

Church Organist Job Description

The church organist is a committed Christian who provides organ music and accompaniment for scheduled worship services and other activities in support of the music ministry of the church. This individual will be a strong team player working with the pastor and the choir director of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Foley, Alabama.

This year-round position is defined as salary (no overtime pay), restricted part time. Expectation of attendance is for Sunday 10am worship service, rehearsals with the choir and other special services including but not limited to Christmas and Easter.

Job Requirements

1. Experience in church worship, with both organ and piano music.
2. Knowledge of the instruments and keyboard ability sufficient to play hymns, songs and anthem accompaniments. Ability to sight-read and improvise is desired.
3. High degree of competence on organ and ability to accompany groups and individuals.
4. Knowledge of basic music theory and ability to perform simple transpositions or harmonization.
5. Willingness to rehearse sufficiently to maintain a high quality of music.
6. Sensitivity and the ability to interact with a variety people. Ability to take direction and work as a team member.
7. Ability to communicate well and in a friendly manner with the church leadership and members of the congregation.

Accountability

The Organist is accountable to the pastor of the church. This individual will need to notify the pastor about planned absences and help if able to find a substitute.

Responsibilities

1. Support the church's worship environment through the well-prepared execution of music.
2. Serve as accompanist for the choir in regular and special rehearsals and performances as assigned.
3. Facilitate congregational singing and worship through the excellent execution of hymns and other songs.
4. Plan, select and prepare preludes, postludes and offertories according to the needs of the worship service.
5. Play for weddings and funerals as requested (and upon availability), being permitted to receive additional compensation from the parties involved.
6. Maintain an accurate account of organ needs and maintenance and notify the pastor.

Salary

Negotiable, consistent with candidate's education experience and skill level.