

POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Accompanist

STATUS: Part-time (Sunday mornings, around 9am to 11:30am)

PURPOSE: To accompany the choir and the congregation during worship by playing the organ and/or piano.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Reports to the pastor as head of staff, and chairman of the Personnel Committee, and chairman of Worship and Music committee.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To prepare and play organ or piano music for worship service. This includes selecting music in consultation with the pastor for the prelude, offertory, and postlude, and accompaniment for hymns that are selected by the pastor.
- To accompany the choir and other musicians or vocalists as they perform regularly scheduled music.
- To accompany the choir and other musicians or vocalists as they rehearse (usually prior to worship).
- To play for special services such as Ash Wednesday, Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday as requested by Session.
- To prepare and play appropriate music for private events such as weddings and funerals. (paid separately)
- To rehearse sufficiently for optimum performance of regularly scheduled music.
- To consult with the Worship & Music Committee regarding organ/piano tuning and needed repairs.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Previous accompanying experience required.
- Previous vocal choir and bell choir directing a plus, but not required.

EVALUATION:

Performance reviews will be conducted annually by the pastor and the chairman of Personnel Committee. The Personnel Committee will annually review the adequacy of compensation.

BENEFITS:

- Two paid Sundays off per calendar year.
- Compensation based on a "per worship service" basis.