

CHURCH ACCOMPANIST

Position Summary: Employed by the Session of the church and is responsible to the Session through the Worship and Music Committee. Reports to the Choir Director. A part-time position that requires approximately five hours of work in rehearsals and performance each week (less during summer months). Expected to spend whatever additional time is necessary to prepare the selected repertoire on his or her own time. Will support the music program and help it fulfill its goals of promoting inclusive community through a diverse, challenging and meaningful repertoire, including hymns, responses, preparation for worship, postlude, etc.

Representative duties:

1. Attends weekly rehearsals and worship services for the purpose of accompanying the church choir at these functions, as well as hymns, responses, preparation for worship, postlude, etc., unless otherwise directed by the Choir Director.
2. Is prepared to rehearse any music in the assigned folder at any time.
3. Rehearses sufficiently for optimum performance during choir presentations, hymns, responses, preparation for worship, postlude, etc.
4. Supports the Choir Director in his/her role as a member of the leadership team.
5. Communicates proactively and appropriately with the Choir Director concerning rehearsal changes, scheduling issues, questions, etc.
6. Attends staff meetings upon request.
7. Performs related duties as required.

Knowledge, Skill, and Abilities:

- Ability to demonstrate proficiency in piano performance of a variety of music styles
- Ability to sight-read music
- Ability to accompany physical and vocal warm-ups
- Skilled at adjusting to the needs of the choir and the Choir Director
- Skilled at organizing preparation and practice time
- Knowledge of the fundamentals of music accompanist requirements

Education/Experience:

General Experience: Prior experience playing piano in front of an audience

General Education: Sufficient formal education to achieve the required skills.

Preferred: Experience playing hymns. Enrolled in a university music program as a major or minor or a graduate of such a program

Please email resume to the Rev. Jane Duffield at duffielddj2@yahoo.com or contact her at 412-427-2940 if you have any questions.