

Washington Baptist Church, Washington, VA -- Music Minister

Our Church

Our congregation is representative of our community, and includes families who predate the founding of Rappahannock County and those who have moved here more recently. Our members are older and younger, single and married, liberal and conservative. They come from a variety of religious backgrounds, including Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Roman Catholics, as well as life-long Baptists.

Though a diverse congregation, WBC reflects its Baptist heritage in important ways: by being autonomous in matters of governance, active and generous in its support of missions, and deeply committed to its affirmation of personal salvation through Jesus Christ. A contemporary expression of the body of Christ in a small, rural, Virginia Piedmont community, we strive to be open and inclusive, tolerant in our diversity, and welcoming and encouraging to all who join in our worship and witness.

Position Description

WBC seeks a part-time Music Minister to begin as soon as available. Part of our ministry team, the Music Minister helps integrate music into vital and authentic worship experiences that enrich our spiritual lives and support our congregational values. Experience with a broad range of musical traditions—including directing a church choir—is preferred.

Duties:

- Collaborate with the pastor on music for Sunday worship, including choosing hymns, providing service music, planning for special music, and providing information for weekly bulletins
- Coordinate instrumentalists participating in worship, which may include scheduling volunteer pianists and ensuring that they have access to the sanctuary, and music as needed
- Conduct the choir, including: scheduling and leading choir rehearsal each week, selecting choir anthems, and maintaining the choir music library
- Participate in Worship & Ministry meetings as agreed upon with the pastor
- Schedule twice-yearly piano tunings, and supervise maintenance of WBC instruments as needed, e.g., adding water to the humidifier for the Mason & Hamlin grand in the sanctuary

Work Hours

- Part Time (6 hours/week on average)
- Sunday mornings (one 11:00 am service per week)
- Additional services as mutually agreed upon, e.g., Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve, and Christmas
- One weekly choir rehearsal, time to be mutually agreed upon (September through June)
- One weekly staff meeting, time to be mutually agreed upon

Compensation

- \$20.00 per hour; two weeks paid leave (\$250); two weeks unpaid leave
- Stipend to cover travel expenses as mutually agreed upon

References/Interview

- Three personal/professional references who can be contacted by phone or email
- An in-person, on-site interview/piano audition to include hymns and service music, e.g., a prelude, offertory or postlude appropriate for a Sunday morning worship service

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