

***Eagle River Presbyterian Church  
“Committed to Love”***

***Seeks Director of Children’s Ministries***



**Eagle River Presbyterian Church seeks a knowledgeable, energetic, innovative Christian teacher and leader to serve as its Director of Children’s Ministries. This is an amazing opportunity to make our children’s ministry ‘your own’ and make a long-term difference in the lives of children and their families across the Eagle River/Vail Valley.**

**Qualifications:** A strong faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Must possess two years of experience working with children in an education setting. An educational background in Christian ministries, theology, or elementary education is preferred.

**Compensation:** The starting pay \$25.00-27.00 per hours (DOQ) for 20 hours/wk. Benefits include paid vacation and sick leave and pay for study/training time. Must be available to work Sundays.

**First look at resumes:** April 15.

**Application Deadline:** April 27, 2019.

**Position Details:** <https://erpc.org/children-ministries> or contact Cristi Musser, Personnel Elder at: [chollismusser@gmail.com](mailto:chollismusser@gmail.com)

**Send resume, one-page Statement of Faith, and contact information for five references to:** [office@erpc.org](mailto:office@erpc.org).

## ***Core Beliefs of Eagle River Presbyterian Church***



***"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Love others as well as you love yourself."***

There is one eternally existing God who has three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He is the creator of all that exists, both visible and invisible, and is therefore worthy of all glory and praise. God is perfect in love, power, holiness, goodness, knowledge, wisdom, justice, and mercy. He is unchangeable and therefore is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

God revealed Himself to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, who is the visible image of the Invisible God.

Jesus Christ came to reconcile us with God. He lived a life without sin and willingly died on the cross to pay the penalty for our transgressions. God raised Him from the dead and now, by grace, offers us the free gift of eternal life.

The Church is meant to be the visible body of Christ, sent into the world to glorify God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## ***Church History—HOW IT ALL STARTED...***



**Historic Minturn Presbyterian Church**

ERPC has its roots 100 years ago in Red Cliff, Colorado. In 1914, another Presbyterian Church was chartered in Minturn. The Minturn Church became the center of Presbyterian worship for many decades. As the population and the ski industry were growing in the 1980s, there were worship services in four pulpits- Red Cliff, Minturn, the Vail Chapel, and Beaver Creek.

In the 1990's, it was no longer practical to maintain four pulpits. It was then that the Church took a leap of faith to consolidate and charter Eagle River Presbyterian Church. In December 2002, ERPC moved into our current building in Avon. The Church was designed be and to look like a welcoming home. In 2016, we added 30% capacity to the sanctuary and added a fellowship hall and expanded kitchen.



## ***Church Facts***

**Denomination:** ERPC is a member of the Presbyterian Church, USA.

**Membership:** ERPC has 239 active members.

**Governing Body:** The Church is governed by an elected, seven-member volunteer Board of Elders. Other Church officers include a Treasurer and the Clerk of Session.

**Ordained Staff:** Reverend Rob Wilson is the head pastor. He is a native of the Pacific Northwest and a graduate of Whitworth University in Spokane, Washington. After working as a Case Manager with mentally ill adults, Rob felt a call to vocational ministry and attended Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Prior to coming to ERPC, Rob served as Director of Youth and Family Ministries for a congregation in Denver and was a solo pastor for 7 years in a rural Washington State congregation. Rob began his ministry with ERPC in 2004. Rob and his wife, Barbara have four children.

**Non-Ordained Staff:** Other staff include a full time Youth Ministries Director, the Director of Children's Ministries, a part time Director of Music, and an Executive Assistant to the Pastor.

### **Rev. Wilson and Barb Wilson**



## ***Location and the Natural Environment***



Eagle River Presbyterian Church serves Eagle County, Colorado and is located on the banks of the beautiful Eagle River in Avon. Eagle County is located on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains approximately 100 miles west of Denver via interstate 70. The County is home to the world renown ski resorts of Vail and Beaver Creek. Tourism and real estate drive the economy with the ski industry a crucial component of the County's outdoor culture and economic vitality.

In addition to world class skiing, residents of the Eagle River Valley enjoy easy access to the White River National Forest and Bureau of Land Management property as well as Colorado State Parks and other local publicly owned parks and open space. Popular outdoor activities include hiking, mountain and road bike riding, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, fishing, rafting, kayaking, hunting, off-roading, and horseback riding.



# ***We Believe God Wants To Radically Change Our Lives Through A Relationship With His Son, Jesus***

## ***Position Overview***

The purpose of this position is threefold: 1) to ignite and nurture children and their families to develop and sustain a genuine relationship with God and with his son Jesus Christ and to build Christian relationships with others; 2) to create and maintain a dynamic Sunday School and other children's programs that support families and children; 3) to develop new and innovative programs that promote children's developing Christian faith.

