

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 provide organ or piano accompaniment for congregational hymnody and choir rehearsals, anthems. Play as needed for additional worship services, weddings, funerals, musical performances, and church events.

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 events, 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. Oversee the maintenance of the chancel organ, reporting needs or issues 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 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 pipe organ, a 2015 renovation and expansion by Temple Organs of St. Joseph Missouri, consists of a 3-manual console, 38 ranks, two divisions under expression and the possibility of midi capability, not yet installed. The organ has 100 channels of memory, each of which has 12 general and 6 divisional presets. It also has the capability to record and subsequently reproduce pieces played on it. The organ is regularly tuned and maintained twice a year.

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, a director of youth and young adult ministries, 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.experiencefayetteville.com

University of Arkansas www.uark.edu

Walton Arts Center www.waltonartscenter.org

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art www.crystalbridges.org

The Ozarks Region www.ozarkmountainregion.com

G. Contact Information

We anticipate a start date on or as soon as possible after November 1, 2021.

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 electronically submit a cover letter, resumé, and the names of at least three professional references with contact information to ithomas@fupcfay.org by November 1, 2021. Application materials and inquiries may also be sent to:

Organist/Accompanist Search
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