

2010 Church Profile:

Grace Presbyterian Church

Laconia, New Hampshire

“Making mature disciples through the ordinary means of grace”

Summary: Current pastor Andy Wilson and his family moved to Laconia in 2005 upon Andy’s call to serve as pastor. The church meets at 174 Province Street in Laconia. Laconia is the biggest town in New Hampshire’s “Lakes Region.” Summer visitors are drawn by the beaches of Lake Winnepesaukee and winter visitors by the slopes of Gunstock Ski Area. Laconia is located in central New Hampshire, 30 miles north of Concord and 6 miles east of exit 20 on interstate 93.



Laconia, New Hampshire

source: www.city-data.com

History

Work Begun: 1983

First Worship Service: 1983

Particularized: 1985

Membership

Communing Members: 94

Covenant Children: 35

Pastor: Andy Wilson

Asst./Assoc. Pastor: none

Ruling Elders: 2 (2 emeritus)

Deacons: 3

Worship/Sunday School

Sun. morning worship: 10:15 a.m.

Sun. evening worship: 6:00 p.m.

Sunday school: 9:15 a.m.

Prayer meeting: 6:00 p.m. Weds.

Worship style: traditional/liturgical

Ministry Highlights: expository preaching; weekly communion; catechism and family piety

Introduction to Laconia

Median Household Income, 2008: \$48,488

Median House/Condo Value, 2008: \$193,351

Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100): 91.6

Unemployment Rate, 10/09: 8.0%

Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)

High School or higher 81.9%

Bachelor’s Degree or higher 19.6%

Graduate/Professional Degree 6.3%

Largest Employers

Aavid Engineering Corporation 620

NH Ball Bearings, Inc. 478

Lewis & Sanders, Inc. 130

Local Attractions:

Lake Winnepesaukee (3rd largest lake in New England)

Nearest Major City:

Boston (89 miles southeast); Manchester (39 miles south)

Nearest Hospital: Lakes Region General (137 beds)

Local Newspaper: Laconia Citizen

Local Television: WMUR channel 9 (ABC)

Average January Low Temperature: 16.2°

Average July High Temperature: 79.1°

Average Annual Precipitation: 40.9 inches

Average Annual Snowfall: 64 inches

Town Population, 2008: 17065

Pop. change: +3.3% since 2000

Racial Breakdown:

White, non-Hispanic 96.1%

Hispanic 1.0%

American Indian 0.9%

Median Age: 38.8 (37.1 NH)

Age Breakdown:

Under 18 22.3%

Ages 18-24 8.8%

Ages 25-44 28.1%

Ages 45-64 23.5%

Age 65 and over 17.2%

Avg. Household Size: 2.3 people

Local Major Colleges or Universities:

Plymouth State College (19 miles)

New Hampshire College (34 miles)

Local Public Schools: SAU 30

Laconia High School, Laconia Middle

School, 3 elementary schools

Local Major Private Schools:

Laconia Christian School