



Mickey Morello

WhitePlains,NY



We are pleased to introduce you to Mickey Morello!

Mickey has completed our initial assessments in Theology, Church Culture/DNA, Personality, and Skills and Abilities. Here's what the process has been so far for Mickey.

Mickey has:

- Read the Church & Candidate Profile.
- Completed a first-round interview with a Chemistry Candidate Coach to find out about family, last role, reason they are looking, salary requirements, and philosophy of ministry.
- Completed a second-round interview with a Chemistry Candidate Coach to discover their areas of ministry passion, assess their spiritual health, and discuss any potential yellow flags that might cause misalignment with your church or this position.
- Completed a third-round interview with your Chemistry Church Coach to talk specifically about your church and the open role. This gave Mickey the opportunity to really dig in and ask any questions or discuss any potential concerns they are feeling about your church or the role.
- Submitted references that you could contact to speak of their spiritual health, ministry vitality, and work patterns.
- Mickey is excited about this role and has been praying for God's guidance in potential next steps.

We feel that Mickey has a lot to offer and we're excited to make the introduction today!





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Candidate Snapshot

Get to know Mickey...

- 37 years old
- Married
- 3 Children

Education:

Mickey earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University at Albany in 2010. He then pursued a Master of Divinity at Alliance Theological Seminary, which he completed in 2023. Mickey was ordained by the Christian & Missionary Alliance in 2023.

Most Recently:

Mickey currently serves as the Associate Pastor and Director of Spiritual Formation and Discipleship at Ridgeway Church in White Plains, NY. In this role, he is dedicated to fostering spiritual growth and equipping individuals for discipleship within the church community.

About Mickey

Mickey holds his family as the greatest blessing in his life, sharing a deep bond with his wife Frances and cherishing their three wonderful children, Rafael, Mickey, and Ava. Their journey of waiting and faith has enriched their lives, teaching them valuable lessons along the way. Mickey finds joy and adventure in raising their children, valuing the role of their church family in their upbringing.



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Theological Perspective

Describe what the "Gospel" means to you. What theological hills are you willing to die on?

The Gospel is the good news that the Son of God, became a Man, fulfilled the Scriptures, died for the sin and brokenness of humanity, defeated death by bodily resurrecting from the grave, conquering all sin and evil that is set up against humanity, God's image bearers. Jesus came to reverse the curse of sin, to establish and demonstrate the Kingdom of God, and to make a way for sinful humanity to be in right relationship with our amazing, holy Creator.

THEOLOGICAL HILLS TO DIES ON

1. **Trinity:** the Trinitarian nature of God is so vital to true Christian doctrine and practice, to get this reality wrong is to miss who God is. This is intricately tied to the hypostatic union of Jesus – fully God, fully Man – another non-negotiable. The Triune nature of God is also vital to so many of His attributes that make Him God, that I would joyfully die on the hill of defending the beauty of the Trinity.
2. **Believers Baptism:** I believe orthodoxy and orthopraxis demand that those who have repented and believed upon Jesus are to enter the waters of baptism to declare to the world their allegiance to King Jesus. I would not be able to serve in a church that demands infant baptism, though I would happily consider those who participate in paedobaptism my siblings in Christ.
3. **Christ Alone:** The sufficiency and exclusivity of Christ is essential for me. Jesus is the only way we can be reconciled to the Father, there is no other way into union with God beside Jesus – there is no other name under heaven by which sinful humanity can be saved. And it's the most beautiful news, because it means that we have nothing to boast in, and it means anyone can be saved! -- I would add all the Sola's of the Reformation: Christ alone, faith alone, grace alone, Scripture Alone.
4. **Bodily Resurrection of Jesus:** If Christ is not raised bodily we are most to be pitied. If one doesn't hold to the bodily resurrection of Jesus, they are missing the Christian hope.
5. **The Person of the Holy Spirit:** my skin crawls when I hear people call God, the Holy Spirit, "it." I bristle because He is a person, and to know Him, to live with Him is the gift of God that empowers our walk with Jesus. I believe the Holy Spirit is God, and that His indwelling of the faithful is the sweetest gift of the Christian life. I acknowledge that some elements of the church have so abused His name, and ascribed to Him ideas and behaviors that are not His, but I also believe the word remains true that we should earnestly desire the spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 14:1)



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Church DNA & Culture

Describe the kind of church you want to serve in and briefly describe your philosophy of ministry.

I want to serve in a church that is marked by its love and passion. Jesus is Lord, and we should worship God with joy, gratitude, humility, and enthusiasm whenever we have the privilege of coming together. I believe Sunday morning is primarily for the Saints, to equip, encourage, inspire, and engage the faithful - while I also believe that it's the easiest way for those who love Jesus to share their faith - simply inviting someone to a service that they find value in. With this in mind, I believe we should put together a worship service that serves the body but keeps those who don't yet know Jesus in mind. When preaching, I always want to include nuggets that will bless or teach those who have walked with Jesus for decades, and I want to share the explicit Gospel, to exalt Christ every chance we get.

