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Actively Seeking?:	Yes, Actively Seeking	
Ecclesiastical Status:	Teaching Elder	
Presbytery Membership:	LAKE HURON PRESBYTERY	
Ordination Date:	10/28/2017	
Formal Education:	BA, Sociology - Alma College, Alma, Michigan 2007 M.Div. - San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California 2011	
Continuing Education:	CREDO - Board of Pensions, September 2019 and 2021 Final Goodbyes: Death and Dying Across the Faith Traditions - Henry Ford Health System, West Bloomfield, Michigan 2014 Biblical Interpretation - Presbytery of Detroit, Winter 2015	
Employment Type:	Full-time	
Minimum Effective Salary:	\$50,000 / Year	
Position Types and Experience Level	Solo Pastor Pastor (for a designated term) Pastor, yoked/parish	2 to 5 Years No Experience No Experience
Geographic Choices:	Michigan	

Languages:	English
Other Languages:	

Leadership Competencies:	Compassionate Preaching and Worship Leadership Public Communicator Technologically Savvy Advisor
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	Organizational Agility Strategy and Vision Collaboration Bridge Builder Personal Resilience
Training / Certification:	Clinical Pastoral Education Training
Other Training:	
Clergy Couple?	No
Housing Type:	Open to Manse/Housing Allowance
Work Experience:	<p>Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Ithaca, MI; Ithaca, Michigan; less than 100 members; small town/rural; 2017-2021 Office Manager/Church Secretary; Westminster Presbyterian Church; Detroit, Michigan; between 175-225 members; urban; 2016-2017 Sales Associate; Sue's Hallmark Cards & Gifts; Beverly Hills, Michigan; 2014 – 2017 CAREGiver; Home Instead Senior Care; Birmingham, Michigan; 2012 - 2014</p>
Other Services:	<p>Member of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation; Presbytery of Lake Huron; 2021-present Member of the Planning and Visioning Team; Presbytery of Lake Huron; 2020-2021 COLA Volunteer, GA 221 (Detroit) – 2014 Video creator for funerals and special events (such as Mother's Day and Vacation Bible School), Greenfield Presbyterian Church, Berkley, MI – 2014-2017 Ruling Elder on Session, Greenfield Presbyterian Church, Berkley, MI (Chair, Music & Worship Committee) – 2013-2016 Member, Music & Worship Committee, Greenfield Presbyterian Church, Berkley, MI – 2012-2016 Presbytery of Detroit Volunteer (assist with registration at all presbytery events, provide volunteer office help in the presbytery office) – 2011-2017 Children's Choir Director, Greenfield Presbyterian Church, Berkley, MI – 2011-2016</p>
Describe a moment in your recent ministry that you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.	<p>During my tenure as the pastor at my previous church, the congregation celebrated their 150th anniversary. Months of planning went into celebrating this milestone, from coordinating the anniversary service, to arranging the dinner reception afterward, to organizing the display of pictures and other memorabilia. A full year's worth of celebratory events was planned. The moment of fulfillment came when I stood in the chancel and looked out on a sanctuary filled with current congregants, previous pastors, friends from around the presbytery, and a host of others who felt this congregation had played a vital part in their lives. It was a success because all the planning paid off and resulted in a beautiful anniversary celebration that was enjoyed by everyone involved, and to know that God had called me to be with those people in that place for that event is something for which I am still thankful.</p>
Describe the ministry setting to which you believe God is calling you.	<p>The ministry setting to which I believe God is calling me is one where the congregation is looking for someone to partner with them in growing into deeper relationship with God. The ministry setting I am feeling called to serve is one where we - congregation and pastor - can work together to explore new ways to "do" church. I feel God calling me to serve a congregation that has a hunger not only to survive, but to thrive, and is willing to grow beyond "the way things have always been done." Above all, this congregation will be one that loves God with their whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, and loves their neighbors as themselves.</p>
What areas of growth have you identified in yourself?	

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The most recent area of growth I have identified in myself is in self-awareness, and what I need to do to take care of myself to be the best pastor I can be. I am most aware of the fact that I need to have - and make use of - safe places to feel my feelings so those emotions do not cloud or corrupt my ministry. We often talk about making Sabbath time, or doing "self-care," but we rarely practice what we preach. I am keenly aware that I cannot be the pastor God has called me to be, nor lead by the example God would have me set, if I do not take care of myself. I know that I have been getting better at this, and I know that this is an area on which I must continue to work.

Describe a time when you have led change.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led many churches and pastor to make many changes, and in a relatively short amount of time. In my life, that is no different. Within one week of the start of the pandemic, I was able to get some kind of service online for the congregation I was serving. Within one month, I had other members of the congregation helping with virtual services. Within six months, the congregation was back to some kind of in-person services, but those services were video recorded, posted, and distributed to the congregation at home. Through the trials of the COVID-19 pandemic, I was able to lead the congregation I was serving to understand that their impact on the world was beyond the four walls of the church building.

Optional Links:

Online portfolio: <https://www.revchristinajensen.com/>

Statement of Faith:

I believe that there is one God. I believe that this one God has been revealed to us in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.

I believe that God the Father is the sole creator of everything imagined and unimaginable - of everything seen and unseen. I believe that this creating God is likened to a parent for all of us. I believe God created all of these things because God is love. God calls us all, first and foremost, to love one another unconditionally, as God first loved us.

I believe that God the Son is known to us in the person of Jesus Christ. I believe that Jesus was born in seemingly ordinary circumstances to live an extraordinary life. I believe that this man - fully human, fully divine - was born, lived, preached, died, and rose again in order that we might live more fully into the love of God. In a selfless demonstration of God's love enacted for the world, I believe that Jesus died and rose again to redeem me and all of us from our sins and to grant us life forevermore. We receive this gift of salvation through faith in God through Jesus Christ alone. I believe that the action that Jesus Christ took on our behalf directly enables us to share the love of God with others.

I believe that God the Holy Spirit acts as the supporting presence of God. I believe that, even though terrible tragedies and horrendous harms happen, God through the person of the Holy Spirit sustains us with a love that only God could give.

I believe that we come to know the persons of God through the Holy Scriptures found in the Bible, which is the inspired and authoritative word of God. I believe that when Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them," he was speaking about church, and that I am called to be part of the catholic church, universally proclaiming the love of God in this world and beyond. I believe that through the Scriptures, God has called me to be a bearer of God's light in this world. I believe that I am called to share the light of the love of God with everyone I meet, and to especially shine that light in times of darkness; to be a beacon of God's love and light in the times when the shadow of doubt and fear threatens to overcome.

I believe that there are two true sacraments through which we can come more closely to knowing the love of God. These two sacraments are Baptism and the Lord's Supper. I believe that through Baptism, we are marked, claimed, and adopted into the family of God's never-ending love, and that through the Lord's Supper, we remember that which love did for us, and we are strengthened so that we can go out and share the light and love of God.

This I believe. Amen.

References:

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Sexual Misconduct Self-Certification Statement:	I certify below that no civil, criminal, ecclesiastical complaint has ever been sustained or is pending against me for sexual misconduct; and I have never resigned or been terminated from a position for reasons related to sexual misconduct.
	I have read this certification and release form and fully understand that the information obtained may be used to deny my employment or any other type of position from the employing entity. I also agree that I will hold harmless the employing or judicial authority or any other entity from any and all claims, liabilities, and causes of action for the legitimate release of any information related to sexual misconduct.

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