

INTERIM DIRECTOR SEARCH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

Atlanta, Georgia

firstprespreschoolatl.org

Start Date: July 2024



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Philosophy

We strive to provide a high-quality academic education within a Christian environment of love, support, and acceptance. We pursue a learning community that nurtures creativity and critical thinking and in which children develop skills that prepare them for their next academic steps.

Each child at First Presbyterian Preschool is celebrated as a unique creation of God. Therefore, we attempt to individualize instruction to meet the needs and skills of each student. We do this in an atmosphere of love and understanding rather than a climate of pressure. The Preschool welcomes and celebrates children and families of all ethnic, racial, religious, and cultural backgrounds.

At a Glance



Established
1946



Total enrollment
125



Total faculty
30



Student-teacher ratio
Twos - 12:2
Threes - 14:2
Pre-K - 16:2 K - 16:2



Students of color
18%



Financial aid awarded
\$17,341



Faculty with advanced degrees
33%



Campus size
13,500 sq feet

Faculty of color: 43%
Students receiving aid: 6%

Endowment: \$333,754
Annual operating budget: \$1,050,298



Overview

Located in the heart of midtown Atlanta and connected to a church with deep connections in the community, First Presbyterian Preschool (FPP) provides an early education experience for preschool and kindergarten-aged children (ages 18 months to 6 years) grounded in community, nurturance, and spirituality. A Reggio-inspired program, FPP teachers connect with each student in a school that boasts small student-teacher ratios and prepares children for great success at independent and public schools in greater Atlanta.

The longest running preschool in Georgia, FPP is part of First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta's first Presbyterian house of worship and an organization committed to community ministries, including supporting the homeless, women in transition and redemption after prison programs. A preschool surrounded by the city's best institutions for art and culture, FPP partners with the High Museum of Art, the Alliance Theater, MODA, and the Atlanta Public Library to bring enhanced learning opportunities to its young learners.

First Presbyterian Preschool seeks an Interim Director to start July 2024, with early education and administrative experience who will lead the school as it conducts a search for a permanent Director and maintain excellence in educating young children, supporting a devoted faculty, and continuing a long-standing connection to the church.



Opportunities and Challenges

The Interim Director will have the following opportunities and challenges at First Presbyterian Preschool:

- Oversee the day-to-day operations of the school;
- Continue a strong Board/School relationship based on best practices of governance;
- Strengthen the established connection between First Presbyterian Church and the preschool;
- Explore meaningful professional development opportunities for faculty;
- Connect with museums and local cultural institutions to reenforce partnerships and learning opportunities for students and faculty;
- Foster a culture focused on Christian values which welcomes all faiths, creeds and cultures; and
- Evaluate and define effective administrative roles and operations at the school.

Qualifications and Personal Attributes

The Interim Director will:

- Be an experienced administrator, adept at operations;
- Have experience teaching and delight in working with a school's youngest learners;
- Be a dynamic leader capable of building professional relationship both internally at the preschool and externally with the church and greater community;
- Have an understanding and experience with Reggio or Reggio-inspired curriculum;
- Possess superior interpersonal communication, public speaking, and problem-solving skills;
- Have the ability to prioritize visibility both with parents and in classrooms with teachers;
- Be a person of faith with a desire to work in an inclusive Christian community; and
- Have a dynamic, charismatic, energetic, and joyful spirit.

Learn More

Click on the links below to learn more about First Presbyterian Preschool.

[School Website](#)

[Curriculum](#)

[Core Values and Beliefs](#)

[About Atlanta, Georgia](#)



To Apply

Interested and qualified candidates are invited to contact the consultant in confidence. Candidates will ultimately need to submit the following materials *as separate PDF documents*:

- A cover letter expressing their interest in this particular position;
- A current résumé;
- A list of five professional references with name, relationship, phone number, and email address of each (references will not be contacted without the candidate's permission) to:

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