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First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, IL
ORGANIST
Job Description

Position Purpose: To support weekly worship services and special services with music selections to inspire congregational singing and worship.

This permanent/part-time position reports to and is supervised by the head of staff.

Responsibilities:

- Provide a musical excellence with various styles of music on organ or piano.
- Work collaboratively with the Worship Team (the pastor, other worship team members, the Worship and Music Committee), to provide music at Sunday worship services, and other special celebrations, including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve.
- Record music and support online worship.
- Accompany vocalists and instrumentalists as requested by the Music Director or Pastor.
- Secure substitute organists and notify church office and Pastor in advance.
- Submit annual budget request for music and instrument maintenance.
- Purchase organ music within the approved budgetary parameters.
- Schedule maintenance and tuning of the organ within approved budget and provide annual report specifying maintenance needs.
- Attend staff meetings and special worship planning sessions.

Required Qualifications:

- Excellent musicianship across a wide range of genres
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Familiarity with Christian worship
- Experience with recording music
- Computer capabilities

Desired Qualifications:

- Academic studies in organ performance.
- Experience as a church organist including accompaniment.
- Understanding of Reformed worship traditions.

Compensation: Salary is commensurate with education, professional training, experience, and achievement of job responsibilities.

Leave/Vacation Time: 4 Sundays per year

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Annual Evaluation: A performance evaluation will be conducted annually by the Pastor and the Personnel Committee. Annual employee evaluations will be kept on file for the duration of employment by the church.

Opportunities:

- Provide music for weddings and funerals held at the church when the organ is specifically requested. Remuneration for these services is not provided by the church, but are fees paid by those families requesting the service in an amount determined by church policy.
- The organist may present concerts upon approval of Session and the date by church staff.
- Other keyboard instruments available at First Presbyterian Church include Steinway and Kawai baby-grand pianos and a Brunzema portative organ.
- The Brombaugh Opus 35 Organ was designed and crafted explicitly for First Presbyterian Church and has attracted national and international attention since its installation in 2000. This organ has some 3,250 pipes placed in 70 ranks for its 49 stops.

This position could be combined with the pianist.

These staff positions offer competitive pay and a collaborative work environment.

Interested persons should submit sample recordings, CV or resumé and three references to [Pastor Susan Phillips](#).