

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH – GARDINER, MAINE

Now Hiring a Music Director (Pianist/Organist/Choirmaster)

Christ Church is seeking a skilled, dynamic and enthusiastic Music Director to support our worship at our 10:00 AM principal Sunday services and to provide music on other Holy Days and special occasions.

Christ Church is a small to mid-size parish with a strong musical tradition. We have a 2-Manual Allen Organ purchased in January of 2023 and a Steinway spinet piano in the front of the sanctuary. Our adult choir averages about eight voices per Sunday (which we would like to expand), often with more for special occasions. We have also had in the past, and would like to bring back, a Children's Choir if there are a sufficient number of participants.

We seek a Music Director who is:

- eager to continue a vibrant music ministry at Christ Church
- sensitive to and understanding of the spiritual importance of music in Christian worship generally and its integral role in Episcopal liturgy
- enthusiastic about and familiar with both traditional and contemporary repertoire
- able to lead and support the congregation in their worship through music and song
- willing to coordinate with the Rector in planning music and worship in consultation with the Worship Committee and to experiment with new or adaptive ways of incorporating music into worship
- inspired to build up our adult choir and improve its musicianship and choral/vocal technique while working with volunteer musicians connected to the parish and beyond
- supportive of the development of our hand-bell choir, a children's choir, and other instrumentalists in the congregation and their inclusion in the liturgy where appropriate

HOURS: The position is part-time, equivalent to approximately 8-10 hours per week over the course of the year (summers have a reduced schedule as the choir does not rehearse nor sing, whereas Holy Week and other events demand more time).

SALARY: Salary range is between \$16,000 and \$18,000 annually, commensurate with experience and time commitment.

TO APPLY: Send cover letter and resume with references to the Rev. Kerry Mansir, Christ Church, 2 Dresden Ave., Gardiner Maine 04345 or kerry@christchurchgardiner.org. Please apply as soon as possible. Applications will be considered as they are received.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact Kerry at 207-582-3354 or kerry@christchurchgardiner.org