

Position Description

Organist – part-time

Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church (USA) is a warm and engaged 650-member congregation located in the heart of Midtown Raleigh in North Carolina. The congregation's mission is, "To Know, Love and Serve God in Jesus Christ." Our vision is, "A Community Enriched by Responding to the Wonder of God." Hudson was founded in 1957 and for 64 years, committed worship, faith formation, congregational care and fellowship have led our participants out into the world to love and serve our neighbor. The church has 14 staff members as well as a preschool with over 160 students and more than 35 teachers. Hudson is a part of the largest Presbyterian denomination in the country (PCUSA - 1.3 million members and 9000 congregations) and values being a part of the Reformed Protestant tradition. Through the years Hudson has maintained a vibrant and active music ministry.

We seek a part-time Organist who is called by God to help support a warm and welcoming congregation through the ministry of music. The music program includes a 35-member chancel choir, a handbell choir, youth musicians and a children's music program.

PURPOSE: To help lead the ministry of the Gospel through music, by providing organ or piano accompaniment for scheduled worship services and other occasions in support of the sacred mission of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

POSITION TYPE: This is a part-time position reporting to the Director of Music Ministry (~15 hours/week). Flexible hours may be necessary depending on the type of worship, season and musical programs planned.

POSITION SUMMARY:

Work closely with the Director of Music Ministry to plan and coordinate all aspects of the church music program including, but not limited to, activities of the Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Youth Musicians and Children's Music Program for the presentation of music in the life of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Worship/Leadership

- Provide organ/piano service music for traditional Sunday morning worship services, as well as for extra seasonal worship services. This includes musical preludes, postludes, incidental music, offertories as requested, and accompaniment of all congregational hymns and responses.
- Accompany the Chancel Choir at the organ/piano, as appropriate, in worship and in all rehearsals.

- Accompany soloists/small ensembles/guest performers as requested by the Director of Music Ministry.
- Have right of first refusal for weddings at HMPC (contracted and paid separately, not included in compensation). If unavailable to play for a wedding, the organist is asked to work with the Director of Music Ministry to help secure an alternate organist.
- Service at funerals is requested and will be paid separately, not included in compensation.
- Maintain a professional standard of performance and work closely with the Director of Music Ministry to coordinate the organ/piano music within the overall music ministry, and to provide vibrant music in support of the overall ministry at Hudson.
- Exemplify in your own daily walk the character fitting for one called to the service of the Gospel through the ministry of music.

Administrative:

- Submit complete information concerning musical works to be played during worship services to the Director of Music Ministry upon request to be included in the Sunday Worship bulleting in a timely manner.
- Assist with the care and maintenance of church instruments and appropriate equipment, including organ and pianos.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION:

- Bachelor's Degree in Music preferred. Equivalent experience in private study, course work or at other Churches will be considered.
- Must have a demonstrated proficiency on organ/piano
- Minimum of three years' experience in service playing required, including accompaniment of choir and hymns at the organ and piano

Skills/Abilities of Ideal Candidate:

- Able to sight-read accompaniment of moderate difficulty and to play accompaniment of great difficulty after preparation (practice)
- Capable of playing from open choral score
- Able to play isolated voice parts as requested in rehearsals
- Adept at playing musically while following a conductor
- Collaborator
- Flexible
- Strong interpersonal skills

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SALARY/BENEFITS:

- Minimum - \$20,000

- One paid Sunday off is allowed each quarter. If additional Sundays off are requested, the organist will be expected to work with the Director of Music Ministry to secure a substitute, and to compensate the substitute for their service.

EQUIPMENT:

ORGAN:

- Zimmer (pre-1970)
- 10 ranks
- 2 manuals - full 61 keys
- pedalboard - full 32-note
- 1 expression pedal
- Crescendo pedal
- 8' and 4' principal and flute ranks
- 16' principal and 16' reed on pedal
- 1 swell reed
- no strings
- couplers - sw to Gt, Gt to ped, sw to ped
- 5 pistons
- Chest is enclosed with no pipes visible
- Console is located facing the choir
- Great keyboard; has been recently replaced

PIANO:

- Schimmel K189T (6'3" concert grand)

Equal Employment Opportunity

At Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Equal Employment Opportunity is our commitment and goal. All qualified candidates will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, national origin, gender, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status, marital status, or any other protected status designated by federal, state, or local law. Applicants are encouraged to confidentially self-identify when applying. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of a reference check and background investigation.

To apply for this position, please send a cover letter and resume to:

Organist_search@hmpc.org