



North Central Church of Christ Preaching Minister

North Central Church of Christ — A Great Place to Serve:

Prominently positioned adjacent to the campus of *Indiana University* — directly across from *Memorial Stadium* and *Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall* - the **North Central Church of Christ** stands as a visible witness of faith, hope and love to the 90,000 students, families, workers and visitors who pass by our building every day. Young families and youth are a cornerstone focus for our congregation. Our church family has been worshipping together for over 200 years, and we believe God is still shaping our future in meaningful ways.

Bloomington, Indiana — A Wonderful Place to Live:

Bloomington offers the best of many worlds: the warmth of a small-town community alongside the cultural, educational, and artistic resources of a major university. Indiana University brings NCAA athletics, world-class academics, music, and the arts. The Hoosier National Forest, Lake Monroe, and nearby wilderness areas provide abundant opportunities to enjoy God's creation. Strong schools, affordable housing, and a high quality of life make Bloomington a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Position Overview

The Preaching Minister at North Central Church of Christ is first and foremost called to the ministry of the Word. The central responsibility of this role is the faithful, thoughtful, and compelling proclamation of Scripture, particularly through Sunday morning preaching.

The Preaching Minister serves alongside the elders and staff to support the spiritual growth of the congregation, but the primary vocational focus of this position is preaching that is biblically grounded, carefully prepared, and pastorally applied.

Our Approach to Preaching and Teaching

At North Central, we value preaching and teaching that:

1. Dives deeply into Scripture, modeling careful study and sound theology
2. Equips adults to pass faith on to their children and grandchildren
3. Engages contemporary issues with biblical clarity and wisdom
4. Builds a hopeful, service-oriented church culture centered on Christ

Our congregation loves to learn and values preaching that challenges the mind, shapes the heart, and strengthens faith for daily life.

Primary Responsibilities

1. Prepare and deliver biblically faithful, Christ-centered sermons each Sunday morning, giving this responsibility the highest priority in weekly planning and preparation.
2. Invest significant time in study, prayer, and reflection to ensure preaching that is both theologically sound and spiritually formative.
3. Work in partnership with the elders to plan sermon series that support the long-term spiritual health and direction of the congregation.

Additional Responsibilities

4. Teach and support adult Bible classes on Sundays in coordination with the education deacon.
5. Teach the Wednesday morning Rooted class, primarily attended by retired members.
6. Maintain regular office hours at the church building to support study, preparation, and availability to the congregation.
7. Build authentic relationships through presence, visitation, and pastoral care, especially during times of illness or crisis.
8. Mentor and support the youth minister in his work with teens and families.
9. Provide counseling, officiate weddings and funerals, and follow up with visitors as needed.
10. Participate in weekly elders' meetings.
11. Provide day-to-day leadership for the church's staff and office operations. This includes leading weekly staff meetings, coordinating ministry activities, and working with the part-time administrative staff to ensure that the church office functions in an organized, hospitable, and effective manner.
12. Collaborate with ministers and pastors from other churches in the community when appropriate.

Desired Qualities

The ideal candidate will:

- Love Jesus deeply and love people genuinely
- Demonstrate Christian character in personal and public life
- Possess a clear calling to the ministry of preaching and teaching
- Communicate Scripture clearly, thoughtfully, and humbly
- Have experience in congregational ministry (preaching/lead minister experience preferred)
- Hold a master's degree in theology or a related field from an accredited institution

What We Are Looking For

We trust that God will lead us to the right person for this ministry. We place a high value on Sunday morning preaching and expect it to be approached with intentional preparation and prayer. We are seeking a minister who feels called to the ministry of the Word and who understands the importance of thoughtful, biblically grounded preaching.

In addition to preaching, the Preaching Minister will value teaching in smaller settings and building relationships through pastoral presence and visitation, recognizing that these aspects of ministry work together to faithfully shepherd the congregation.