

Pastoral Transition: Update from the Session as of April 5, 2024

As her final day on May 19 approaches, we are actively engaged in many activities to express gratitude for Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler. Rev. Brenna Dykman is ready to step in as our bridge pastor until we secure an interim pastor. Together, they have planned the sermon schedule through the fall.

Simultaneously, our search committee has been diligently working to find the interim pastor/acting head of staff. They have crafted a job description (provided below), which the Session and the Presbytery have approved. We will post the job description in as many places as possible to advertise the position locally and nationally. The search committee will then assess potential candidates and recommend those who are the most suitable to the Session and the Presbytery for final selection and approval.

While there is no set timeline for this selection process, rest assured that the search team is working diligently and seeking God's guidance to find an interim pastor who is well-suited to the life and needs of our church.

Look for regular updates on this webpage <https://www.firstpresportland.org/pastoral-transition/>, and please feel free to speak with any member of the search committee for more information.

Search committee

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Interim pastor job description link:

https://www.firstpresportland.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/5726Interim_head_PD_revised.pdf