

First Congregational United Church of Christ of Colorado Springs
Job Description

Job Title: Choir Accompanist

Reports To: Director of Music Ministry

Salaried or Hourly: Hourly

Eligible for Overtime: Yes

Supervisory: Employees: No

Volunteers: No

Contractor/Vendor: No

Financial Responsibility: Budget: No

Restricted Funds: No

Job Titles Supervised: None

General Purpose: The Choir Accompanist is a part-time position that works with and reports to the Director of Music Ministry. This position is responsible for providing accompaniment for choir anthems during Sunday worship services and for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. Working days are Wednesdays and Sundays with an estimated 5 work hours / week in choir rehearsal & performance, and preparation time. Additional days may be required as needed for holidays and special performances / preparations.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide accompaniment to choir anthems during Sunday worship services throughout the program year (September – early June).
- Serve as the rehearsal accompanist during choir rehearsals, currently scheduled for Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30pm.
- Provide qualified substitutes for all absences.

Minimum Requirements:

Education: Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience as a piano accompanist required.

Experience: Ability to play choral parts in rehearsal reading open-score required. Two+ years professional experience as a choral accompanist desired. Proficiency in accompanying from the organ and/or in choral conducting desired. Familiarity with basic religious practices desired.

Other background demonstrating application of the following knowledge, skills and abilities:

- Ability to interact with worshippers appropriately. Interest in and enthusiasm for worship and other events at the facility.
 - Ability to communicate effectively. Ability to respond to suggestions and complaints in an effective and appropriate fashion.
 - Ability to maintain confidential information reliably.
 - Skill in collaborating with the Church staff and lay leaders to support the mission of the Church.
 - Demonstrated problem-solving skills that result in a harmonious completion of responsibilities and that encourage cooperation and support among all who serve the Church.
 - Demonstrated ability to work cooperatively with persons of all ages, races, religions, gender identification and sexual orientation.
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