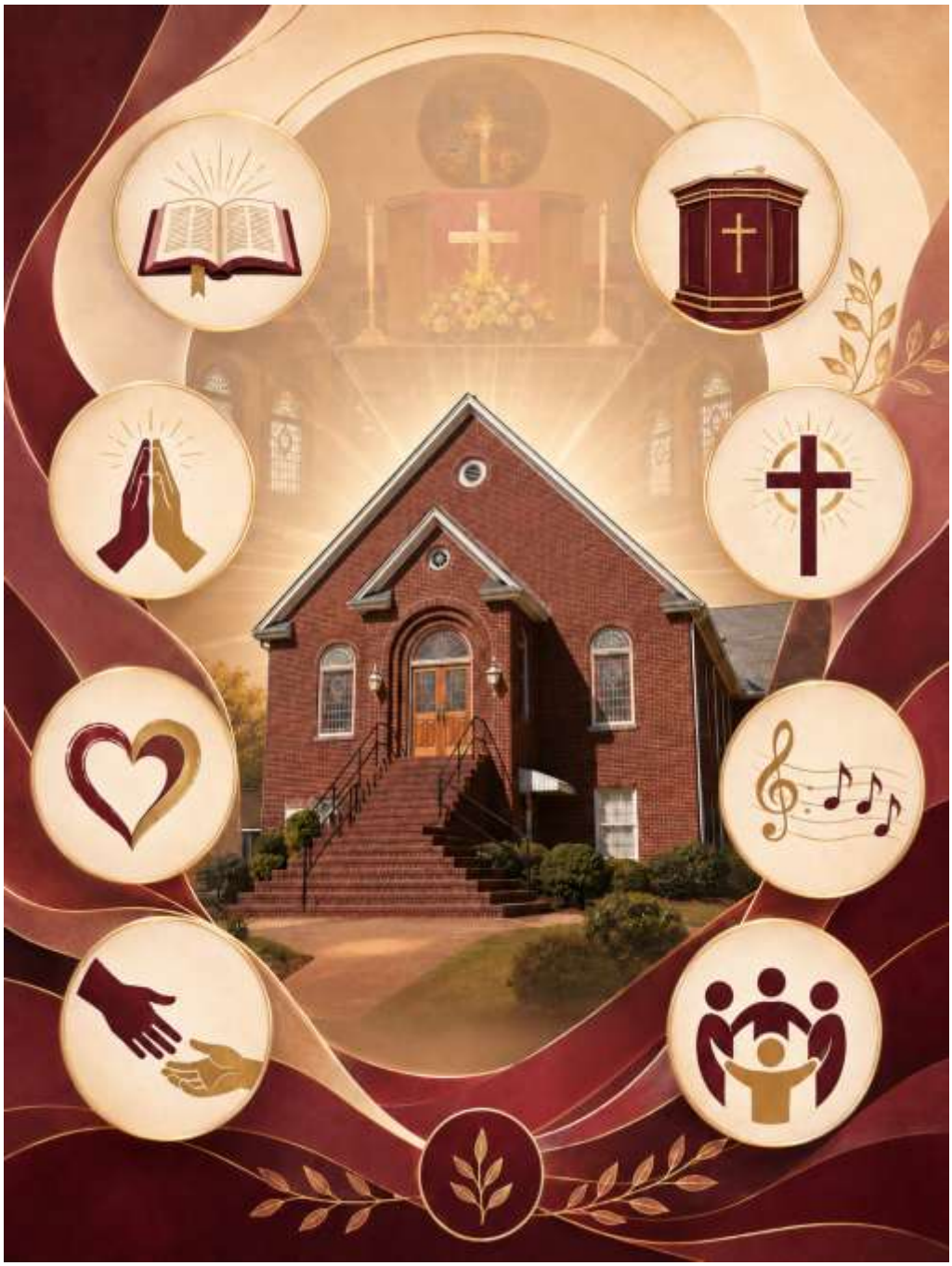
ST. PAUL METHODIST CHURCH

New Ellenton, South Carolina

PASTOR OPPORTUNITY

Worship • Pastoral Care • Mission • Ministry



Position Overview

Position Title	Pastor
Employment Type	Part-time
Estimated Time Commitment	Approximately 6–14 hours per week, and Sunday worship
Worship Leadership	Approximately three Sundays per month; 38–42 Sundays per year
Compensation	To be determined based on experience, qualifications, and the final ministry agreement, parsonage / housing available for candidates / family

Position Summary

St. Paul Methodist Church in New Ellenton, South Carolina, is seeking a faithful and compassionate Pastor to lead worship, provide pastoral care, and support the church's mission and ministry efforts.

The pastor will lead Sunday morning worship approximately three out of four Sundays each month, provide spiritual care to members and others within the community, and help guide the church's worship, mission, outreach, and ministry efforts.

