

# DIRECTOR SEARCH

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

Atlanta, Georgia

[firstprespreschoolatl.org](http://firstprespreschoolatl.org)

Start Date: July 2025



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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

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.

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. Surrounded by the city's best institutions for art and culture in midtown Atlanta, 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 a Director to start July 2025, with significant experience in early education and administration who will lead the school in its next phase of organizational growth. The next Director will continue excellence in educating young children, support and develop a devoted faculty, and enhance a long-standing connection to the church. The opportunities for the new Director at this inspiring preschool are exciting!



## Opportunities and Challenges

The next 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 reinforce 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 next Director will have most of the following qualifications and attributes:

- 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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