## ***Position Summary***

The Children's Ministry Director is responsible for planning, coordinating, and overseeing all areas of Christian education and activities for children ages nursery through 5th grade. The Director's work is characterized by a love for God and Jesus Christ and a passion for seeing children impacted by the gospel. The Director is critical to implementing the vision of Eagle River Presbyterian Church for its children and their families. The Director has overall responsibility for: Sunday School; Vacation Bible School; nursery care for Sunday services and other special services and programs; and for developing innovative and creative programs for elementary age children that support spiritual growth and Christian learning.

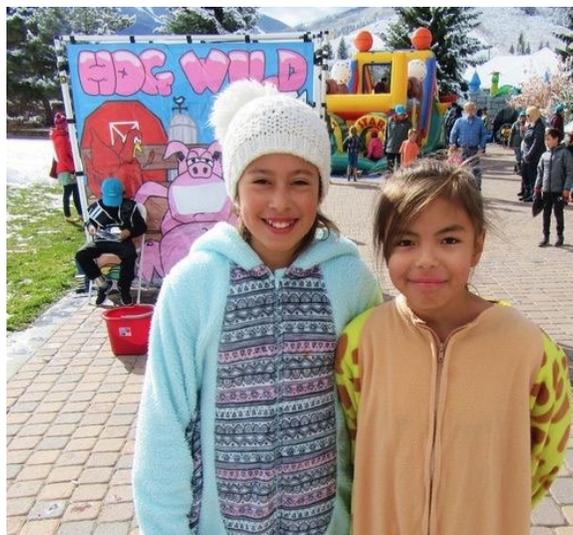
## ***Strengths, Opportunities, and Challenges***

### **STRENGTHS**

- ERPC is a Christ Centered community of faith.
- The Church staff and congregation is passionate about its children and families and is committed to supporting this important ministry.
- ERPC's physical space for children's programs is high quality and safe.
- The Church is committed to our formalized 'Child Protection Policy' and to insuring child safety.
- Our congregation is highly educated and dedicated to our community of faith.
- ERPC has increased this position's hours per week from 10-12 to 20.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW DIRECTOR

- The Eagle River/Vail valley has a growing population of young families who are searching for a faith community. The congregation is excited about the opportunity to be *the* faith community for those families.
- The Director will be given a clean slate and will be free to pick curriculum, re-structure existing programs, create new programs, and make this important ministry *'their own.'*
- The Church is supportive of innovative, new children's programs including creation of outdoor Christian opportunities for our children.
- The Director has the opportunity to have our children be a greater presence in Church services through music, scripture reading, and the children's messages.
- This position has the opportunity to build stronger communications and relationships with our children's parents.



## CHALLENGES

- Our Sunday School attendance has fallen over the last year. The congregation is committed to turning this around.
- Developing a stronger base of multi-generational volunteers to teach Sunday school.
- Managing our paid staff of nannies to provide overflow staffing and meet the Child Protection policy requirements during peak attendance days.

## **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

A strong faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is paramount. The Director must also possess significant Biblical knowledge and a commitment to share their faith and Biblical knowledge with children and their families. Must possess two years of experience working with children in an educational setting. An education background in Christian ministries, theology, or elementary education is preferred. Experience working with children in a Christian organization is highly desired. A commitment to Christian Education and a love for and understanding of children is essential. Must possess a demonstrated aptitude for leadership and for effectively dealing with difficult situations and problems. Knowledge of child protection policies and implementation of those policies is essential. Must be competent in MS Office and comfortable working with a variety of computer software. A clear background check is required and will be repeated at a minimum of every two years.

### **SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND ABILITIES**

- Possess Biblical knowledge and experience in classroom management.
- Be mature, self-confident, and professional and be able to provide insight and advice on children's ministries to various committees and the Session elders.
- Possess a track record of successfully working with children, their parents, volunteers and members of ERPC's staff and the congregation.
- Be an energetic leader.
- Be able to successfully create and administer new children's programs.
- Have the grace to effectively handle the occasional difficult situation as it may arise.



## PERSONAL QUALITIES

*Passion for Sharing the Bible*  
*Demonstrated Christian Maturity*  
*Demonstrated Leadership Skills*  
*Strong Organizational Skills*  
*Excellent Communicator*  
*Engaging Teacher*  
*Self-Motivated*  
*Passion for Children Ministries*  
*Innovative*  
*Highly Energetic*  
*Relationship Builder*  
*Desire to live in Co. Mountains*



## RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE

<b>First Look at Resumes:</b>	April 15, 2018
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	April, 27
<b>Interviews: (Skype and In-person):</b>	Scheduled in May