

Part-Time Stated Supply Pastor or CRE

Calvary Presbyterian – Ann Arbor is looking for an ordained Presbyterian minister or Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) to serve communion and provide some pastoral leadership as we move forwards as a faith community into interdenominational partnership.

Responsibilities and Compensation

- Lead Sunday worship 1 or 2 times a month (negotiable), including communion once a month, at the standard pulpit supply rate.
- Perform pastoral visitation as needed, up to approximately 12 hours per month, at an hourly rate to be negotiated.
- Possibly moderate session meetings (6-12 per year) and congregational meetings (2 per year) for the standard moderator's fee.
- Perform funerals and weddings as needed (infrequent; paid per instance).

Qualifications

- Good fit for our congregation theologically and stylistically: Christ centered, Spirit led, and Biblically grounded.
- Compassionate leadership and a desire for personal connection with our members.
- A flexible and dynamic worship leadership style.
- A willingness to join us in our journey into interdenominational partnership.

The pastor, like the ruling elders, is expected to abide by the “Biblical Standards for Leadership” established by Calvary Presbyterian. A copy of these standards can be found on Calvary's website at calvary2.com/what-we-believe

Background Information on the Church

Calvary Presbyterian is a small neighborhood church located on the south-east side of Ann Arbor. Membership is 24 and average Sunday worship attendance is approximately 20; this has been relatively stable for the last decade. Calvary is biblically orthodox congregation that is accustomed to participatory worship and slightly charismatic in a quiet sort of way. There is a flat, non-bureaucratic leadership structure with no committees other than Session, which meets every 1-2 months. There is a part-time secretary who can handle (with Session's oversight) most of the day to day administrative details, and a music director / accompanist to help with worship leadership. Our congregation is very engaged and most members work behind the scenes to keep the ministry running. However, our members are aging, and we have been feeling stretched thin the last few years as we sought to care for our congregation and our building and do God's work in the neighborhood.

Calvary shares its building with a few tenants: multiple Alcoholics Anonymous groups, the administrative offices for the Huron Valley AA Intergroup, and a music teacher. Calvary values these relationships and wants to see our building used to the maximal extent for the benefit of the community.

In the past year, Calvary has felt a strong calling to interdenominational partnership. This stems both from a theological belief in Christian unity and sense that God is calling us to overcome

divisions within the church as well as a practical need for help in revitalizing our congregation. We are currently exploring options for a unique partnership with Mosaic church (mosaica2.org/), a local nondenominational church that has impressed us with their compassion and their faithfulness to Christ. We value our Presbyterian identity as a congregation, and are seeking to discover ways to partner for some worship services and mission, but not governance. Both churches would retain full independence, but we are looking to collaborate to hold joint services on Sunday mornings in Calvary's building as well as other joint ministry and outreach activities. We are in need of an ordained Presbyterian minister or CRE to support this partnership by leading one or two of these worship services per month (including communion) and potentially moderating our session meetings. We would also like this individual to provide some pastoral visitation and be available to officiate at funerals as needed.

Terms and Accountability

A contract (preferably 1-year, renewable) will be negotiated by Calvary's session and subject to approval by the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Detroit (COM).

An ad-hoc committee, the Calvary2024 committee, is assisting in this search; its members are Steven Backues (chair), Sharon Backues, Margarita Garcia-Roberts, Frona Foltin and Bill Scheider. However, all decisions on hiring and terms will be made by Calvary's session (in consultation with COM), which currently consists of Claudia Doudney (clerk), Sharon Backues, and Heather Sedlak. Session and COM will also provide continuing oversight of the arrangement as needed. Candidates should expect an interview with Session and other interested parties.

Contact

If you are interested in this position or have additional questions, please contact the church office and a member of the Calvary2024 committee will follow up with you.

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If you are not interested in this position, please pray for us that God would send the right person, and would guide us in all we do.

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