

We're hiring! Our church is hiring leaders for our music program! We're looking for a Choir Director and Pianist/Organist — or someone who can fill both roles. Here are the job listings:

Full job description
• **PIANIST/ORGANIST**

Do you know of someone who could be a good fit? Are you that person? All are warmly invited to apply!

First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC

2521 White Mountain Highway, PO Box 401

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Part-time position

Overview – First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC is seeking an experienced Pianist/Organist to provide prelude and postlude and accompany hymns weekly during church services, accompany our volunteer choir and provide additional music as asked (offertory/communion music).

First Church of Christ is a church with a thriving music program, and a commitment to generous outreach and missions' ministries. As an Open and Affirming Congregation we welcome and affirm all people of all gender identities, sexual orientations, nationalities, ages, races, and abilities. We were founded in 1778 and while we are rooted in rich tradition and history, we have also joyfully adapted along the way. You are warmly invited to apply for this position, or to share it with music leaders you know who might be a good fit!

The ideal candidate will have a strong background in church music performance. The role includes weekly choir rehearsals on a weekday and Sunday morning. There are some additional services based on the liturgical calendar like Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, etc. This position has the right of first refusal for weddings, memorial services and other services at First Church, of Christ.

Responsibilities

- Provide prelude and postlude, accompany and lead hymns, accompany and rehearse with the choir, accompany and provide additional music as requested (ex. Offertory and communion music)
- Follows the guidance from the Choir Director for music tempo, dynamics, and other necessary directions. Provides guidance to choir members to correct timing as appropriate
- Plays for special worship services within the church calendar. (Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, etc.)
- Plays for any special programs, community events, or ecumenical services as planned by the Pastor or the Music Team, as available
- Select appropriate repertoire that aligns with the worship presentation
- Coordinate logistics, including information for bulletin preparation, collaborate with staff to ensure cohesive programming and presentation
- Advises the Music Team concerning needed maintenance of piano or organ
- Provides a cohesive flow of music for the choir and the congregation
- Attend Music Team meetings as available and any other meetings as requested
- Responds to church-related communications from church staff, members of the choir and Music Team
- Arrange substitute Pianist or Organist during scheduled times of absence

Experience

- Prior experience performing
- Prior experience accompanying a choir, soloists, and instrumentalists

Qualifications

- Solid keyboard ability sufficient to sight read hymns, liturgy and anthem accompaniments for congregation, choir and/or other musicians in the performance of music
- Music degree in Piano or Organ Performance is preferred but not required
- Knowledge of worship tradition and sufficient liturgical understanding to select music which is appropriate for church services
- Effective communicator
- Ability to work harmoniously with the Choir Director, choir, church staff, musicians, and volunteers
- Ability to adapt quickly to unplanned events requiring changes in the music portion of the service
- Sight reading skills to perform job functions
- Excellent organizational and communication skills

Job Type: Part-time

- Expected hours: 5.0 – 7.0 per week

Work Location: In person

Compensation: Salary is commensurate with experience and above the compensation level for comparable positions in the area.

- Two weeks of paid vacation per year in addition to 5 personal days. Preferably this would not include more than 2 Sundays in succession.

We are also looking for a **Choir Director**. Any individual qualified for the Choir Director role is welcome to apply for both positions at the same time and be considered for both roles.

How to Apply: Please send a letter of interest and resume to churchoffice@firstchurchnc.com

Website firstchurchnc.com