

What Are We Looking For In A Pastor?

We at Colonial Village Presbyterian Church consider ourselves to be a conservative congregation and we would like a pastor who also reflects that theology.

We would expect him/her

- To have a strong relationship with Jesus Christ and to reflect that relationship in their life and work.
- To believe that the Bible is the only infallible rule of faith and practice. The Holy Spirit spoke through its authors, and witnesses to us today, that it is indeed and in truth the very Word of God, God's gift to the world and a guide for His people.
- To believe that Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by faith in Him. He is the only Head of the Church, our Lord and Savior.
- To believe that the Church is called to make disciples of all nations, proclaiming the Gospel to the spiritually lost and equipping believers so that they may be presented mature in Christ. It is the role of the Church and its leaders to develop, equip, and release people into their God-given ministries in the Church and the world.

It would be expected that our pastor be an example of the ethical life that we are called to live in Jesus Christ. He/she should believe that marriage is a covenant only between one man and one woman and reject the world's standards of sexual behavior now considered by many to be the norm.

Within the congregation we expect the pastor to work with the various committees of the session and give guidance where needed. We desire that a strong relationship be developed with all church staff. We are looking for an individual who works well with people of all ages and backgrounds.

Our Pastor should be an effective communicator of the written and spoken word. He/she would be expected to plan and lead weekly worship along with the assistance of our current worship music leaders and provide sound biblical preaching.

Hospital calls and home communions are a very important aspect of our church life and should be done on an as needed basis. The ability to find ways to interact with the members of the congregation is also an important attribute.

He/she should also feel comfortable reaching out to the community and working alongside the men and women of the church in evangelism. A current example of such efforts would be helping to expand our relationship and work with Niagara Gospel Mission, located in Niagara Falls, NY.

We desire that our next pastor would encourage and equip the congregation to use their God given gifts for ministry both in the church and in the community. We want to walk together with our pastor as we reach out into our community and do the work that Jesus is calling us to do.

We believe that our pastor should be involved in the work of the Presbytery of the Alleghenies, especially with the EPC churches in the Western New York area. This would include being a part of the Western New York Ministry Network made up of other EPC pastors in our area.

To apply, email resume to: colonialvillagechurch@gmail.com