



## **Interim Youth Director**

### **The Church**

Morningside Presbyterian Church (MPC) is a 440-member church in the heart of the Morningside neighborhood in Atlanta, GA with a thriving youth ministry supporting 50+ youth. The church is a welcoming congregation with deep roots in the Presbyterian tradition, active involvement and mission in our local community and beyond, and a wide embrace for all of God's children.

Morningside Presbyterian's tagline is "Journey Together," and we believe that our commitment to worship, grow, serve, and be together captures the focus of our ministries. Our commitment to loving acceptance of all — along with intelligent and inspiring preaching, our outstanding music program, and our special attention to children and youth— are elements that have made MPC a thriving and growing congregation.

### **The Youth Ministry**

Morningside aspires to provide a dynamic educational and community experience for its youth. The youth group has grown in recent years from a small group into a regular, thriving Sunday night fellowship of 20+ teens. Youth gatherings include a shared meal, prayer, learning, and play to build relationships with Christ and one another. Special outings like mystery nights, an annual Christmas party, and the youth dessert auction have built community.

Confirmation is offered as a semester-long course every other year, offering a deep dive into faith questions before confirmands join the church. Adult confirmation mentors serve to build deeper relationships within the congregation as a whole.

Youth are encouraged to be involved in all ministries of the church, including worship, fellowship, and mission. Youth serve as lay readers in worship and lead an annual Youth Sunday worship service. They participate in mission projects at our mission partners and volunteer within the church at VBS, the Easter Egg Hunt, Shrove Tuesday Pancakes, and more. A youth is elected annually as an elder for a one-year term.

### **The Role**

This position will serve to support our youth in a time of transition—in their own lives and in the life of the church. Our overall goal is to partner with youth and their families so that youth can follow Christ as they grow and mature. Our youth ministry focuses on the needs of pre-teens and teens from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **Youth Director Responsibilities**

- Prepare and lead Sunday night youth group lesson and activities for youth gatherings 2-3x/month
- Communicate with youth and their parents about upcoming youth group gatherings and special events, including weekly emails
- Coordinate with dinner volunteers, youth advisors, parents, and church staff for program logistics

- Provide pastoral care and support for youth and their families, including intentional outreach to youth outside of Sunday mornings
- Prepare lessons and/or teach youth Sunday School class (fall 2026)

#### **Additional Opportunities (negotiable)**

- Support Club 46 events, a program that transitions children to the youth program, in partnership with the Associate Pastor for Engagement & Family Ministries
- Plan and organize middle and high school mystery nights each semester
- Lead mission camp for older children as part of Vacation Bible School

#### **The Candidate**

The ideal candidate exhibits strong personal faith and easily engages with both teenagers and their parents. He/she is able to relate to the growing demands on today's families. The individual will bring energy to Christian education and has a desire to see the youth grow in their faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ, welcoming questions with authenticity. The candidate's training is theologically rooted in the Presbyterian/Reformed faith tradition.

This person is able to work well with volunteers, staff and people across the congregation. Strong communication skills (includes ability to connect across digital channels, and in one-on-one and group settings) are also important. Experience working in youth ministry program or other related educational setting is preferred.

#### **Education/Credentials**

Bachelor's Degree (required)

Masters of Divinity or pursuing theological education (preferred)

Proficient in Microsoft Office, social media, and online technology.

Must complete a standard background check and comply with Child Protection Policy.

#### **Time and Remuneration**

This position is 10-12 hours per week and includes:

- On-site time on Sunday evenings from 5-8:30pm (3.5 hours)
- Preparation and communications for weekly programming (3.5 hours, on-site or remote)
- Regular in-person meetings with Senior Pastor, attending staff meetings as able
- Frequent monitoring of email

The position pays \$30/hour.

#### **Oversight:**

This position reports to the Senior Pastor/Head of Staff and works closely with both pastors. Budget and program oversight is supported by the adult elder for youth on the Session.

#### **For Questions and To Apply:**

Send a cover letter, resume, and 3 references to Senior Pastor, Rev. Katie Owen Aumann:  
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