

## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HOPKINTON, NH (UCC)

### COLLABORATIVE ORGANIST/PIANIST POSITION DESCRIPTION

*First Congregational Church of Hopkinton is a UCC church in Hopkinton, NH just outside of the state's capitol Concord, NH. First Church is an Open and Affirming and Racial Justice Church.*

**Purpose:** Accompany congregational singing, accompany the church choir, and support the worship service with appropriate music, including hymns, a prelude, offertory and postlude, as well as other music required.

**Instrument Information:** W.B.D. Simmons organ, rebuilt in 2002 and refurbished in 2025 by Andover Organ Co. 2 manual, 15 stops. Hardman Peck & Co. grand piano, refurbished 2013. Clavinova is in the sanctuary as well. For more information you can find extended information in our organ refurbishment campaign booklet here: <http://tiny.cc/6vwu001>

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Coordinate with the Music Director and the Pastor in planning, preparing, submitting copyright information, and playing music appropriate to each service of worship.
- Provide music for Sunday morning church services, including accompanying the congregation's singing of hymns and responses.
- Accompany the choir at weekly choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings September-June.
- Accompany the choir at Sunday morning rehearsals prior to church service.
- Accompany the choir anthem during the Sunday morning church service.
- Provide appropriate music for two additional services on Christmas Eve, and one each on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, Easter, and any additional services as scheduled.
- Accompany soloists, instrumentalists and ensembles in worship as needed.
- Attend any worship leaders' meetings, Music and Arts Board meetings and other special worship planning sessions throughout the year.
- Play for weddings and funerals as requested and as available.
- In consultation with the Music and Arts Board, provide for appropriate substitutes for worship services and rehearsals when not available.
- Coordinate at least biennial maintenance, tuning, and/or repair to the organ and piano.

## **Requirements:**

- Demonstrate a high level of competency playing the organ and the piano, and accompanying musical groups.
- Familiarity with a broad historical range of organ music.
- Familiarity and competence with basic computer programs (word processing, cloud drives etc).
- Familiarity with (and hopefully belief in!) the theology and liturgy of the mainline Protestant church.
- Excellent communication skills and ability to work collaboratively with a creative team dedicated to a high level of musical quality and belief in the transformative spiritual power of church music.

## **Compensation and Leave:**

- Compensation is competitive and commensurate with experience.
- A modest budget for professional expenses each year for additional training or resources.
- The Organist will have five paid Sundays off annually, requested in advance. Blackout dates include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday.

Applicants should submit a resume, three references, and cover letter via email to Cindy Dickinson at [apply@firstchurchhopkinton.org](mailto:apply@firstchurchhopkinton.org).

*Open to flexibility in the position for the right candidate. Applications will close when a candidate is found.*