



GRACE FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are a practicing faith community,
intentionally multicultural and intergenerational,
impacting contemporary life through
the love and justice of Jesus Christ.*

ORGANIST / ACCOMPANIST

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The organist/accompanist is called to be a leader of worship from the organ and piano, working alongside the Minister of Music, Pastors, and Sanctuary Choir. The ideal candidate will be creative in worship, will work well with others and have strong ministry and people skills. The instruments are a three-manual Rodgers 950 Organ with full MIDI functionality and a 7 ft. Yamaha Grand Piano.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

Accountable to the Senior Pastor and Personnel Team. The organist/accompanist shall work directly under the supervision of the Minister of Music and in conjunction with the Senior Pastor and Personnel Team.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Music degree preferred.
- Knowledge of and ability to perform the standard organ repertoire and willingness and ability to perform a wide range of musical styles.
- Demonstrate the ability to sight-read open-score, accompaniments and hymns.
- Professional accompanist with solid rhythmic skills to support the choir, soloists and ensembles.
- Background in and understanding of church music and liturgy in the Reformed/Presbyterian tradition.
- Flexible, versatile and creative.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Prepare and perform service music (prelude, offertory, Communion music, postlude, etc.) as needed for 9:00AM worship services and occasional extra services (11:00AM worship, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, etc.) and concerts as needed. Titles and composers' names should be submitted no later than five days prior to each service.
- Accompany Sanctuary Choir in all regular and extra rehearsals and services/performances, including retreats.
- Prepare and play for congregational singing of hymns, songs and psalms.
- Schedule solos, ensembles or special music offerings for worship (including Children's Choir) and rehearsals as needed.
- Coordinate upkeep and repair of the organ and Sanctuary piano, including scheduling piano tuning.
- Attend staff, Worship Team or music staff meetings as requested.
- Rehearse sufficiently for optimum performance.

EVALUATION:

Employment will begin with a 90-day orientation period, at which time an initial evaluation will be conducted by the Senior Pastor, Minister of Music, and the Personnel Team. After a successful first evaluation, annual performance reviews will be conducted by Minister of Music and reviewed by Personnel Team.

COMPENSATION:

Salary range is \$16,000 - \$21,000 annually. Weddings and memorial services are paid in addition to salary. Vacation and sick time is based upon the Church's personnel policy.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Please submit letter of application addressing qualifications and experience and a current resume to the address below. Electronic submissions are preferred. Starting date is June 1, or as soon as possible.

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