

Organist/Accompanist

Job Description
Mount Tabor United Methodist Church, Inc.
3543 Robinhood Road
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

This is a part-time, 8-10 hour per week, salaried position that is part of the Traditional Worship Arts ministry team at Mount Tabor United Methodist Church. The person in this role would serve as the principal pianist and choral accompanist for the Chancel Choir but will play additional service music on the piano and/or organ as needed in cooperation with the Director of Traditional Worship Arts.

Primary Purpose

To implement the mission of Mount Tabor United Methodist Church by assisting the Director of Traditional Worship Arts by accompanying choral rehearsals and playing service music as needed.

Qualifications

- A bachelor's degree in music with organ or piano as a major instrument or equivalent education and experience.
- Demonstrated keyboard proficiency, preferably on the piano and organ. The sanctuary piano is a Baldwin baby grand piano, and the sanctuary organ is a 2-manual Casavant pipe organ with a recent digital upgrade, adjustable bench, and moveable console. (Specifications available upon request.)
- General knowledge of choral and keyboard repertoire.
- Ability to sight read accompaniments of moderate difficulty and play from open score.
- Flexibility with changes in work hours during the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons.
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work well with others.

Areas of Responsibility

- Accompany the Chancel Choir for weekly and special rehearsals.
- Prepare for rehearsals and worship services with regular practice time.
- Provide choral accompaniment for the Traditional Worship services on Sundays at 11:00AM.
- Provide additional organ and/or piano service music (prelude, postlude, hymns) as needed in coordination with the Director of Traditional Worship Arts.
- The organist/accompanist is given first preference for providing music for weddings and funerals, based on availability. The fee for a wedding will be set by the organist/accompanist and paid by the bride or groom's family. The honorarium for a funeral is paid by the family of the deceased following a recommendation by the minister or funeral coordinator.
- Assist the Director of Traditional Worship Arts in planning worship services either at a regular weekly meeting with the Director or by attending the weekly Traditional Worship Planning Meeting.
- Assist with the maintenance of the organ and piano by informing the Director of any special needs or concerns.
- Perform other appropriate duties as required or assigned by their supervisor in coordination with the SPRC.
- The position is accountable to the Director of Traditional Worship Arts.

Salary/Benefits Package

Salary and Hours

- \$21,000-\$24,000 annually, depending on experience.
- Thursday evening rehearsals from 7:00-8:30pm and Sunday mornings (rehearsal and service from 10:00am-12:00pm throughout the calendar year.
- There will be additional worship and rehearsal hours required during the Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons.

Other Benefits

- Eight Paid Holidays (if the employee was ordinarily scheduled to work on the holiday)

Annual Paid Vacation

- 4-weeks (both Thursday and Sunday) Annually.

The church will run a background and criminal check as well as require a drug test prior to employment.

Interested parties should go to the Mount Tabor website at www.mttaborumc.org and look under the “Quick Links” and then under the “Employment Opportunities” heading to find the Mount Tabor UMC Job Application. Contact Bill Huffman (bhuffman2722@gmail.com) with questions about the application process.

Once the application is completed and signed, please submit it, along with your resume, to:
Bill Huffman, Staff Parish Relations Committee
c/o Mount Tabor United Methodist Church
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