

Job Description: Organist

Purpose: To accompany the church choirs, to lead congregational singing, and to support the worship service with appropriate musical offerings.

Accountability: The Organist is accountable to the Pastor as head of staff, through the supervision of the Director of Music.

Skills Needed:

1. Primary ability to play the organ.
2. Secondary ability to play the piano/keyboard.
3. Ability to sight-read.
4. Ability to take direction and work as a team member.
5. Skill of improvisation desired.

Responsibilities:

1. The Organist will play for the 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship service.
2. To coordinate with the Director of Music and the Pastor in planning, preparing, and playing of music appropriate to each service of worship.
3. To prepare sufficiently for optimum performance on the organ or piano for both rehearsals and worship.
4. To prepare and perform appropriate music for annual special services including Ash Wednesday and Christmas Eve services.
5. To accompany scheduled rehearsals of the Chancel Choir.
6. To lead the congregation's singing of hymns and responses.
7. To provide special music as needed, especially for summer services, but also throughout the year.
8. To attend staff meetings, worship committee meetings, and special worship planning sessions throughout the year.
9. To play for special gatherings of the church when requested by the Pastor.
10. To provide for appropriate substitutes for worship services or special events when not available.

Opportunities:

1. Use of the organ and pianos to give private lessons (provided that students are supervised).
2. Use of the organ and pianos for preparing and giving recitals or concerts.

Leave: The organist will have two Sundays off annually.

Evaluation: Performance reviews will be conducted annually by the Pastor as the head of staff in coordination with the Personnel Committee.

Organ: Möller. 16 ranks. Complete renovation and upgrade by Barger and Nix in 2016.