

First Presbyterian Church, Champaign, IL

April 2025

Job Description – Organist

Part time/8-12 hours per week

Salary Range \$14,000-\$16,000

Introduction

First Presbyterian Champaign has a long history of worship enhanced by the selection of diverse styles of music, from traditional hymns and keyboard works to choral/orchestral masterworks performed at a high level. We are an inclusive congregation, and every effort is made to ensure that our musical offerings are spiritually moving and that they enhance a religious experience.

Principal Job

Play organ/piano for Sunday services and choir rehearsals.

Qualifications

Minimum of Bachelor's degree in music; organ or piano major preferred.

Prior experience in church organist/musician positions.

Strong communications skills and willingness to work in a collegial manner with the Director of Music, clergy and other staff.

Ability and willingness to plan and perform in traditional and non-traditional worship music settings.

Job Specific Responsibilities

1. Enhance the spirit of worship through music during our one service on Sunday mornings, including preludes, offertories, postludes and accompaniment of hymns and anthems.
2. Play for additional services which may occur at times other than Sunday morning, in particular: Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas and Spring Music Sundays, and others approved by Session.
3. Rehearse with the Chancel Choir on Wednesday evenings (September through May), Sunday mornings and other rehearsals associated with worship preparation.
4. Work with the Director of Music and clergy in selecting appropriate music for worship services. Take an active role in planning and executing creative, worshipful experiences with other musicians and ensembles in the church. (Bell choir, praise band, soloists)
5. Advise the Worship Team, Worship Committee and staff on matters that involve worship music, as requested.
6. Serve as wedding organist/pianist as available using the Wedding Planning Booklet as the guide for these occasions. Remuneration for weddings is in addition to salary. This document is available at firstpres.church/forms.
7. Play for funerals and memorial services as available using the Funeral Planning Booklet as the guide for these occasions. Remuneration for funerals is in addition to salary. This document is available at firstpres.church/forms.

Position start date: Negotiable; *Preferably as soon as possible June 2, and at least by September 2.*

Position reports to the Director of Music.

Annual compensation commensurate with experience and education.

Sanctuary instruments include the pipe works of a Schantz organ that have been coupled to a Rodgers Digital Infinity II, three manual organ installed in 2015 and a seven foot Steinway grand piano.

When the need arises for time off, the employee will notify their supervisor (Director of Music) and permission may be given on a case-by-case basis, not to exceed four weeks. (Wednesday/Sunday)

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, three references and either an audio recording or a link to a video recording. Email submissions to info@firstpres.church