**Westminster Presbyterian Church (ARP) Pastoral Ministry Internship**

**Focus:** The pastoral ministry internship at WPC is to equip and nurture men for Christ's church by providing hands-on pastoral training and discipleship. Through this internship, participants will gain practical experience, spiritual growth, and feedback aiming to aid in their preparation to serve faithfully in pastoral ministry.

**Report to:** Session and Stated Supply

**Requirements for consideration:**

1. Membership in good standing in a Reformed and Evangelical Church, with a (potential) willingness to come under care of First Presbytery of the ARP;

2. Agreement with the standards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church;

3. Sense of call to pastoral ministry (church, college [RUF, etc.], chaplaincy, Christian education or missions), and in the process of coming under care or already under care of a Session approved presbytery (preferably First Presbytery of the ARPC);

4. Attendance/Acceptance at seminary;

5. Approval of the Session;

6. Male;

7. Subject to a background check.

**Term:** 1 year term that can be renewed, if mutually desired, to extend throughout the duration of seminary study.

**Proposed Hours/Compensation/Benefits (Negotiable):**

1. 10-15 hours per week, depending upon the ability and the schedule of the intern (including study and sermon/teaching preparation time)

2. Compensation begins at $ _6,000__ and is reviewed annually.

3. 6 weeks of time off, fulfillment of seminary practical ministry requirements, presbytery and Synod expenses if a student is under care.

4. Mentoring/Discipleship provided by the Stated Supply and session. Weekly or Bi-weekly meetings with a Stated Supply and monthly with the session.

5. Assistance in your housing search if needed.

6. Additional $1,000 for travel costs if the intern lives more than 30 miles from Albemarle.

**General Requirements:**

1. Attend: regular Session meetings (at least 8 per year), Presbytery (at least 2 per year unless providentially hindered) & Synod meetings (Expenses for Presbytery and Synod are covered by WPC), and men's bible study (at least 6 per year).

2. Meet weekly with the Pastor to work through various readings and discussions about pastoral ministry; worship leadership; preaching feedback; and for prayer.

**Preaching Requirements:**

1. Preach up to 8 times (potentially more) at WPC throughout the year (This will be discussed by the intern and Stated Supply. The intern will continue with the current sermon series, with preparation and discussion help beforehand from the pastor, and with review and discussion/feedback from the pastor and elders.)

2. Intern is allowed to preach away up to four times as other opportunities arise, with Sessional approval.

**Teaching Requirements:**

Teach in some regular capacity to include:

1. Sunday School (teach in rotation in the Adult Sunday school class)

2. Potential rotation in the men's bible study.

**Worship:**

Assisting the Stated Supply in pastoral and liturgical work.

1. Examples of activities: preach, learn and assist in leading worship, etc.

2. Pastoral care: learn pastoral visitation and counseling.

**Applications:**

Interested applicants should submit their inquiries and résumé to Bradley Claxton, WPC Clerk of Session, via email at claxtonb2@gmail.com.

**WPC Mission and Ministry**

Westminster Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church's mission and ministry is instructed by five guiding principles.

**The Word of God:**

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

**The Worship of God:**

"Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

Hebrews 12:28-29

**The Way of Christ:**

"By this, we know that we have come to know him (Christ), if we keep his commandments…Whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this, we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked."

1 John 2:3,5-6

**The Work of Christ:**

"We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10

**The Witness to Christ:**

"Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you, to the end of the age.'"

Matthew 28:18-20

The above five principles are incorporated into our weekly worship service which contains the following key elements:

1. Call to Worship
2. Congregational Hymn
3. Invocation and The Lord's Prayer
4. Hymn of Response #735 Gloria Patri
5. Call to Faith and Repentance
6. Silent and Corporate Confession of Sin
7. Assurance of Pardoning Grace
8. Confession of Faith
9. Prayer for Illumination
10. Scripture Reading
11. Pastoral Prayer
12. Sermon
13. Hymn of Response
14. Prayer of Thanksgiving
15. Collection of Tithes and Offerings
16. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
17. Benediction and Closing Response

**Two examples of our order of worship are below:**

**Example 1**

***Call to Worship** Psalm 135:1-2, 13-14

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord; give praise, O servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God!

Your name, O Lord, endures forever; your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages. For the Lord will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants.

***Hymn** #453 All Authority and Power

***Invocation and The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn** #735 Gloria Patri

**Call to Faith and Repentance** 1 John 2:16-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world - the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions - is not from the Father, but is from the world.

**Silent and Corporate Confession of Sin**

Holy God, you have given us many good things. We thank you for all of them, but we confess that sometimes we love those things more than we love you, and we are more interested in having more things than more of you. Forgive us for not being truly thankful and content. Forgive our selfishness. Help us to love you more than anything else. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardoning Grace** 1 Peter 2:24

He (Christ) himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

***Confession of Faith** The Nicene Creed p. 846

***Hymn** #551 (Psalm 32) How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

**Prayer for Illumination**

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Make us hungry for your Word, that it may nourish us in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 1:10-18

**Epistle Reading** 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

**Gospel Reading** Luke 19:1-10

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be unto God.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon** Luke 19:1-10

"Good News for Bad People" Rev. Petersen

***Hymn** #473 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Collection of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn** #731 Doxology

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

***Benediction**

***Closing Response** Our God Is Mighty, Worthy of All Praising

Declare his glory among the nations; through all creation his triumph sing, till all earth's peoples bow in adoration and Jesus Christ be everlasting King.

*If you are able, please stand.

**Example 2**

***Call to Worship** Psalm 118:1,14,24,28

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

***Hymn** #251 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

***Invocation and The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Hymn** #735 Gloria Patri

**Call to Faith and Repentance** Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**Silent and Corporate Confession of Sin**

Forgive our faithlessness, O faithful God! Forgive our apathy, our thoughtlessness, our self-centeredness, our wrong choices. Restore us to the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardoning Grace** 2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake (God) made (Christ) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

***Confession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall

from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 37:1-9 p. 797

**Prayer for Illumination**

Lord God, make your Word a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, so that we may faithfully follow Jesus. Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

**Epistle Reading** 2 Timothy 1:1-14

**Gospel Reading** Luke 17:5-10

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be unto God.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon** Luke 17:5-10

“Faith and Duty” Rev. Giddens

***Hymn** #528 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Collection of Tithes and Offerings**

***Hymn** #731 Doxology

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

***Benediction**

***Closing Response** Have Thine Own Way, Lord1 (vs. 4)

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o’er my being absolute sway! Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

*If you are able, please stand.