

Accompanist / Music Assistant

Position Overview

The Music Assistant is accountable to the Session through the Personnel Ministry, supervised by the Director of Traditional Music and worship, for serving the church by providing piano and/or organ accompaniment for scheduled choir rehearsals and worship services in support of the music ministry at Sardis Presbyterian Church. This individual serves as a resource to support the musical life of the choirs and congregation as it relates to worship and the fine arts.

Educational Requirements

Minimum of a high school diploma

While a degree in music is preferred; private study, course work, and experience will be considered.

Work Experience

A minimum of at least two (2) years experience in accompanying choirs at the piano and/or organ required.

Qualifications, Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to sight-read accompaniment of moderate difficulty
- Ability to play accompaniment of great difficulty after preparation
- Ability to play from open score
- Ability to play musically while following a conductor
- Ability to work independently as well as collaborating with the Director of Traditional Music and Worship
- Ability to work with all age levels

Duties and Responsibilities

- Serve as the accompanist for Sanctuary Choir weekly rehearsals and during Worship on Sunday mornings and other regularly-scheduled Special services (Advent, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, etc.)
- Serve as the accompanist for the Children's Choir and Youth Choir and during Worship
- Accompany concerts presented by the Music Ministry
- Accompany solos and ensembles when requested
- Other duties as assigned or as matched to the interest and gifts of the music assistant in consultation with the Director of Traditional Music and Worship
- Assist in the communication needs of the Music Ministry

Suggested number of hours per week: 10