



Organist

Kirk in the Hills • Position Announcement

About Kirk in the Hills

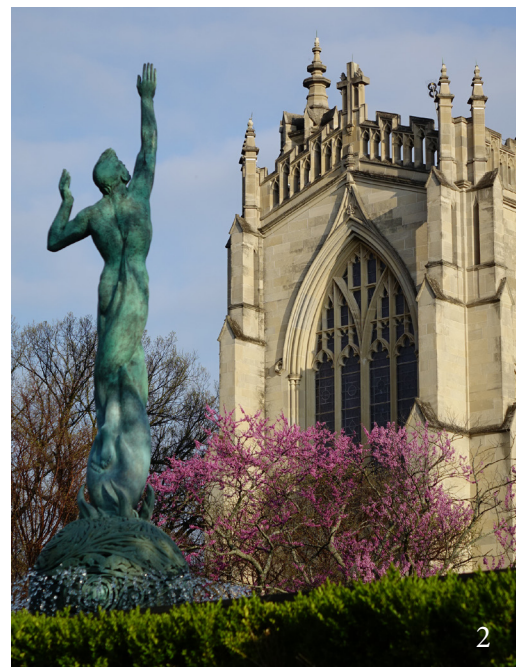


Kirk in the Hills is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and our core beliefs are strong. Among these are the sovereignty of God, the authority of the scripture, justification by grace through faith and the ministry of all believers. What they mean is God's purpose for humanity comes from the Bible, participatory what is revealed in the New Testament through the life of Jesus Christ. Our salvation through Jesus is God's generous gift to us, and not the result of our own accomplishments. It is everyone's job, ministers and lay people alike, to share this good news with the whole world. That is also why the Presbyterian Church is governed at all levels by a combination of clergy and laity, men, and women alike.

As a community of faith, the Kirk congregation is warm and welcoming, open and inclusive of all ages and backgrounds, active and diverse in service of Christ and his kingdom.

Set within beautifully landscaped gardens and grounds, the Kirk features scores of Christian symbols in wood, stone and stained glass, which create a unique worship environment that is both reverent and deeply religious. As a building, the Kirk is both a moving and imposing statement of Christian faith and a peaceful sanctuary for prayer and meditation. As a community of faith, the Kirk congregation is warm and welcoming, open and inclusive of all ages and backgrounds, active and diverse in service of Christ and his kingdom.

For more information about the Kirk, please visit:
kirkinthehills.org



The Organist

About the Position

Serve as organist for all Sunday services and seasonal liturgical celebrations, accompany all adult and childrens' choirs, and serve as keyboardist and music coordinator for weddings and funerals.

Preferred Qualifications

Performance and pedagogical experience accompanying a variety of different vocal and instrumental musical styles at all different age levels including children, youth, and adult levels.

- Minimum of 5 years accompanying experience
- Bachelor's degree in music or sacred music required (Master's degree preferred) with a strong knowledge and expertise in Presbyterian hymnody.
- The ability to effectively communicate with staff, congregational members, parents, and the community.
- Exceptional organ and piano skills.

Salary

This is a three quarter time position. Salary is commensurate with experience (approximately \$50,000 per year with benefits).



Organist Responsibilities

Music for Worship Services

- Work with the Director of Music Ministry, pastors, music staff, professional and volunteer chancel choirs, assistant organist, and various instrumentalists to accompany the choirs for rehearsals, Sundays, and other church services and programs.
- Accompany the Chancel Choir at the 9:00am and 10:30am services. (There is an outdoor service in the summer when weather permits that may include members of the Chancel Choir.)
- Responsible for accompanying music during worship, including but not limited to anthems, hymns, responses, and liturgy for the traditional services at the highest artistic standard consistent with the Kirk in the Hills' long standing sacred music tradition.
- Responsible for providing the opening and closing voluntaries.
- Collaborates with the Director of Music Ministry to lead the music for additional worship services.
- Maintain service, repairs, and tuning on our Möller Aeolian-Skinner organ (sanctuary), the Tellers organ (chapel), and a Schneider portative organ.
- Maintain service, repairs, and tuning on all pianos and the harpsichord.
- Serve as music coordinator and organist for weddings and funerals (separate compensation).



Opportunities

- To perform, record, and host world-class vocal and instrumental musicians in the metro Detroit area, including members of the DSO (Detroit Symphony Orchestra), Michigan Opera Theatre vocalists, and the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings.
- To be part of capital campaign planning that includes fundraising for maintenance, repair, and possible replacement and/or upgrades to the current sanctuary organ.
- Community engagement with regional, local, and visiting/touring youth and professional vocal and instrumental ensembles for performance and recording opportunities in the beautiful and acoustic Kirk in the Hills sanctuary.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume, and be prepared to submit, upon request, 2 professional recordings and 3-5 professional references.

Please send materials to:

organistsearch@kirkinthehills.org

Or

*Organist Search
Kirk in the Hills
1340 West Long Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302*



The search committee will begin reviewing candidate materials April 4, 2022.

