

Church of the Messiah
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Subject: Music Director Search – Church of the Messiah,
Woods Hole, Massachusetts

June 16, 2025

Dear Friends,

We are excited to share that Church of the Messiah in Woods Hole, Massachusetts is currently seeking a gifted and passionate Music Director to join our ministry team.

Our church community values thoughtful liturgy, joyful worship, and the power of music to deepen our spiritual lives. We are looking for a candidate who brings musical excellence, collaborative spirit, and a love for both traditional and creative expressions of church music.

The position is **15 hours per week** and includes responsibilities such as:

- Playing the organ and piano for regular and special services
- Directing our adult choir and handbell choir
- Developing a youth choir program
- Collaborating with the clergy and worship team in liturgical planning
- Supporting the musical life of the wider congregation

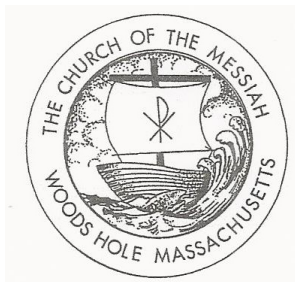
The full job description follows this letter. We hope you will share this opportunity with any colleagues, students, or friends who may feel called to this ministry.

To apply, or to learn more, please reach out to Rev. Peter Feltman-Mahan at rector@churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org or 518.928.7050

Thank you for helping us spread the word!

Warmly,

Rev. Peter Feltman-Mahan
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Position Title: Music Director

Part-Time 15 hours per week/ semi-flexible schedule

Reports to: Rector/Priest

Position Summary

Church of the Messiah is seeking a talented and collaborative **Music Director** to lead and enrich the musical life of our parish. This 15-hour-per-week position combines performance, leadership, and creativity to support the worship and spiritual life of our community. The Music Director will work closely with the priest, staff, and volunteers to plan and offer music that inspires and uplifts.

Primary Responsibilities

Worship Leadership & Organ Performance

- Select and prepare a wide range of service music in collaboration with the priest.
- Lead and support **congregational singing** with skill and pastoral sensitivity.
- Play the **organ and piano** for all Sunday services and special liturgical occasions (Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, etc.)

(Playing for weddings and funerals is generally expected, and compensated separately.)

Director of Adult Choir

- Direct the **Adult Choir**, including weekly rehearsals and Sunday anthems.
- Prepare music aligned with the liturgical calendar and choir capabilities.
- Foster a spirit of joy, inclusion, and excellence in choral leadership.

Director of Bell Choir

- Lead and rehearse the **Bell Choir** on a regular basis.
- Schedule performances throughout the church year, integrating them into worship.

Develop and Direct Youth Choir

- Create and nurture a **Youth Choir** program.
- Recruit and engage children and youth in music-making and worship leadership.
- Plan regular rehearsals and occasional services involving youth.

Liturgical Collaboration

- Work closely with the **priest** to plan services that reflect the seasons and themes of the liturgical year.
- Attend staff and liturgy planning meetings.
- Share musical expertise to enhance the church's mission and worship experience.

Administration

- Maintain a music library, care for instruments, and manage choir resources
- Communicate with staff and volunteers about rehearsal schedules and service music.
- Coordinate substitutes and manage the music ministry budget as needed.

Qualifications

- Degree in music or equivalent professional experience
- Proficient in **organ and piano** performance
- Experienced choral conductor, especially with adult choirs.
- Comfortable directing **bell choirs** and developing a **youth music program**.
- Familiarity with liturgical worship traditions (Episcopal/Anglican preferred).
- Strong organizational and communication skills.

To Apply

Please send a résumé, cover letter, references, and (if available) video/audio samples to:
rector@churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org

Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted

For more information about Church of the Messiah visit:
<https://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org/>