

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Middle Haddam, CT

MUSIC DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

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The worship at Christ Church is the center of our spiritual life, and music is an integral part of how we experience the presence of God. We depend on music to help draw us deeper into prayer and into the glory of the Holy One.

Christ Church is seeking a part-time, 8 hours per week, music director who is an accomplished organist and pianist, as well as a choir director. We have a very dedicated and well developed choir upon whom we depend to deepen our faith and worship.

The Director of Music will work collaboratively with the Missional Priest to create liturgy that is meaningful and inspiring using the resources of The Episcopal Church: The Book of Common Prayer, The Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing, and Wonder, Love and Praise. The Music Director will choose choir anthems and seasonal hymns and chants from a variety of other resources to support our creative and well developed music program.

The Music Director will be responsible for playing two keyboards that are in the sanctuary. An Austin pipe organ with 16 stops, 8 ranks, 543 pipes, and 2 manuals, and a Baldwin Acrosonic spinet piano. Both are well maintained.

The time requirement and duties include:

- 1- Selecting hymns and anthems for the weekly 10AM Holy Eucharist services and for special Holy Days (Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday)
- 2- Playing the organ and sometimes the piano for said services
- 3- Participating in the worship life of the parish
- 4- Weekly choir practice before the 10AM worship service.
- 5- Meeting seasonally with the priest and Worship and Music Committee
- 6- Maintain timely communication with the priest, parish administrator and choir to send hymn selections, proof the bulletin and to convey other information.
- 7- Providing music for funerals and weddings or securing a substitute. Compensation is additional.
- 8- Securing a substitute organist when not present for worship.

Salary for this position starts at \$15,000, which is somewhat negotiable with experience and proficiency.

The chosen candidate for this position will undergo a background check and complete Safe Church Training per the requirements of The Episcopal Church in Connecticut.