

Director of Music

Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church
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Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church in Gurnee, Illinois, is seeking a new music director. *We are energetic and joyful, and we do not consider worship and liturgy to be a spectator sport: we *participate*. We love and want to sing, and we want our music director to help us do that in the best way possible, connecting music with the scripture, the sacraments, and the preaching of the day. We believe that great music “gives wings to worship.” **

Congregational singing is vitally important in worship at Annunciation, but choral and instrumental music can play a role as well. Our choir can offer anthems throughout the year and support the congregation in singing a broad range of hymns and contemporary songs. Musical accompaniment comes from our 2-manual, 18-rank Moller pipe organ, our beautiful 6-foot Petrof grand piano, and from time to time, a cadre of professional and amateur musicians.

Annunciation is a congregation that appreciates a wide variety of musical styles: classical music, mainline Protestant hymns, gospel and jazz-inspired music, and contemporary and praise offerings.

In a new music director, Annunciation seeks not only a talented congregational music leader, a skilled organist and pianist, and a confident choral director, but also a committed liturgical partner for our rector. Our desire is to fully integrate all aspects of music with other parts of the liturgy to bring life to the Word and love of God.

If you have the musical skill set we are looking for (see following page), paired with the energy, joy and commitment to making way for God’s Word and Spirit to come alive, then we hope you will apply for the position.

**from William Bradley Roberts's Music and Vital Congregations*

Applicants, please send resumé & video sample of talent to annunciationgurneemusic@gmail.com. Video should include short selections on piano and organ; traditional & contemporary liturgical music samples are encouraged. Questions may also be directed to the above email address.

Position title: Director of Music

Position available: Immediately

Reports to: Rector

Status: Up to 1/4 time

Salary: \$10,000–\$14,000; additional negotiable perks include, but are not limited to, use of church space and music equipment to conduct private lessons, practice/record music for personal use, etc.

Vacation: 2 weeks paid vacation including 2 Sundays (music director makes arrangement for substitutes, who are paid by the church)

Essential Functions

- Meet monthly with the rector to plan the liturgical year: including worship music, anthems and instrumentalists.
- Provide musical leadership for congregational singing, including playing the organ and piano at our 9:00 Sunday service (and an additional service if required), as well as for special services throughout the liturgical year (Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Christmas Eve and Day). Right of first refusal for weddings and funerals (extra fees paid by the families).
- In anticipation of rebuilding a choir program, be willing to rehearse an adult choir for service music throughout the year; invite, coach, and encourage new members.
- Ensure proper maintenance of the pipe organ and piano, scheduling tuning/repairs.
- Ensure licensing is up to date and copyright information is properly noted in worship bulletins.
- Make use of all communication vehicles available (i.e., website, weekly parish news, parish Facebook page) to promote Annunciation's music and worship.
- Maintain music library files in the choir room.
- Submit budget information to church leadership annually and work within the established music department budget.

Core competencies

Musicianship: Proficiency in playing the organ and piano, teaching and rehearsing the choir, and working with instrumentalists. Knowledge of a wide variety of music.

Leadership: Inspires confidence in others, knows music and liturgy and how to teach, brings out the best in people, draws on all the resources available, and asks for help when appropriate

Interpersonal interaction: Relates well and respectfully to all kinds of people. Builds rapport, is seen as approachable and a team player. Energetic, positive, and hospitable.

Integrity and Personal Conduct: Models servant leadership, respect, and accountability. Conducts conversations at a professional level; keeps confidences; is widely trusted; is seen as direct, truthful, and discreet.