



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Assistant Director of Music and Organist (Full-time)

Overview

- Location: Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Michigan
- Salary Range: \$45,000-50,000 plus Housing and Insurance
- Application Deadline: April 12, 2026
- Preferred Start Date: July 1, 2026
- Submit materials to: Scott Hanoian, Director of Music and Organist music@christchurchgp.org

About Christ Church

A beacon of God's love, Christ Church Grosse Pointe is a welcoming, compassionate, and inclusive community overflowing with activity seven days a week. People of all ages and all walks of life flock to this Christian center and become involved in its life, finding themselves spiritually nourished, educationally enriched, and empowered to serve as they live the Gospel joyfully. Christ Church embraces growth, serving the needs of today's and tomorrow's generations while maintaining the glories of its Anglican worship and traditions.

Music is at the heart of our Christ Church community and is one of the primary ways in which we worship, love, and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Our choirs sing at over 50 choral worship services every year, including Choral Liturgies on Sunday mornings and Choral Evensong on select Sunday afternoons (September through the beginning of June). The choirs also sing at special liturgies, including the Advent and Epiphany Processions, Christmas and Easter Lessons and Carols, the Feasts of the Presentation and Ascension, and the triduum liturgies in Holy Week. Our choirs, as well as guest artists from the surrounding area and beyond, also participate in our yearly concert series *Soaring Sounds in a Sacred Space*, which includes performances of many of the great works for chorus and orchestra.

Choirs from Christ Church travel abroad on a regular basis. Most recently, the choir has traveled to Spain, France, Italy, Germany, and England and have been in residence at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Wells Cathedral, Salisbury Cathedral, Winchester Cathedral, Durham Cathedral, and York Minster. In 2027, the choir will be in residence at Lincoln Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

Christ Church is home to a 2001, 3-manual, 49-stop Harrison & Harrison pipe organ.

Summary Description of Position

The Assistant Director of Music and Organist supports the musical offerings at Christ Church Grosse Pointe at all musical liturgies as well as choral and instrumental conducting. This full-time position reports directly to the Associate for Worship and Liturgy/Director of Music and Organist.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Provide quality music for regular and special worship services and concerts

- Serve as principal accompanist for the Christ Church Choirs:
 - Choir of Men and Boys/Girls (treble choristers with 16 professional singers)
 - Schola (advanced treble choristers with 16 professional singers)
 - Chorale (adult volunteers with 8 section leaders)

- Assist in selecting repertoire, preparing, and performing appropriate music for:
 - 9 am Sunday Eucharists; 11:15 am Sunday Eucharists (Advent and Easter)
 - 4 pm Sunday Evensong/Special Services (irregular)
 - Major Feasts and Holy Days
 - Concerts and Special Events
 - Funerals and Weddings
 - Recordings
 - Tours

2. Support the Christ Church Choirs

- Engage and inspire children in elements of singing, music reading, theory, and musical understanding through the leadership of the Novice Program.
- Oversee and implement recruitment process of choristers and professional singers.
- Support development of all choirs and participate in rehearsals as needed.
- Conduct choirs during rehearsals, worship services, and other events in the absence of and as directed by the Director of Music and Organist.

3. Support for music events and fundraisers

- Participate in the creation of the annual *Soaring Sounds in a Sacred Space* concert series.
- Participate in the creation of the annual calendar of music fundraisers.
- Provide logistical, practical, and administrative support for all music events and fundraisers.
- Oversee maintenance and care of musical instruments and vestments.

4. Personal Development

- Look for opportunities to expand responsibilities.
- Identify needed training and complete training courses, as appropriate.
- Seek direction from Director of Music about allocation of priorities and best use of time.
- Support a positive atmosphere in which high quality programs and services are delivered.

Perform other related duties as assigned.

Qualifications

- Degree in music, organ (required); Graduate degree in music (preferred)
- Experience leading children and youth choirs (chorister program) and adult choirs.
- Familiarity with Episcopal/Anglican worship.
- Excellent accompanying and service playing skills.

Compensation

- \$45,000-50,000 commensurate with experience
- Housing (3-bedroom duplex in close proximity to the church, utilities included)
- Health/Dental/Vision/Life Insurance
- Pension
- Paid Vacation

Application Requirements

- Letter of Interest
- CV including three professional references
- Videos (links preferred) of the following:
 - Choral accompanying
 - Choral conducting (preferred, not required)
 - Service playing (hymns, improvisations, voluntaries)