



### Ministry General Information

Ministry Name First Presbyterian Church	Presbytery Coastlands	Synod The Northeast
Email office@cranburypres.org	Preferred Phone 609-395-0897	Website Address www.cranburypres.org
Mailing Address 22 S Main St, Cranbury, NJ 08512-3112	Alternate Phone/Email	Community Type Village
Congregation or Organization Size 401-650 members	Curriculum Will advise	Average Worship Attendance 100
Church School Attendance 10	Statistical Report <a href="https://ogaapps.pcusa.org/api/report/4769">https://ogaapps.pcusa.org/api/report/4769</a>	
Intercultural Composition White: 90%, Multiracial: 2%, Black/African American/African: 2%, Hispanic/Latinx: 2%, Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian: 2%, Middle Eastern/North African: 2%		Released Date 10/12/2025

### Information about the Position

Position Requirements	
Position Type(s) Transitional/Interim Position	Language Requirements English
Experience Required 5 to 10 Years	Statement of Faith required? Yes
Specify Title / PT Work Hours (if applicable) Pastor	Are you open to a clergy couple? Yes
Employment Status Full-time	
Training/Certificate Requirements Interim Ministry Training	

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Church Mission/Vision Statement <i>We are a family of faith that shares the spirit of God in Christ.</i>
<i>We are called to worship the Lord joyfully,</i>

*to serve with gladness,*

*to comfort one another and*

*provide fellowship as caring neighbors and friends*

*Who celebrate the grace of God.*

Tasks, expectations, duties, supervision, assignments, and responsibilities for the position

Serving as the spiritual leader and teacher of the church.

Lead Sunday and other scheduled worship services including the administration of the sacraments.

Prepare and preach biblically based sermons.

Provide pastoral care for church members.

Assist and guide middle and high school age youth group leaders as needed.

Build and strengthen the church family through membership, fellowship opportunities, prayer groups, bible studies and counseling.

Function as Head of Staff and maintain accountability for each staff member's area of responsibility.

Moderate Session and congregational meetings.

Officiate at weddings and funerals.

Oversee the functioning of all church committees and mission outreach.

Represent the church in denominational, ecumenical and community life.

Review the congregation's needs and its ways of organizing; develop new and effective leadership.

### Compensation & Housing

Minimum Effective Salary

85000

Housing Type

Open to either

### MDP - Narratives

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#### Family and Faith

1. We value providing a continuum of fellowship, education and discipleship opportunities for family and youth.
  - o *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. Colossians 3:16*

#### Christian Fellowship and Belonging

1. We value time spent together building relationships outside of worship.
  - o *Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together. Hebrews 10:23-25a*

#### Interactive Worship

1. We value interactive worship experiences that allow our members to grow in our faith together through participation and sharing of our gifts.
  - o *God is spirit and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. John 4: 24*

#### Serving God Through Music

1. Music is one way we faithfully and joyfully worship and praise God.
  - o *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Psalm 100:1-2*

#### Community Building

1. We value developing authentic relationships within the congregation that permit bridge building across generations and phases of life that create appreciation of life experiences and different points of view.

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- o *If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 1 Corinthians 12: 26-27*

Sharing the Spirit of God through Service to Others

1. We value exemplifying the Word through outreach to the community.

- o *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19*

What is the nature and context of the community in which your congregation lives out its mission/vision? How will you address the emerging needs that are impacting your community?

The First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury is a historic and welcoming congregation in central New Jersey, just seven miles from Princeton and an hour from both New York City and Philadelphia. With roots dating back to 1734, we are deeply connected to a village community first settled in 1698.

Each Sunday, around 100 people worship with us in person or online. A significant number of our members have been church members for over 50 years. The church also has a youth initiative welcoming families from the surrounding area with vibrant educational programs. Our engaging worship service takes place in our beautiful and historic sanctuary which features music with an organist/choirmaster, adult choir, youth choirs, bells, and brass. We also offer youth and family programs that continue to grow. The congregation has just completed a successful capital campaign.

Our church is active in mission work through initiatives like Skeet's Food Pantry, Helene's Closet, Refugee Welcome Ministry, Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School, and Cranbury 252, which explores our church's connection to local African American history.

Our 2020 Mission Study can be downloaded on our website at <https://cranburypres.org/mission-report/>

How will this call help complement the responsibilities of other staff/volunteer positions, and the life of the congregation/organization, so that you may accomplish your short and long-term goals for ministry?

We are looking for a full time Interim Pastor who can lead the congregation in worship, provide members with pastoral care, provide administrative and leadership support for the congregation, Session and interface with Presbytery as needed.

Session has agreed to retain Holy Cow!, a consulting firm, to help our congregation update our latest Mission Study, last completed in 2020. An important responsibility is to provide guidance to the Mission Study Team and to aid Session and the congregation with any initiatives that may result from this effort.

Your role is to provide continuity of leadership as the church transitions to a new pastor. As such, your role is to prepare the congregation for the new pastor. Of critical importance is maintaining a healthy congregational life, supported by a strong lay

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leadership, administrative and staffing structure.

Provide a description of the skills, gifts and training the person you hope will become a part of your ministry must have, to lead the congregation towards the vision and mission established.

Relationship building and collaborative mindset.

Worship life leadership and inspiring sermons.

Training and organization assessment.

Leadership development.

Comfortable with technology including electronic meetings and worship services.

Education: An ordained PC(USA) Teaching Elder or equivalent credential. Interim Pastor training is preferred.

What areas of ministry do you expect the person called to be responsible for? Share specific tasks, assignments, and programs.

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### Optional Links

FPC Cranbury Mission Study - 2020 Mission Study - <https://cranburypres.org/mission-report/>

FPC Cranbury Website - Home Page - <https://cranburypres.org/>

Cranbury Twp - Home Page for Cranbury - <https://www.cranburytownship.org/>

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