



Ministry General Information

Ministry Name	Presbytery	Synod
Hyde Park Presbyterian Church	Tampa Bay	South Atlantic
Email	Preferred Phone	Website Address
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Mailing Address	Alternate Phone/Email	Community Type
1309 Swann Ave, Tampa, FL 33606-2530		Urban
Congregation or Organization Size	Curriculum	Average Worship Attendance
Under 100 members	Varied	40
Church School Attendance	Statistical Report	
20	https://ogaapps.pcusa.org/api/report/20217	
Intercultural Composition		Released Date
White: 90%, Hispanic/Latinx: 7%, Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian: 3%		3/4/2026

Information about the Position

Position Requirements

Position Type(s)	Language Requirements
Solo Pastor: Installed	English
Experience Required	Statement of Faith required?
2 to 5 Years	Yes
Employment Status	Are you open to a clergy couple?
Full-time	Yes

Ministry Requirements

Church Mission/Vision Statement

Our mission is to be the Light and Love of Christ in action for the community ... through worship, fellowship, service and learning

Tasks, expectations, salary range, duties, supervision, assignments, and responsibilities for the position.

- **Facilitate vision:** Nurture ongoing shift from inward focus to a servant-oriented, outward focus.
- **Preach & teach biblically:** Equip the congregation through relevant, inspiring sermons and robust Christian education for all ages, focusing on spiritual growth, a Christ-centered vision, and meaningful service.
- **Foster community & relationships:** Lead outward focus on building community bonds, including: welcoming and following up with newcomers, reaching out to young families/nearby universities/the wider community, and expanding partnerships with

community service and outreach programs. Champion small groups and fellowship opportunities that deepen individual relationships with Jesus and others.

- **Provide pastoral care:** Offer compassionate counseling, visitations and support in times of need; promote a culture of caring for all.
- **Maintain transparency & sound administration:** Facilitate and delegate administrative tasks, and foster transparency and trust. This includes overseeing staff, empowering volunteers, encouraging open communication, modeling fiscal responsibility and optimizing church facilities—in collaboration with Session-led committees.
- **Moderate Session:** Moderate Session, communicate regularly with the congregation about the Session's work, and ensure continuity in leadership of ministry teams.

Compensation & Housing

Minimum Effective Salary
70000

Housing Type
Open to Either

MDP - Narratives

How would you describe the congregation's/organization's specific vision for ministry? How will this vision impact the community? Is the congregation part of a ministry vision or program?

- HPPC's mission is to be the Light and Love of Christ in action for our community through worship, fellowship, service, and learning.
- HPPC's vision is to move beyond "come and see" to "go and do"—becoming an outwardly focused, mission-based church that meaningfully serves the surrounding area and nurtures people to a deeper relationship with Christ.
- HPPC wants to develop a strategy for building two-way connections with people who frequently visit the church building (volunteering, school, Sunday visitors, digital audience, etc.) so that they meet Jesus and become active participants in worship and other church activities, embracing a rich, Christian life.
- We then want to widen engagement by inviting other people to connect with the church and its activities, including those who attend the neighborhood schools.
- We value being a close-knit, multigenerational family while welcoming newcomers and sharing our legacy of deep faith and caring relationships.
- Facing challenges of sustainability, size, and resources, we are committed to finding additional ways to become healthy, stable, valuable, and relevant to the community.

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- HPPC is rooted in the historic, walkable Hyde Park neighborhood—an eclectic mix of long-time residents, young professionals, families, seniors, & students.
- The area is vibrant & affluent, shaped by Tampa's ongoing growth, the demands of modern life, & declining interest in religious affiliation. But many in our community seek meaning, belonging, & authentic connection.
- We view the entire Tampa area as our community.

Addressing emerging needs

- We continue to repurpose our building & outdoor spaces to serve community groups, neighborhood partners, & local events—expanding our visible presence & hospitality.
- We host an established program serving hungry school children and want to reconnect with other community service organizations to address tangible needs like loneliness, food insecurity, homelessness, & caregiving.
- HPPC was a founding member of many successful local ministries:
 - Metropolitan Ministries, which now serves ~90,000 households/year, 30,000+ meals daily, & provides shelter
 - South Tampa Ecumenical Ministries (STEM)—a local churches collaboration to serve those in need—and Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center
 - The End 68 Hours of Hunger—Tampa student feeding program was launched at HPPC, where the main pantry remains
 - We have historically had relationships with The Spring of Tampa Bay women's shelter & Beth-El Farmworker Ministry
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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?

