

**First Presbyterian Church of Fenton
Part-Time Organist/Accompanist (Updated 6-26-17)**

Purpose: The Church Organist is a committed Christian who provides organ music and accompaniment for scheduled worship services. The Organist has a pivotal role as an individual and team player, resulting in inspiring services that engage the congregation in their worship through music.

Job Structure: This is a part-time, non-exempt position. The Organist is accountable to the Pastor, who is the Head-of-Staff and the primary person responsible for worship.

Education, Skills and Ability:

Joyful in sharing God's gift of music with others.

Be able to display a professional level of musical talent from training and experience.

Proficient and creative in organ and piano as used in traditional liturgical settings.

Have a thorough working knowledge of the congregation's worship services and a theological understanding of church music.

Experience in leading church worship, with both organ and other music.

Flexibility, understanding and familiarity with blended worship preferred.

Collaborative with Pastors, staff, musicians and members of the congregation.

Ability to take direction and work as a team member.

Sensitivity and the ability to interact and work with a variety of people. Strong communication skills.

Supportive of abilities, ideas, and creative gifts of others.

Desire to seek continual self-improvement.

Responsibilities:

Coordinates with the Pastor and Music Director in the planning, preparing and playing of music appropriate to each service of worship.

Select and prepare preludes, postludes, Communion meditation music, and offertory music, according to the needs of the worship services.

Accompany the Chancel Choir in regular Wednesday evening rehearsals, Sunday morning choir warm-up, special rehearsals and performances.

Accompany the youth and children's choir, ensembles, and soloists, when needed.

Accompany two major choral works annually.

Special worship services in the life of the church include: Palm Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Eve, two Christmas Eve services.

Attend bi-weekly staff meetings, monthly Worship Committee meetings, and special worship planning times throughout the year.

Participate in continuing professional development or continuing education opportunities.

Organize and catalog organ music purchased by the church, and recommend purchases to the Music Director.

Monitor and schedule keyboard instruments for repairs and tuning.

Secure suitable substitute organists or accompanists as required.

Calendar Year: During the summer months, the church has a single 10:00 am service with combined musical styles and special guest musicians. During the school year, Labor Day-Memorial Day, the organist is the primary musician for the 9:00am service and the 11:00am service with the adult choir, youth choirs, praise team, hand bell choir, orchestra and other performing arts. The Music Director arranges for suitable special music for the 9:00am service and summer 10am service.

Additional Opportunities: Given first preference to play for weddings and funerals with additional compensation. Use of the organ and piano for private lessons, recitals and concerts with approval.

For or questions or if interested, please forward resumes and at least 2 personal and professional references to
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