We are seeking someone who is biblically grounded, community-minded, committed to traditional Christian values and principles, and dedicated to the authority and truth of God's Word.

This position is well suited for a pastor who feels called to serve a caring congregation through biblical preaching, meaningful worship, prayer, personal visitation, spiritual guidance, and active participation in the life of the church and community.

The pastor will work cooperatively with the congregation, church officers, committees, musicians, ministry volunteers, and lay leadership to support the mission and ministry of St. Paul Methodist Church.

Primary Responsibilities

Worship Leadership and Preaching

- Prepare and deliver biblically grounded, Christ-centered sermons.
- Teach and preach in a manner consistent with traditional Christian beliefs and the authority of Holy Scripture.
- Lead Sunday morning worship approximately three Sundays per month.
- Provide worship leadership approximately 38–42 Sundays per year.
- Work with church leaders, musicians, and worship volunteers in planning meaningful and well-organized worship services.
- Lead the congregation in prayer and provide spiritual guidance during worship.
- Encourage the congregation to grow in faith, discipleship, service, and obedience to God's Word.
- Assist with seasonal and special worship services, including Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Communion services, and other significant occasions.
- Administer the sacraments and provide leadership for baptisms, weddings, funerals, memorial services, and other services as appropriate and mutually agreed upon.
- Encourage the active participation of church members in worship and ministry.

Pastoral Care

- Provide regular pastoral visitation and congregational care based on the needs of the church and community.
- Visit members who are hospitalized, homebound, grieving, facing illness, or experiencing other personal and family challenges.
- Offer prayer, encouragement, spiritual counsel, and support to members and their families.
- Provide pastoral guidance rooted in Scripture and Christian teaching.
- Respond, when reasonably available, to urgent pastoral-care needs.
- Provide compassionate care to individuals and families within the surrounding community when appropriate.
- Offer support to families during times of death, grief, hospitalization, crisis, or major life transitions.
- Maintain confidentiality and exercise sound pastoral judgment in all personal, family, and congregational matters.

Mission, Outreach, and Community Ministry

- Help guide and encourage the church's mission, outreach, and service efforts.
- Encourage members to use their gifts and abilities in service to Jesus Christ, the congregation, and the community.
- Participate in selected mission projects, community events, and church outreach activities.
- Help the congregation identify opportunities to care for people in New Ellenton and the area.
- Support ministries that welcome visitors and strengthen the church's connection with the community.
- Encourage the congregation to remain active in Christian service, discipleship, and local mission efforts.
- Represent the church positively within the community.
- Help ensure that mission and outreach efforts reflect the church's biblical beliefs and Christian witness.

Special Programs and Church Life

- Assist with selected special programs, services, and events throughout the year.
- Participate in church meetings, planning sessions, and ministry discussions as needed.
- Work cooperatively with the congregation, lay leadership, Worship Committee, musicians, and ministry volunteers.
- Provide spiritual guidance while respecting the responsibilities and authority of the church's elected leaders and committees.
- Help maintain clear and timely communication regarding worship plans, pastoral-care needs, special services, and upcoming ministry activities.
- Lead Special Bible Studies and Lenten Studies, promote Special Education Programs.
- Assist the church in planning for future ministry, spiritual growth, and community service.

Expected Time Commitment

This is a part-time position expected to require approximately 6–14 hours per week, depending on the needs of the congregation and the church calendar.

- Sermon preparation and worship planning.
- Sunday morning worship leadership approximately three Sundays per month.
- Pastoral visitation, prayer, counseling, and congregational care.
- Communication and coordination with church leaders, musicians, and ministry volunteers.
- Participation in selected meetings, mission projects, and community outreach efforts.
- Assistance with funerals, weddings, seasonal services, and special church programs as needed.

The pastor is expected to lead worship approximately 38–42 Sundays per year. Weekday hours may be arranged with flexibility. Some weeks may require more or less time depending on pastoral-care needs, holidays, funerals, special services, meetings, and church events.

The pastor and church leadership will communicate regularly to maintain reasonable expectations and appropriate boundaries for this part-time position.

Qualifications

- Demonstrate a personal commitment to Jesus Christ and a clear calling to pastoral ministry.
- Affirm the authority, truth, and reliability of God's Word.
- Be committed to traditional biblical values and Christian principles.
- Be able to preach and teach Scripture with clarity, faithfulness, and practical application.
- Support the Christian beliefs, mission, ministry, and values of St. Paul Methodist Church.
- Lead and counsel in a manner consistent with biblical teaching.
- Possess strong communication, relational, and organizational skills.
- Demonstrate compassion and sensitivity when caring for individuals and families.
- Be dependable, approachable, and able to work cooperatively with church leaders and volunteers.
- Demonstrate good judgment, personal integrity, and respect for confidentiality.
- Be willing to serve people of different ages, backgrounds, and life circumstances.
- Be ordained, licensed, commissioned, certified in Christian ministry or leadership, or formally recognized as an elder, pastor, or minister by a traditional Christian denomination, church, association, or other recognized ecclesiastical body.
- Be authorized and appropriately qualified to preach, provide pastoral leadership, administer the sacraments, and officiate at weddings, funerals, baptisms, and other services according to the beliefs and practices of St. Paul Methodist Church.
- Be willing to complete a background check and provide appropriate ministry references.

