

First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest
Job Description
Associate Pastor/Director of Youth and Young Adult Faith Formation

We are seeking a Youth Ministry Leader who, with the help of our church community, will focus inward on our youth and their parents with compassion, wisdom, & creativity to teach them how to be disciples of Jesus for life.

Youth Ministry has been a part of the fabric of First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, IL throughout our 150 year history. We have strong traditions that guide us as we engage with a changing world. Our vision for this ministry is to send well equipped disciples of Jesus into the world. There is a dedicated group of adults engaged in supporting the youth ministry and our current Youth Group is thriving with 30-40 students attending YG meetings each Sunday evening.

The responsibilities of this position include:

- Provide the vision and leadership to form the faith of our youth (grades 5-12) and college-age young adults in a manner that is fun, motivating and inspirational
- Develop, manage and enhance programs of faith formation for youth and young adults that integrate their faith formation into the life of the church and build relationships with members of our faith community of all ages
- In consultation with the Faith Formation team, nurture parents as those primarily responsible for the faith development of their youth
- Serve as a member of the pastoral leadership team leading prayers and reading scripture in worship services as requested.

In addition to a deep and confident belief in a loving God our Youth Ministry Leader must possess the following characteristics:

- A passion for Youth Ministry
- Strong interpersonal skills
- The ability to work cooperatively in a team environment
- A strong sense of the dynamics of today's youth
- A confident and outgoing personality
- An excellent and empathetic listener
- A unique ability to get people to take action and get involved
- Respect for the traditions of our church while maintaining a vision for the future