportunities for congregants, such as an online book or Bible study, would be desirable as time permits. The pastor may be asked to officiate at a memorial or funeral service or at a wedding, with compensation for these services provided by honorariums and fees accordance with adopted guidelines. Participation in the ecumenical clergy group in St. Helens is encouraged.

#### **Qualifications**

An ordained minister or commissioned ruling elder in the PC(USA) or in a denomination in full covenant relationship with the PC(USA), such as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Reformed Church in America, and United Church of Christ. The Pastor should exhibit a commitment to meaningful and relevant worship services with a strong focus on preaching. Excellent organizational, administrative, and communication skills are desired. The Pastor should also have the ability to warmly relate to others.

#### **Compensation**

- ✓ Salary of \$21,049 per year
- ✓ \$1,500 for Continuing Education
- ✓ \$2,500 for Professional Expenses
- ✓ 4 weeks of vacation
- ✓ 2 weeks of continuing education
- ✓ 3 months of sabbatical after 6 years of service

#### **Duration of Position**

The pastoral covenant would be for a 12-month period with annual renewals. The position is available as of July 1, 2023. It is hoped that the Pastor would be with Plymouth for a period of three or more years.

#### **Contact Information**

Interested candidates are encouraged to contact our Pastor Nominating Committee co-chairs.

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