Preferred Experience

- Previous pastoral, preaching, or church leadership experience.
- Experience providing pastoral visitation and congregational care.
- Familiarity with Methodist or Wesleyan theology and worship traditions.
- Experience working with a congregation through shared ministry between clergy and laity.
- Experience planning worship services and coordinating with musicians and worship leaders.
- A heart for community outreach, mission service, and small-church ministry.
- Experience providing care during illness, hospitalization, grief, and other difficult life circumstances.
- Experience teaching and applying Scripture in a way that remains faithful to traditional Christian doctrine.

Desired Personal Characteristics

- Faithful and spiritually mature.
- Grounded in Scripture and committed to the authority of God's Word.
- Supportive of traditional Christian values and principles.
- Warm, caring, and approachable.
- A clear and engaging communicator.
- Compassionate toward people who are hurting or in need.
- Respectful of the church's history, traditions, and congregation.
- Supportive of shared ministry between the pastor and church members.
- Flexible and able to respond wisely to changing ministry needs.

- Committed to building relationships within the congregation and community.
- Willing to encourage unity, Christian fellowship, and spiritual growth.
- Able to lead with humility, integrity, patience, and grace.

Working Relationships

The pastor will work in partnership with the congregation, elected officers, committees, musicians, ministry leaders, and volunteers. The pastor will provide spiritual leadership while recognizing that the ministries of the church are carried out through the shared efforts of both pastoral and lay leadership.

Regular communication with church leaders will be important for coordinating:

- Worship services.
- Pastoral-care needs.
- Special programs and seasonal services.
- Mission and outreach activities.
- Funerals, weddings, and other special services.
- Congregational concerns and ministry opportunities.

Statement of Faith and Ministry Expectations

St. Paul Methodist Church seeks a pastor who will uphold and teach the historic Christian faith as revealed in Scripture.

- Recognize the Bible as the authoritative Word of God for faith, belief, and Christian living.
- Preach and teach in a manner consistent with traditional biblical values and principles.
- Present the message of salvation through Jesus Christ with clarity and conviction.
- Encourage holy living, Christian discipleship, prayer, worship, service, and obedience to God.
- Provide pastoral leadership that strengthens the congregation’s faith and biblical understanding.
- Respect and support the church’s Christian identity, beliefs, and ministry direction.

About St. Paul Methodist Church

St. Paul Methodist Church is an independent Methodist congregation located in New Ellenton, South Carolina. We are committed to:

- The authority and truth of God’s Word.
- Traditional biblical values and Christian principles.
- Biblical preaching and teaching.
- Meaningful Christian worship.
- Prayer and spiritual growth.
- Christian fellowship and congregational care.
- Mission service and community outreach.
- Welcoming people into the life and ministry of the church.
- Sharing the love, truth, and hope of Jesus Christ with our community.

Our congregation values faithful spiritual leadership, active participation by church members, and cooperation between the pastor and lay leadership. We seek a pastor who will help us continue growing in faith, caring for one another, serving our community, and sharing the message of Jesus Christ.

Compensation and Ministry Expenses

This is a compensated part-time position. Compensation will be based on ministry experience, education and qualifications, pastoral responsibilities, the agreed-upon schedule, and the final ministry agreement established between the selected candidate and the church.

Any reimbursement for approved ministry travel, supplies, continuing education, or other ministry-related expenses will be addressed as part of the final agreement. Housing / parsonage avaiblity.

Application Requirements

Interested candidates are encouraged to submit:

- A current résumé.
- A brief letter of interest.
- A statement describing their call to ministry and approach to pastoral leadership.
- A statement of faith or summary of their theological beliefs.
- Links to or recordings of one or two recent sermons, when available.
- Information regarding ordination, licensing, commissioning, or other ministry credentials.
- Contact information for at least three references, preferably including ministry or church-related references.

Final candidates may be asked to participate in one or more interviews with church leadership, authorize a background check, provide additional ministry references, submit a sample sermon or sermon recording, preach during a Sunday worship service, and meet with members of the congregation and church leadership.

Equal Opportunity Statement

St. Paul Methodist Church will consider qualified applicants in a manner consistent with the church's Christian beliefs, biblical standards, mission, ministry needs, and applicable law.

How to Apply

Qualified candidates should send their résumé and supporting application materials to:

info@stpaulmethodist.com

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