



Job Description for Accompanist

Position: While maintaining an energetic and spiritual approach, the accompanist, as leader of the people's song, is responsible for accompanying worship services and the Sanctuary Choir.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Accompany regularly scheduled worship services, unless other ensembles are leading worship.¹
2. Accompany additional services throughout the church year which may include, but is not limited to: Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Midweek Lenten services, Holy Week services and summer Saturday evening services.
3. Accompany the Sanctuary Choir, and the Tone Chimes choir as needed, at rehearsals and when offering special music and leadership during Sunday worship. Rehearsals are typically Wednesday evenings and prior to Sunday worship when singing.
4. Regularly report to the pastor any preventative maintenance needs of the church's primary keyboard instrument, a Clavinova. It is expected that the accompanist will effectively learn the various facets of the instrument.
5. Work cooperatively with the pastor and other music leaders of the congregation in selecting and scheduling music for worship.

Skills and Qualifications:

1. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. Musical proficiency and keyboard skills required, including knowledge of basic music theory and harmonization of a melody.
3. Knowledge and/or experience of how to accompany various styles of music (i.e: traditional hymns, contemporary praise, global music, etc.) preferred.
4. Ability to provide effective leadership in accompanying others in song.
5. Background in liturgical worship and music and/or a willingness to learn.
6. A genuine passion and excitement for worship through music and its connection to a Christian life of faith.
7. Experience as a 'team player,' and ability to work well with others using appropriate interpersonal skills.

¹ Currently, The Way (a contemporary music ministry) leads worship on the first and third Sundays of the month and plans to continue doing so. The accompanist would be responsible for *at least* the second, fourth and fifth Sundays.

Compensation:

1. \$100 per each Sunday and festival worship service; \$50 per each midweek Lenten and/or summer Sat. worship service. \$25 per mid-week rehearsal. Compensation includes time spent in worship preparation and planning.
2. While no set time off is given, it is expected that the accompanist, pastor and other music leaders of the congregation will be flexible in scheduling.
3. Accompaniment for weddings and funerals is *not* expected as a part of this position. Per the wedding policy of the congregation, the regular accompanist of this congregation must be consulted as the primary musician for these events, but has the right to accept or decline. Payment for these occasions is the responsibility of the families involved.
4. If desired, the accompanist is permitted to use the church's Clavinova and sanctuary space for private keyboard teaching. Scheduling may be arranged through the church office and should not conflict with other scheduled activities.

For more information, and/or to schedule an interview, please contact:

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