



Christ Church Parish

Seeking Christ in Ourselves,
Serving Christ in the World

Accompanist - Christ Church Parish - Plymouth, MA

Christ Church Parish in Plymouth, MA seeks a collaborative, creative, and community-oriented accompanist to join us in making a joyful noise at our worship services, choir rehearsals, and other special services.

The primary duties and responsibilities of the accompanist will include:

- Play piano and/or organ as the primary accompanist at:
 - choir rehearsals, currently Thursdays 7p-8p and Sundays at 9a (September through mid-June). These rehearsals are led by the music director.
 - weekly Sunday services, at 10am September through mid-June, and 9am during the summer
 - one 5p Saturday service per month
 - holidays and special services, including but not limited to Advent Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week services

- Choose, prepare, and play preludes and postludes for worship

- Prepare and play the hymns, service music, and choir anthems chosen by the music director and rector

- Work collaboratively, cooperatively, and flexibly with a dynamic team, including the music director, rector, staff, worship team, our dedicated all-volunteer adult choir, church school choir, and other soloist and ensemble musicians from the community who join us from time to time
- Meet regularly with the Music Director and/or Rector as requested.
- Attend worship team and staff meetings.
- Report the condition of the pianos and organ, and arrange for necessary maintenance by qualified professionals
- When and if available, provide music at funerals and weddings for additional pay by the family or funeral home (the music director and accompanist have first right of refusal for all such requests). If not available, assist in finding an accompanist to play at these services.

Experience/Skills:

- Proficiency in sight reading and in piano accompaniment for choirs and worship services required
- Excellent communication skills in-person, by text, email, and phone are required
- Experience with audio systems and technology preferred but not required
- Proficiency in organ accompaniment preferred. If no experience with the organ, we are looking for someone with a willingness and openness to learn (the parish will provide continuing education funds for lessons)

· Knowledge of The Episcopal Church's liturgy and hymnody preferred, but not required. Most important is an openness to creativity, as our congregation is liturgically and musically diverse and enjoys singing from a variety of approved musical resources, including but not limited to: *The Hymnal 1982; Wonder, Love, and Praise; Celebrate;* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing.*

· Experience conducting/leading a choir, or a willingness to learn, are preferred but not required.

Instruments on site: Estey pipe organ 10-rank, 2-manual, restored in 2018; Perzina 6' grand piano

Position reports to: Music Director

Schedule: Part time. Thursday Night and Sunday morning choir rehearsals (mid-August to mid-June), Sunday worship service, one Saturday service per month, holidays and special services. Estimated time commitment per week is 8-10 hours.

Salary: \$12,000, plus \$1,000 for continuing education

Vacation: Two weeks per year, including Sundays, with flexibility in the summers to share in alternating an accompaniment worship schedule with the music director.

Please send a cover letter, resumé and/or any inquiries to:
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