

# **First Church of Christ Woodbridge**

## **ORGANIST JOB DESCRIPTION**

August 7, 2017

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This position is designed to enhance the music ministry of the First Church of Christ, Woodbridge, by providing musical leadership and accompaniment for the congregation.

The Organist is directly responsible to the Pastor.

The Organist will be evaluated annually by the Pastor in cooperation with the Personnel and Music committees.

### **Expectations of the Organist -**

- To promote the spiritual life of the congregation through its music ministry
- To develop a music ministry that includes all ages of the church
- To support the pastor and work collaboratively and communicate frequently with the pastor to create musically inspiring worship
- To work independently
- To bring concerns directly to the pastor and the Board of Music and to meet occasionally with the Board of Music at monthly meetings following services.

### **Specific Primary Responsibilities**

1. Provide organ accompaniment for the congregation during Sunday morning worship for 1½ hours starting at 9:45. Musical offerings on Sunday may include hymns, anthems, special music, solos, prelude, offertory, postlude, recessional, response, communion music, and other music that will enhance congregational worship. Also organ music is required at Christmas Eve, Community Christmas Carol Sing, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Also, at scheduled wedding, and funeral services when available.
2. Work with the pastor to choose music for worship. Be available to work with the Board of Music regarding the role of music in the ministry of the church.
3. Arrange for substitutes to perform during scheduled absences, in consultation with the pastor.
4. Other tasks associated with the Organist position are establishing relationships with the broader music communities of Woodbridge and New Haven.

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5. Coordinate with the Choral / Bell Choir Director for occasional dual numbers, and, in conjunction with the pastor and/or Board of Music to arrange for occasional guest soloists and/or instrumentalists as provided for in the budget.
6. Provide organ accompaniment for the congregation and possibly the choir for special services as discussed with the pastor and the Board of Deacons.
7. Provide music for weddings and funerals. Stipend will be determined with consultation of the organist. If a family wishes to have a guest organist, this will be coordinated with the Organist and Pastor.
8. Arrange for the maintenance and tuning of the organ and all church pianos as needed in cooperation with the Board of Music.

### **The Board of Music Will**

- Prayerfully support your ministry among us
- Advocate for the music program
- Keep lines of communication open
- Meet with you to discuss mutual concerns
- Assist with special musical events (if any)