

REDEEMER EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL, MIDLOTHIAN, VA

Chaplain Position Description

Redeemer Episcopal Day School, a weekday ministry of The Church of the Redeemer and an independent Episcopal School open to families and children of all faiths and spiritual practices, is proud of its chapel program which is offered to all students (PreK – 5th grade), faculty, and staff. The School Chaplain will lead the various chapel services and serve as spiritual caregiver to all members of the school community.

Liturgical Responsibilities

The Chaplain will oversee the worship life of the School Community. This involves the planning and leadership of the following:

Monday Chapel: 9 a.m.-9:15 a.m. K-2nd grade

Wednesday Chapel: 9 a.m.-9:20 a.m. 3rd-5th grade; monthly 10 a.m.-10:15 a.m. PreK

In addition to leading worship the Chaplain shall:

- Develop chapel calendar
- Build upon and expand student participation and opportunities for leadership in worship activities

Educational Responsibilities

The Chaplain will provide religious instruction and education as appropriate in consultation with the Rector and Head of School.

The work of encouraging student involvement is constantly changing in reflection of the gifts and needs of the community. There are always opportunities to grow direct involvement of students and teachers in the planning and leadership of Chapel worship.

Pastoral Responsibilities

The Chaplain, in conversation with the Rector and Head of School, will serve as the primary spiritual caregiver for the school community. Examples of this work include:

- Visiting classrooms throughout the year (as planned or ad hoc)
- Storybook readings, prayers/classroom blessings, classroom services, etc.
- Maintaining a notable presence within the school community
- Provide support for students/families/teachers as appropriate
 - Emotional: joys, concerns, grief/bereavement, etc.
- Work with teachers and students when responding to ethical, social, and justice issues in developmentally appropriate ways.

The successful candidate for this role will be:

- Eager to connect to children ages 3 – 10 and their families
- Energetic, creative, and enthusiastic
- A dynamic presenter and effective communicator
- Experienced in working with children in a church school setting
- Comfortable engaging a community of diverse identities and needs
- Have a Bachelor's degree (a Master's degree and ordination in the Episcopal Church are not required but preferred)

Compensation is \$35/hour based on 4-5 hours/week, September – May. Immediate start date. If interested, please email your resume to jenny@redeemermidlothian.org and jdorsey@redsschool.org.