

Christ United Methodist Church Job Description

Position: Principal Organist

Summary: The Principal Organist provides musical accompaniment during traditional worship services, funerals and memorial services, weddings, special events, and other church-related activities.

The Principal Organist position is 10 hours per week. The 10 hours includes the traditional worship service, weekly choir rehearsal (on Wednesdays from 7pm-8pm and other times as required), and individual rehearsal time.

Compensation: Competitive and commensurate with education and experience.

Reporting: The Principal Organist reports to the Executive Pastor.

Position Responsibilities:

- Play the organ during scheduled worship services, including Sunday services and special events
- Attend and accompany choir rehearsals, music practices, and music warm ups
- Collaborate with the Sanctuary Choir Director, Bell Choir Director, children's music group directors, and other musicians to enhance the overall musical experience
- Collaborate with the pastors to select appropriate hymns and musical pieces in coordination with worship themes
- Maintain and care for the sanctuary organ and piano, reporting any issues to the Director of Operations and Building Manager
- Provide support for funerals and memorial services, weddings, and other church events as requested
- Participate in worship planning meetings and staff meetings as requested
- Arrange for qualified substitute organist or pianist when absent for church services and coordinate leave and absences with the Executive Pastor in advance

Requirements:

- Commitment to the mission and vision of Christ United Methodist Church
- Excellent organ skills, with a strong understanding of various musical styles
- Strong piano skills, with the ability to play various musical styles
- A degree in organ or music is preferred but not required
- Ability to collaborate and communicate effectively with clergy, church staff, choir members, and other musicians
- Flexibility to adapt to the church's musical preferences and expectations
- Availability to work 10 hours per week, including weekends and special events
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills

- A commitment to enhancing the worship experience through music
- Previous experience as a church organist or similar role is preferred
- Support CUMC's culture of inclusion, justice, and sharing gifts through music
- Complete and receive satisfactory results of a pre-employment criminal background screening
- Complete CUMC Safe Sanctuaries training

Our hiring practices at Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC) are aligned with our welcoming statement: With open hearts, open minds and open doors, we welcome people of all races, nationalities, theologies and abilities. We welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We offer a safe and compassionate place to reconcile faith, identity, hope, understanding and mutual respect.