



FAITH DES PERES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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To whom it may concern,

Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church, 11155 Clayton Road, Frontenac, is seeking a 1/3 time Director of Music and Organist.

Music is an integral part of the worship life of Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church and a variety of traditions and styles in organ, piano, bell, and choral music is desired.

Ideally, this is a collaborative position working with the Pastor and our Worship Arts Center in creatively selecting music and helping to plan worship.

Faith Des Peres offers two choral scholarships to students who then serve as section leaders in the choir and provide special music for worship services. There is also an annual budget for special musicians and the Janet Boyer Fund, which provides additional funds to enhance worship with different musical mediums.

Our services typically have an informal formality to our worship. The basic order of our service remains largely the same each week, yet within that familiar framework there is variety and creativity. We endeavor to provide sensory rich worship services.

Faith Des Peres enjoys having the Carolbeth True Trio, a mariachi band, a trombone quartet, a Dixieland group and other special music to further enrich our worship services.

We encourage innovation and provide funds for the Director of Music to attend approved continuing education opportunities.

A detailed position description can be found at <http://www.faiithdesperes.org/job-openings/>

Please e-mail questions or resumes to Rev. Marilyn Gamm at pastor@faiithdesperes.org. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

We look forward to exploring this opportunity with you.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Gamm, Pastor



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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST POSITION DESCRIPTION

GENERAL UNDERSTANDINGS AND COVENANTS

1. Music is an integral part of the life of Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church. Under the leadership of the pastor, the Employee exercises an important ministry that reaches out to the staff, choir members, members of the congregation, and the community.
2. The Employee agrees to recognize and share in facilitating the pastoral dimension of this position.
3. The music ministry will involve the Employee as an educator and principal musician of this congregation. The Employee's concern for all members of the choir and the congregation are to exemplify the religious spirit of this place. As an educator, the Employee will teach music and explain liturgical concepts. As a musician, the Employee will be diligent in preparation and performance, and will cooperate with others to provide and enable the highest possible standard of worship in this congregation.
4. It is understood that a variety of traditions and styles in organ/piano and choral music is appropriate for the services, and that the use of a variety of instruments is expected.

EMPLOYEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Employee shall:

1. Provide organ/piano music and direct the choir(s) at the Sunday morning service at 10:30 am each Sunday of the church year and shall select appropriate organ and choral music for each service.

Provide organ/piano and choral music for the following additional services during the year: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, Christmas Eve.

2. Rehearse twice weekly (or as otherwise specified) with the choir. (Wednesday Night Rehearsals and Sunday Mornings). During the summer months, music shall be

provided as follows: organ/piano pieces or soloists/instrumentalists when and where appropriate.

3. Cooperate with the Employer in the area of general planning and leadership of the music program.
4. Be responsible for the purchase of all music and music supplies, and the hiring of instrumental and vocal soloists within the worship budget.
5. Maintain the music library in an orderly fashion and maintain, at the Employer's expense, a suitable number of copies of musical pieces to enable performance of those pieces by the choirs or ensembles.
6. Attend regularly scheduled meetings of staff and other appropriate committees and, upon reasonable notice, attend such other committee meetings as may be necessary.
7. Report to the appropriate committee(s) on the condition and needs for the maintenance of the Employer's musical instruments, including the organ.

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

1. The Employee shall ordinarily provide music for weddings and funeral services held within the Employer's premises if available at the time of the wedding or funeral. The fee for such a service shall be according to current church policy.