



GRAND BLANC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Interested applicants should express interest by August 28th

Director of Worship Music

Position Overview:

- The Director of Worship Music (hereafter referred to as “Music Director”) is an at-will, part-time position (*approximately 12 hours/week, including rehearsal and preparation*) and is compensated at a rate commensurate with experience and ability. The Music Director is responsible for the worship music during the 10am worship service on Sunday mornings, as well as for the direction, rehearsal and accompaniment of the Chancel Choir and Adult Handbell Choir. The scope of the music shall range from traditional to modern/contemporary. The Music Director is also responsible for preparation and music for other special worship services throughout the church year (i.e. Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, etc.).

Responsibilities:

- Works closely with the pastor, as well as the Worship and Arts Team, to select the music for all aspects of the Sunday morning/special worship services. The music planning should enhance and/or complement the planned themes for each week. This also requires regular communication with office staff for the purpose of producing programs and other worship-related items.
- Responsible for directing, rehearsing, accompanying and scheduling the Chancel Choir for the worship service. The ensemble typically rehearses one weekday evening each week and sings in worship as scheduled. During the summer months of June, July and August, the choir does not typically rehearse or sing for the worship service. During those months, the Music Director will provide music and work with the pastor and the Worship and Arts Team to arrange for and prepare “special music” for summer worship.
- Responsible for directing, rehearsing, accompanying and scheduling the Adult Hand Bell Choir (“Celebration Ringers”) for the worship service. The ensemble typically rehearses one weekday evening each week and rings as scheduled on Sunday mornings. During the summer months of June, July and August, the choir does not rehearse or play for the worship service.

- From time to time, the Music Director may be asked to provide music for weddings and funerals. These requests are honored based on the availability of the Music Director and are additionally compensated by honorarium and/or fees set by the Music Director in consultation with the SPRC.
- The Music Director has at their disposal the resources of the church's music library, as well as an annually determined budget in order to meet the necessary expenses related to the position (i.e. equipment and instrument maintenance, music resources, scores, etc.).
- Finally, in their work with the ensembles, as well as in providing other music leadership during the worship service, it is important that the Music Director help to foster an environment that is Christ-centered and focused.

Accountability:

- The pastor provides the Music Director with general, day-to-day supervision.
- It will be the responsibility of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and the pastor to handle matters of compensation, vacation scheduling, continuing education, and regular evaluation in consultation with the assigned SPRC member(s) and the pastor.

Compensation: A salary will be negotiated commensurate with talent and experience.

Expectations and Qualifications:

- Advanced piano proficiency.
- Organ experience is desirable.
- Proficient sight-reading.
- Degree in music or related field of study or relevant years of experience.
- Experience with choral conducting and accompaniment.
- Experience with hand bell music and direction
- Familiarity with church/sacred music.
- Familiarity with contemporary/modern worship music and styles.
- Desire to enhance the worship experience on Sunday mornings through music.