

Christ Church

REFORMED • EVANGELICAL

5536 Highway 90, Pace, FL 32571

Who We Are

Christ Church in Pace, Florida is seeking a lead pastor. We are blessed with a committed, joyful and generous congregation, and a stable financial position. We have 53 members (half are children), and average Sunday attendance is 48. We have space to fit plenty more souls in the building, which we own debt-free. We have a sweet spirit of unity within the body, having spent many years together. Our members are heavily invested in Classical Christian education, and we are pleased to host St. Francis Classical Academy (K-12) in our building. Pace is in Northwest Florida, just up the street from Pensacola and a short drive to the beaches, camping, and a variety of water activities.

Who We Are Looking For

We're looking for a man who is committed to excellence in preaching, personal discipleship, and pastoral care – a man with a vision to build Christ's church in maturity and size by proclaiming the whole counsel of God in all its beauty and splendor – a man who meets the qualifications for elder as set out in 1 Timothy 3.

The ideal candidate would also have:

Character and Godliness

An established reputation for personal holiness; a history of faithful, peaceable, and sacrificial Christian service; clearly demonstrable faithfulness as a husband and father; a habit of prayer and hospitality; a track record of financial responsibility; a kind and likeable demeanor.

Training and Experience

Formal theological training to M.Div. level, either completed or in progress. Additional experience in pastoral ministry preferred – leading worship, regular preaching, teaching, discipling, and counseling.

Theological Convictions

Theological commitments in accord with our confessional statements (WCF) and governing documents. Commitments to the full inclusion of covenant children in the life and body of the church, including infant baptism and the Lord's Supper, to Christian education, and to optimistic eschatology.

Work Ethic and Teamwork

Proven capacity for sustained hard work; establishing sincere relationships with parishioners; organization and efficiency; maturity as a team player to both lead and submit to the brethren. Ability to function well alongside other pastors, elders, deacons, and church members, including Christians of other denominations. Comfort with reformed catholicity as described [here](#) and [here](#).

Shepherding

Ability to navigate complex pastoral situations with Biblical insight, wisdom, and sensitivity. Capacity to lead towards unity without compromise.

Philosophy of Ministry

Wholehearted commitment to promoting Christian maturation through regular liturgical corporate worship, vigorous singing of hymns and psalms, faithful proclamation of God's word, sacrificial service, and the cultivation of a Christian culture in church, home, and community. Careful avoidance of unnecessary disputes with other believers, especially on social media. Desire to draw unbelievers to Christ by manifesting His love and righteousness. No desire to cultivate a personal social media following. More focus on the people at hand, than the troubles of the world at large. Delight in the liturgical rhythm of the Lord's Service and the church calendar. Willingness and ability to preach and lead worship most Sundays of the year and special services including Christmas Eve, Christmas Morning, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.