

Ryan King!

FPC is delighted to introduce Ryan King as our new Youth Director! Ryan's first official day will be August 1st, but you can find him in the pews most every Sunday. We are very excited about the future of our youth program with Ryan at the helm!



Hello! I'm so excited to be serving as the new Youth Director here at First Presbyterian. In some ways I feel like I'm still finding my footing as a member of the church - my wife Laura and I became members in March of this year - but from my very first Sunday it felt like the Church home that I'd always wanted.

I am a Lawrence native, and have lived here my entire life with the exception of a brief expedition out west, when we moved to Portland, Oregon for a little less than two years shortly after college. I graduated from Lawrence High School and the University of Kansas, where I studied voice performance. In my "day job", I work for an IT consulting company here in town called BestMacs. Laura is from central Kansas, near Abilene, and also went to KU, where she studied piano performance. Unlike me, however, she still uses her degree - as the accompanist for Liberty Memorial Central Middle School's choirs, as well as a private teacher at the Lawrence Piano Studio. We, along with our border collie, Ralph, enjoy spending time outside walking the many trails that Lawrence has to offer, reading as many books as possible, and watching every Disney movie at least 10 times.

I have always enjoyed working with youth. In my teenage years, as a member of Boy Scout Troop 59, chartered here at First Presbyterian Church, I worked for several summers at Bartle, a popular summer camp. I've also worked with the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club and, earlier this summer, accompanied some of our youth on their mission trip to Omaha, where I had an absolute blast.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of the youth in the church, developing fun and educational programming, and helping them explore and deepen their faith. And absolutely demolishing anyone who is brave enough to challenge me to a ping pong match! The youth group here at First Presbyterian Church is already a passion of mine, even after just a few weeks, and with your help I know we can make it something really special for everyone.

If you're interested in learning more, please come and find me after worship. I'm happy to answer any questions, and I'd love to take contact information from anyone who wants to be involved with our youth group, whether you're a youth, parent, or someone who'd like to volunteer their time and talents. The more the merrier!

If you're unable to visit with me after service, I am always available for a chat over the phone (don't worry, I text, too), at 785-893-1832, or via email at fpcyouth@sunflower.com.

Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Youth Director. We have truly amazing young people here, and they're going to be teaching me a lot for a long time to come.

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