



## Position Description: Church Pianist

### Position Summary

The pianist works under the direction of the Music Director and provides music at two Sunday morning services, special services (particularly during advent and lent), provides accompaniment to the choir during performances and weekly rehearsals.

### Essential Functions

- Under the leadership of the Music Director, the pianist performs a prelude and postlude, and music for congregational hymns usually found in two Methodist hymnals, and incidental music for the offertory and prayer portions of the services.
- The pianist is expected to play a variety of types of music, and have the ability to improvise.
- The pianist accompanies the choir's anthem(s) and other planned music for two Sunday morning worship services, services on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and three services on Easter, and other services as needed.
- The pianist will meet regularly with the music director.
- The pianist accompanies adult choir rehearsals once per week.
- The pianist accompanies scheduled soloists, children's choir, and music groups.
- If unavailable, the pianist must notify the music director, providing as much notice as possible, and assist the music director in arranging for substitutes.
- The pianist will encourage members of the congregation and community to share their talents. It is understood that a variety of traditions and styles of music are frequently appropriate for the services and that different instruments are often included.

### Job Qualifications and Requirements

- Experience accompanying choral groups and soloists.
- Ability to improvise thematic and melodic background music.
- Ability to collaborate with the music director, pastor, worship committee, and lay musicians
- Experience in a variety of musical styles and ability to perform with other instrumentalists.
- Ability to work with people of diverse ethnic, social, cultural, and economic backgrounds and sexual orientations.
- Completion of a background check is required for all DUMC employees.
- Academic training in music, musical theory, musical performance, choral direction, or music preferred.
- Proficiency in playing the organ a plus.

### Hours, Pay and Benefits

Hours: Approximately 10 hours/week

Pay: \$17-\$20/hr depending on skill and experience

Benefits: Paid sick leave and vacation time