

Church of the Saviour, Jackson, NC – Part-Time Vicar

The Episcopal Church of the Saviour in Jackson, North Carolina is a historic congregation with a commitment to community and worship. The congregation is the easternmost church in the Diocese of North Carolina, about 90 minutes north-east of Raleigh, NC.

The congregation is small, with post-covid attendance between 15 and 20 most Sundays, but church participation is important to members and connections within the congregation and community are strong. The Church of the Saviour is financially secure and is able to support a 1/2 time vicar.

The Church of the Saviour, Jackson, is seeking a priest who will prioritize Sunday worship. They would like to be able to receive communion 3 times a month, on Sunday mornings. They are very flexible and open to changing the service time to assist a priest to serve more than one congregation. As well, they would like their vicar to provide funerals, weddings, and baptisms as needed, lead worship at Christmas Eve and Easter, and offer other services as needed. There is interest in offering new forms of worship including Blessing of the Animals, etc. *Hours spent on worship and sermon preparation per month: 3 Sundays plus additional liturgies, 32 hours/month)*

The congregation has limited pastoral care and prayer needs. There is a strong sense of connection among members and pastoral care is offered between members.

Hours spent on prayer and pastoral care needs per month: 10 hours/month

Church of the Saviour has had bible studies and other formation programs in the recent past (pre-pandemic) and looks forward to returning to these offerings. As well, the congregation has energy and interest in engaging in new ministries and members are looking for a priest who will lead them in efforts to expand and grow. There is a desire to reach out to the wider community, and the town and vicinity are experiencing growth. They seek someone with gifts for connection, a pastor with empathy and compassion.

Hours spent on formation and ministry development per month: 30 hours/month

The congregation is accustomed to clergy leadership of the vestry. They seek a priest who will partner with them in the work of church governance and leadership. *Hours spent on leadership and administration per month: 8 hours*

In addition to the hours described above, there are 10 hours per month to be used for church business, to be assigned as the vicar chooses.

This is a half time position of 90 hours per month. The compensation is \$34,088 plus pension. Support for healthcare and other benefits may be possible in partnership with another congregation. The leadership of Church of the Saviour is open to working with a priest who serves more than one congregation. They look forward to ministry with their next vicar.