

# CHURCH ACCOMPANIST

The church accompanist position is to enhance the worship services of the church by musical expression on the piano and the organ and to help church members acquire a greater appreciation for a variety of church music

<b>Ministry Area/Department</b>	Music Department
<b>Position</b>	Church Accompanist
<b>Accountable To</b>	Director of Worship
<b>Ministry Target</b>	Church
<b>Position Is</b>	Paid staff – part-time status
<b>Minimum Maturity Level</b>	Stable, mature Christian within the Methodist tradition
<b>Spiritual Gifts</b>	Administration • Worship Leader
<b>Talents or Abilities Desired</b>	Keyboard experience in a church worship environment. • Experience and/or education in the church music field • Experience in music teaching helpful • Able to serve as a support person to the Director of Worship • Some academic training in music is a plus. See below.
<b>Best Personality Traits</b>	Outgoing & energetic; focused & self-disciplined; stable & resilient; cooperative, understanding and positive relationships.
<b>Passion For</b>	Glorifying God and edifying the saints through music and worship
<b>Length of Service Commitment</b>	One year minimum

## RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES

1. SERVES AS PIANIST FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES ACCOMPANYING CONGREGATIONAL SINGING, THE CHOIR AND OTHER ACCOMPANIMENT AS REQUIRED;
2. REHEARSES WITH THE CHOIR ON CHOIR REHEARSAL NIGHTS;
3. SERVES AS PIANIST FOR OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES AS THE CHURCH MAY OBSERVE SUCH AS: REVIVALS, SEASONAL AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS;
4. ENGAGES IN SUCH HOURS OF PRACTICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO KEEP SKILLS AND TALENTS AT PEAK CAPACITY;
5. ARRANGES FOR OWN SUBSTITUTE DURING ABSENCES WITH APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP;
6. KEEPS DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP AWARE OF THE CONDITION OF THE PIANO AND ORGAN;

7. PROVIDES AS A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING LITURGICAL MUSICAL REQUIREMENTS ON A RECURRING BASIS: PRELUDE, POSTLUDE, OFFERTORY AND CHOIR ANTHEM

## **ANTICIPATED TIME COMMITMENTS**

1. This is a part-time job that will require performance time for Sunday worship services, choir rehearsals and individual's own practice time.
2. Seasonal requirements, such as Easter and Christmas will require additional rehearsal times.
3. The accompanist will be expected to play for funeral services of church members and families.
4. Weddings will be on a fee basis for these services and will be agreed upon with the requesting party and the accompanist.
4. From time-to-time the accompanist will be asked to accompany revival services. The compensation for this will be determined on an as needed basis.

## **SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Capable of playing both piano and organ; a music degree is not required but preferred.
2. The ability to sight read music and to "play by ear" are much preferred.
3. Should be able to reasonably deal with simple transpositions.
4. Should be able to reasonably add some improvisation to congregational singing.