

Job Description

Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church (Greensboro, NC)

<https://mtpisgahgso.org/>

Position: Organist/Accompanist

- Part time, 10-15 hours/week. During higher worship seasons, such as Christmas and Easter, the hours required will increase with added rehearsals and/or worship services. During the summer months, when the choir is not rehearsing and there are rarely extra services, the hours will decrease.
- Reports to the Director of Music and Worship Arts

Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church is accepting applications for the position of Organist/Accompanist with an anticipated start date of September 1, 2018. The church possesses a digital, two-manual Allen organ.

The Organist/Accompanist at Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church:

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| 1. Serves as organist for two Sunday morning traditional worship services at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. . | Service music generally includes prelude, hymns, call to prayer, choral anthem/special music during the offertory, choral response, postlude, and monthly communion. Must be able to improvise as necessary to fill any additional space during the service |
| 2. Selects and plays music for preludes and postludes. | Prelude and postlude titles with composer must be submitted to the Director of Music and Worship Arts in a timely manner. Selections should correspond to the liturgical calendar. |
| 3. Plays for additional services throughout the year. | Services include Good Friday Tenebrae, Easter Sunrise service, Christmas Eve services, occasional choir concerts, recitals, etc. as well as any additional worship services scheduled by the pastoral staff. |
| 4. Serves as rehearsal accompanist for weekly chancel choir rehearsals on Thursdays from 7:15-8:45 PM and on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM. | Additional rehearsals to prepare for special services, programs, with soloists, or other groups as needed. Arrive at least 15 minutes before any choir call time. |
| 5. Attends Music and Worship Arts Team meetings and as needed in monthly worship planning meetings. | The Music and Worship Arts Team meets Sunday mornings quarterly. Attendance at monthly worship planning is preferred, but not required. |
| 6. Makes time weekly to meet with Director of Music and Worship Arts. | Meet with Director of Music and Worship Arts to plan and prepare for upcoming services/events as well as to review the Sunday bulletin. |

Funeral/Wedding Policy:

The organist/accompanist has first right of refusal for church funerals and weddings, unless the family specifically requests another musician. Funeral compensation for church members is paid for by Mount Pisgah UMC whereas wedding pay, as stated in the wedding policy, is the responsibility of the family and set by the organist/accompanist. It is the organist/accompanist's responsibility to collect wedding pay.

Qualifications:

- Proficient as accompanist and service-player
- Ability to sight-read piano, organ, and choral repertoire
- Ability to play choral parts and open score
- Flexible and able to work as part of a team
- Familiarity with Methodist liturgy is a plus
- Degree(s) in music and minimum of three years experience preferred

Salary:

Salary will be commensurate on experience and education to include weekly services, preparation, and practice time. Workdays and vacation are in accordance with the current staff guide as approved by the Staff Parish Relations Committee. Advance notice of all absences is required to be given to and approved by the Director of Music and Worship Arts.

Please send cover letter and resume with 2-3 professional references to:

Amberly Johnston
Director of Music and Worship Arts
Mount Pisgah UMC
2600 Pisgah Church Road
Greensboro, NC 27455

Or by email:

amberly@mtpisgahgso.org

Potential candidates will be asked to play a worship service in addition to their interview(s).