My deep conviction is that the body of Christ is an interdependent organism that is first and foremost a family. The Apostle Paul, who is my number one hero apart from my Lord, uses sibling language of the church over 100 times in his writings and Jesus likens us to a family on several occasions as well. I believe, like CS Lewis, that we never meet any mere mortal, and that when we step into the church we are meeting with people who we will spend eternity with in glory. With that reality in mind, I don't think there is much room for drama and squabbles! That's why Paul was so frustrated with the churches in Corinth and Galatia, once you know who you are, and who your brothers and sisters are, there is nothing that should come between you. Considering that God's plan is to gather a family to Himself, it is no surprise that the family unit has been under siege for so long - I believe the church is a place where families should gather to thrive.

I would want to serve in a church that would be the hardest place to leave, and the easiest place to return. A church that is known for its sacrificial love, and commitment to the truth of God's word. A community that is a light on a hill and a lamp high on a stand.



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Personality Reflection

Describe your personality and how you like to work with others in the workplace.

Jesus has made me a lover of people. I am outgoing and willing to put myself out there. Jesus rescued me from a dark place, brought me from death to life, so I feel like I'm operating on borrowed time. I cannot believe what God has done with my life, a life that I presented to him in shambles and He has made it so beautiful. This drives me to live a life that is coram deo, before His holy face. I yearn to have the best of who I am be the parts of me that only God can see, meaning, character and integrity are the first priority of my life. I want to run my race long and well, and I want only to bring honor and glory to the name of Jesus, and that begins with who I am inside my chest, and when no-one is watching.

I love people! God has gifted me with an ability to connect with people from all walks of life, one of the advantages of being from a multicultural city like White Plains. When I am with the family of faith on Sunday, you will find me spending time with all of my people, from babies to grandparents and everything in between.





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Skills & Abilities

Describe what skills and abilities you have that make you a great fit for this position.

Expository Preaching: James tells God's people that not many should wish to teach because they will be held to a stricter judgment (James 3:1) – I take this warning so seriously. It is the holiest honor that God has called me, and entrusts me, to faithfully teach His word. The best way a preacher can guard against error is to preach the full counsel – to allow Scripture to interpret Scripture – and to teach God's people healthy ways to approach and feast on the word, so that we are dependent on no man, to meet with God in His word.

Evangelism: God has grown me in so many ways when it comes to having meaningful conversations that can lead people to Truth. I also love sharing with others about sharing, to take the fear out of the process.

Encouragement: I pay attention to people and take nothing for granted. I include this because I've been told several times that I have a unique ability for empower and stir others up in faith and service. I just appreciate people when they serve the Lord we love so faithfully, but it seems this kind of acknowledgement is more rare than it ought to be.

Discipleship: I have engaged in many different discipleship methods and would be so excited to work with the Staff and Elders to craft a discipleship ecosystem that will serve Montvale's unique needs.

Leadership: the best leaders do at least two things. First, they live and lead from their knees – praying that God would be reflected in them and lifting those entrusted to their care before the only One who is able to affect change in their lives. They also are in their knees to serve, to wash feet, humbled by the grace that was given them in Christ – this is way I'm committed to leading, from my knees. Effective leaders also invest in, equip, and make opportunity for other Leaders. God has built me, so that I can be useful for building up others.

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Pastoral Profile

Ordained Pastor with more than a decade of ministry experience cultivating spiritually healthy communities through biblical preaching, intentional discipleship, and relational leadership. Passionate about helping people encounter Christ, grow in Gospel identity, and live on mission across generations. Known for steady shepherding, clarity in teaching, and developing leaders who multiply ministry impact.

Core Ministry Strengths

- Expository & pastoral preaching
- Leadership development & discipleship pathways
- Pastoral care, prayer & counseling
- Youth, young adult & men's ministry
- Life Groups & community formation
- Cross-cultural ministry

Ministry Experience

Associate Pastor — *Pastor of Spiritual Formation* — Ridgeway Church, White Plains, NY (2022–Present)

- Regularly preach and serve on the Sunday teaching team.
- Provide pastoral counseling, prayer ministry, and relational discipleship.
- Oversee Men's Ministry, Young Adults, ESL Ministry, and Life Groups.
- Launched a Life Group ministry serving 100+ participants.
- Co-launched ESL outreach discipling immigrant communities.
- Officiate weddings and memorial services with pastoral care.

Associate Pastor – *Youth & Young Adults* — Ridgeway Church (2017–2022)

- Led youth ministry through Scripture-centered teaching and mentorship.
- Built and trained a sustainable volunteer leadership team.

- Founded and taught a biweekly young adult gathering.
- Organized retreats and discipleship environments fostering spiritual maturity.

Youth Leader — Talmadge Hill Community Church (2016–2017)

- Developed curriculum introducing unchurched students to the Gospel.

Sunday School Teacher — Authentic Church (2013–2016)

- Discipled children through engaging, Christ-centered teaching.

Education & Credentials

- Ordination — Christian & Missionary Alliance (2023)
- Master of Divinity — Alliance Theological Seminary (2023)
- Prepare & Enrich Facilitator Certification (2018)
- B.A., University at Albany (2010)