

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Organist-Accompanist

First United Presbyterian Church

Fayetteville, Arkansas

www.fupcfay.org

A. General Description

Play the organ for two weekly Sunday worship services, and piano/organ accompaniment for congregational hymnody and choir rehearsals, anthems, and other performances.

This is a part-time, salaried position involving 10-15 hours per week (varies seasonally).

B. Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Play the organ/piano for church worship services and other church activities, and accompany the choirs for rehearsals, worship services, and other performances.
2. Work closely in a weekly team worship planning model with the Director of Music Ministries, the Co-Pastors, and other worship leaders. Meet weekly with the church staff.
3. Plan instrumental music to enhance the Sunday worship experience, i.e., prelude, postlude and offertory.
4. Report issues related to the maintenance of the chancel organ and church pianos to the Director of Music Ministry.

C. Qualifications:

1. A mature Christian faith, and a love of both historic and contemporary worship traditions and music.
2. The ability to be a flexible and creative influence in a team worship-planning model, and the commitment to work closely and responsively in rehearsal and worship environments with the Director of Music Ministries and the Co-Pastors.
3. A sincere commitment to serving this congregation and community.
4. Interest and background in a wide variety of musical styles and expressions, including classical, contemporary, and multicultural.
5. A minimum of a bachelor's degree in music and 3-5 years of related experience, or the equivalent.
6. Continued professional growth as a church musician and leader with a commitment to learning and implementing current developments in church music.
7. A high level of overall musicianship, including advanced musical proficiency in piano and organ across a variety of styles, and the ability to read and play from chord-charts or lead sheets.

D. Our Organ

The organ is a 2010 renovated and expanded pipe organ by Temple Organs of St. Joseph Missouri. That company, headed by David Cool, has done quite a bit of work in northwest Arkansas. Our organ has a 3-manual console, 38 ranks (now the 3rd largest in northwest Arkansas after the new Central United Methodist organ was installed), and the possibility of midi capability, not yet installed. The sound is generated solely by the organ pipes and one octave and a half of chimes, housed in the organ chest off the hallway outside the choir room. The swell and choir divisions are both under expression, which means their pipes are housed such that they can be opened up for more sound or quieted down with pedal-operated shutters. The organ has 100 channels of memory for organists to set presets, of which each channel has 12 general and 6 divisional swell, great, choir, and pedal presets. It also has the capability to record and subsequently reproduce pieces played on it. We typically get the organ tuned once in the late fall and once again in the spring, not just to coincide with the major church feasts of Christmas and Easter, but also because of the changeover to and from central heat.

E. Salary and Benefits

Salary: \$20,000

Benefits: Continuing education funds in the amount of \$500 a year. 4 Sundays allowed away each year

F. Our Church and Community

First United Presbyterian Church is a vibrant, outward-focused, 425-member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The church is served by co-pastors, a Director of Music Ministry, a Christian educator, co-directors of youth and young adults, a parish associate, a preschool/kindergarten director, an office staff, a financial administrator, and its many members and volunteers. The church's mission statement is: "Called to be a light on the hill, we boldly proclaim and serve Christ, the Hope of our changing world." Fayetteville is a thriving community that is home to the University of Arkansas and the Walton Arts Center, with ample opportunities for musical education, participation, and enjoyment. One of the nation's premier art museums, the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, recently opened in nearby Bentonville, Arkansas. We invite you to learn more about our church and the region by visiting the following websites.

First United Presbyterian Church www.fupcfay.org

Fayetteville, Arkansas www.accessfayetteville.org

University of Arkansas www.uark.edu

Walton Arts Center www.waltonartscenter.org

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art crystalbridges.org

G. Contact Information

We anticipate a start date on or about March 1, 2020.

To learn more about the position, please feel to call Director of Music Ministries Isaac Thomas or Co-Pastor Phil Butin at 479-442-4411. Interested persons should send a cover letter, resumé, and the names of at least three professional references with contact information by February 29, 2020, to:

Director of Music Ministry Search
First United Presbyterian Church
695 E. Calvin Street
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703

Application materials and inquiries may also be submitted electronically to Ithomas@fupcfay.org.