

Choir Accompanist – St. John’s Church, Beverly Farms, MA

St. John’s Church in Beverly Farms, 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 Wednesdays 7:30pm-9pm and Sundays at 9am (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
 - 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 Minister of Music and Rector.
- Work collaboratively, cooperatively, and flexibly with a dynamic team, including the Minister of Music, Rector, Parish Administrator, our dedicated -volunteer adult choir members, four paid professional section leaders, 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.
- When and if available, provide music at funerals and weddings for additional pay by the family or funeral home (the Minister of Music and Accompanist have first right of refusal for all such requests). If not available, assist in finding an accompanist to play at these services.

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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*; and *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.
- Experience conducting/leading a choir, or a willingness to learn, are preferred but not required.

Instruments on site: Moller organ, 3-manual/48 rank, Steinway grand piano, two-octave set of English handbells (Whitechapel), single-manual harpsichord

Position reports to: Minister of Music

Schedule: Part time. Wednesday night and Sunday morning choir rehearsals (early-September to early-June), Sunday worship service, holidays and special services. Estimated time commitment per week is 6-8 hours.

Salary: \$10,000 - \$12,000 (depending on experience), 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 Minister of Music. Please send a cover letter, resumé and/or any inquiries to: frances@sjcb.org.

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