

Grace Church - Associate Pastor of Worship

If you are interested in this ministry opportunity and meet the qualifications below, please complete an [online application](#). Please upload your resume with a cover letter at the end of the application form.

More about Grace Church

Grace Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ to the glory of God. Our vision is to be a loving community that invites our neighbors to join us in becoming devoted followers of Jesus who impact the world for Him. Grace is a growing, evangelical congregation in central Illinois with over 450 households. Since its founding in 1958, Grace Church has belonged to the [Fellowship of Evangelical Churches](#) (FEC). Grace partners with the FEC to collaborate with other churches to plant churches nationally and internationally, credential and care for church leaders, and provide discipleship opportunities for adults and children.

The philosophy of worship for Grace Church can be read [here](#).

Position Overview

- Overseeing Worship Ministry (80%)
- Pastoral care and general pastoral responsibilities (20%)

The Worship Ministry area at Grace Church includes a Sunday morning worship team made up of musicians and vocalists, an audio/visual team, an adult choir that helps facilitate worship on a periodic basis, and the deacons of ordinances. The Worship Pastor is responsible for a significant portion of the planning and synchronization of our weekly worship gatherings. This is a full-time position in Morton, IL, and this role reports to the Senior Pastor.

Responsibilities in Leading & Shepherding

- Creatively lead the gathered believers of Grace Church by planning worship services for our multi-generational church family
- Skillfully facilitate worship through singing and the playing of a guitar or piano
- Provide technical musical direction to our teams of vocalists and musicians
- Provide leadership and direction in to the teams within the worship ministry area
- Oversee the production of the corporate worship time (video livestream, lyric slides, sound engineering)
- Select music, Scripture, and other worship arts that help facilitate a worship service according to Grace's philosophy of worship
- Partner with the Deacon of Worship and the Deacons of Ordinances, providing vision and leadership as needed

- Coordinate the media and sound as well as all other necessary elements for the production of other events in our sanctuary
- Shepherd our church family toward a growing priority and understanding of worship
- Identify, train, equip, and utilize members of the congregation to help facilitate worship
- Develop ministry teams and team members (instrumentalists, vocalists, choir members, and others) both musically and spiritually
- Continually recruit those in our church who may have gifting and skills for service in worship ministry

General Pastoral Responsibilities

- Participate in proactively and reactively caring for the congregation through prayer, visitation, and pastoral counseling in cooperation with the other pastoral staff and the Elder Team
- Assist in worship services, including preaching when requested by the Senior Pastor
- Serve in other ministry capacities as requested by the Senior Pastor
- Officiate weddings and funerals when requested
- Attend and participate in regular pastoral meetings, as well as elder meetings, as requested
- Attend all regularly scheduled services and special events of Grace Church
- Serve in the FEC as time and opportunity permit
- Report directly to the Senior Pastor and meet with him regularly for accountability, encouragement, and development while also being under the broader authority of the Elder Team

Education & Experience

- Pastoral ministry experience in a similar role preferred
- Undergraduate degree required with Bible emphasis desired
- Graduate degree (or ongoing education) preferred
- Willingness to pursue further formal training (if needed, the church will assist)

Personal Character, Doctrine, and Other Qualifications

- The pastor should reflect the qualities of a shepherd as described in Scripture, including Titus 1.5-9, 1 Timothy 3.1-7, and 1 Peter 5.1-4.
- He must affirm and agree to abide by the Articles of Faith, Practice, and Organization of the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches.
- The pastor will have demonstrated effectiveness in written and verbal communication skills.

What it's Like to Live in Morton, Illinois

Morton is a vibrant, growing community with a population of just over 17,000. Morton is located approximately halfway between Peoria and Bloomington-Normal, making it a central Illinois hub with access to a number of neighboring cities and nature escapes.

Morton prides itself as being a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Morton offers excellent schools, a well-established and growing network of parks, an established downtown, attractive housing, a low crime rate, and access to high-quality medical care. A typical commute across town takes only minutes, and other communities are only a few minutes more driving time.

Disclosure

We do not take lightly the call we believe God has placed on our staff to shepherd our people. Therefore, we require our pastoral staff to agree with the [FEC Articles of Faith](#) and abide by the [FEC Manual of Faith, Practice, and Organization](#). Likewise Grace Church is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our children and adults in our ministry programs. We have preventative measures in place to safeguard each child, as well as those who serve them. These preventative measures include awareness training, skillful screening processes, policies and procedures, background checks, and monitoring and oversight to help us maintain compliance and accountability. Furthermore, we understand and follow our reporting obligations in accordance with the state of Illinois.

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