



**JACKSONVILLE**  
Presbyterian Church

## Youth Director

*Full-Time Position with Benefits*

### ABOUT THE CHURCH

Jacksonville Presbyterian Church is a joyful, growing Evangelical church in the beautiful mountains of



Southern Oregon that averages 400 attendees each Sunday and ministers to around 30 middle and high school youth. We are part of the EPC ([www.EPC.org](http://www.EPC.org)) and we love it! We are united by our common belief in the inerrancy of God's Word and the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Further, we are a Presbyterian church, which means we believe in Reformed theology

(think Tim Keller, John Piper, etc). And although our youth group isn't huge, we have a strong core group of committed youth and parents. As of 2020, we are continuing to grow as a church and in our youth and children's ministry, which gives us good hope that we will have a thriving youth ministry for years to come. Further, we have a great team of leaders, parents, and staff who love youth ministry and have youth in our program. Our church focuses on expository sermons, contemporary worship, serving the local community, and is blessed to have incredible facilities that were completed a few years ago and are debt-free. In 2020, one of our main goals is to see our small group ministry grow substantially.

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### ABOUT THE POSITION

The Youth Director (potentially Youth *Pastor*, if ordained) is called to lead a team of volunteers who will disciple the youth of our church and seek to reach our community's youth with the gospel. The main things we are looking for are the following: (1) faith in Jesus Christ and His Word, (2) a genuine love for youth and their parents, and (3) a capable leader for our youth ministry team. Per the nature of youth ministry, the Youth Director must also genuinely enjoy spending time with youth.



Further, our church's mission is to **make disciples of Jesus Christ by connecting people with God, each other, and ministry**, and we hope to lead our youth in that *same* mission—connecting teenagers with God (via large group, Sunday mornings, small groups, etc), connecting youth to each other (via monthly fun events, mission trips, and serving together), and connecting them with ministry (via leadership training and giving them ownership of the ministry).

Here are the basic responsibilities for our Youth Director:

- Work alongside our awesome youth elder to craft a vision for youth ministry—given the current state of youth ministry and teenagers’ life experience
- Have a vision for developing our youth in the gospel and in their leadership
- Genuinely enjoy spending time with youth, seeking them out on their own ‘turf’
- Plan regular fun events for youth to attend and invite their friends to
- Oversee various trips throughout the year (Summer Mission Trip to Mexico, Retreats, etc...)
- Oversee 45-minute MS and HS youth classes between Sunday services that are engaging
- Develop a vision for discipleship, either through typical ‘large group’ youth ministry or by developing a small-group based youth ministry
- Develop a leadership model within the youth ministry, so that high schoolers are trained in leadership, taking ownership of things like mission trips, service, and discipling middle schoolers
- Equip volunteers who will love and disciple youth (since you can’t do all of this on your own!)
- Teachable, collaborative work ethic, working alongside our super cool staff
- Ensure a safe environment throughout all our youth ministry, per our safety policy
- Be willing to become a member of Jacksonville Presbyterian Church
- Be able to affirm and teach biblical, orthodox Christian faith (i.e., *The Essentials of the EPC*)

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## ABOUT THE LOCATION

Jacksonville is an awesome small town in the Rogue Valley, which is a community of over 217,000 people in Southern Oregon. Just four miles outside of Medford, Jacksonville is a designated National Historic Landmark town of 3,000 with great coffee shops, an outstanding elementary school, a vibrant arts scene, miles of hiking trails, scenic vineyards, and the annual Britt Music Festival. Medford, meanwhile, has amenities like an international airport, great regional hospitals, and stores like REI, Target, Trader Joe’s, and Costco. Also in the Rogue Valley, Ashland, Oregon is 20 minutes south of Jacksonville and is home to Southern Oregon University, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and Mt. Ashland Ski Area. Obviously we’re biased, but we agree with Frommer’s Magazine, which named Jacksonville "one of America's top 10 coolest small towns." To see more, check out this video: <https://vimeo.com/213401249>



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## HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please send your resume, references, and answers to the attached questions to the following:

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