

Church Accompanist and Choir Director

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The Church Accompanist and Choir Director supports the music ministries of Columbia Methodist Church by providing piano or organ accompaniment to the Sunday morning services, choir rehearsal times and occasional support for the Praise Team. It is a non-salaried position that pays per Sunday morning and per separate rehearsal time. The Church Accompanist and Choir Director reports directly to the Pastor of the church and works collaboratively with other church staff and volunteers.

Qualifications:

- Strong piano and sheet music sight reading skills is required, organ skills or the willingness to learn is also a plus
- Availability to play at least 40 Sunday mornings per year at Columbia Methodist Church
- Personal relational skills for working cooperatively with volunteers in a church setting
- Strong Christian faith that is compatible with the vision for ministry of the Global Methodist Church and Columbia Methodist Church
- Ability to pass a criminal background check and the Safe Sanctuary training program as is required for those working with children or youth in the church who may sing in the choir

Responsibilities:

- Play piano (or organ as able) for at least 40 Sunday mornings on average per year, and give advance notice when unable to play so that other substitute accompanists can be found
- Be available for weekly rehearsals with the choir or soloists or ensemble groups (possibly on Wednesday evenings during the school year and Sunday afternoons during summer break)
- Work with the volunteer music librarian in music selection and rehearsal preparation (usually planned several weeks in advance)
- Participate in the Worship Coordinating Team group emails to coordinate upcoming service details in advance
- Provide occasional support to the Praise team leader with piano accompaniment as needed
- Play for funeral services as available

Persons interested in applying for the Church Accompanist position may send an email of interest and resume to jobs@columbiamc.org.