- **Empowering lay leaders:** The call supports our members, committed volunteers, Session, and small staff, encouraging shared leadership and unleashing everyone's gifts in worship, education, outreach, and care.
- **Providing vision and direction:** Our fearless leader helps us enhance clarity, purpose, and spiritual depth.
- **Strengthening worship:** The pastor collaborates with staff, musicians, and committees, to elevate creative worship, robust fellowship, and innovative programs that meet emerging community needs.
- **Being a catalyst and companion in worship, fellowship, and learning:** The pastoral role grounds us in faith and actively supports every member—moving our culture from maintenance to mission and ministry, and enabling purposeful renewal for the congregation as a whole. In turn, the congregation will embrace the pastor and their family as an integral part of our church family.

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.

Above all, we seek someone energized by faith, innovation, and partnership, ready to help us live out our vision as Christ's light and love in Hyde Park and beyond. This includes:

- **Strong communication:** Gifted in preaching, teaching, and active listening—able to convey biblical truth and share stories that reach people where they are.
- **Pastoral care:** Compassionate listener and shepherd, offering encouragement, spiritual guidance, and support/counsel for all life stages.
- **Community engagement:** Passion for building relationships beyond church walls, planting roots in the Tampa area through involvement in local organizations (such as community service or social clubs), and growing relationships with local faith leaders.
- **Experience and training:**
 - Previous experience in congregational leadership (especially multigenerational, church planting, or revitalization contexts preferred)
 - Willing to adhere to Presbyterian polity and tradition
 - Ordained or eligible for ordination in PCUSA
 - Master's degree or higher in divinity, theology, or related 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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- Plan, lead, and preach in regular and special services
- Guide sacramental life (communion, baptism)
- Hold deep belief in the power of prayer and addressing congregational concerns/needs through prayer in worship

Spiritual formation:

- Inspire deeper relationships between individuals and Christ
- Support Bible studies, small groups, and classes
- Re-establish and facilitate communion and confirmation classes

Congregational shepherding:

- Offer counseling, prayer, visitation, and crisis support to members and neighbors
- Nurture visitors and new members
- Perform wedding and funeral services

Community & mission engagement:

- Build partnerships with local organizations and service groups
- Oversee use of church facilities by outside groups; champion community-focused programs and participate in hands-on service projects
- Help transition our church into a relevant, welcoming hub for surrounding areas

Leadership & administration:

- Collaborate with Session, staff, and volunteers for strategic planning
- Supervise and support staff
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Optional Links

Gorrie Elementary School - Our church is just a few blocks from Gorrie Elementary School, a highly rated public school. - <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/o/gorrie>

Neighborhood - We are located in the historic Hyde Park neighborhood and a block away from Hyde Park Village's vibrant dining and shopping area. - <https://hydeparkvillage.com/>

Hyde Park Presbyterian website - Learn more about HPPC on our website. - <https://hydeparkpres.com/>

Cedarkirk - Our church helped found Cedarkirk and has a long-standing, active relationship with the camp. - <https://cedarkirk.org>

Wilson Middle School - Our church is just 2 blocks from Wilson Middle School, a highly rated public school. - <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/o/wilsonms>

End 68 Hours of Hunger - Our church helped launch End 68 Hours of Hunger, a program that feeds food-insecure children, and our building is home to their main food pantry. - <https://www.end68hoursofhunger.org/>

Apollo Academy - Our church building is home to Apollo Academy, an independent, learner-driven, private school and an affiliate of the Acton Academy network. - <https://www.theapolloacademy.com/>

Elevate Tampa Bay - Our church building is home to Elevate, an organization that builds life-changing relationships with urban youth, equipping them to thrive and contribute to their community. - <https://elevatetampabay.org/>

Plant High School - Our school is in the district of Plant High School, a highly rated public school. - <https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/o/plant>

HPPC Facebook page - See some of our recent activities on HPPC's Facebook page. - <https://www.facebook.com/HydeParkPres/>

References

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