

Pianist/Organist

First Congregational Church
54 South Jackson Street, Janesville, WI 53548
Part-time
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Job details

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Job Type

Part-time

Shift & Schedule

Weekends only

Weekends as needed

Holidays

Benefits

Pulled from the full job description

- Paid time off

We are a progressive active church in the local community with a vibrant music program. We are looking for a new Accompanist who is eager to work with a new Music Director to bring a fresh approach to Christian worship experiences in our traditional sanctuary. The Accompanist has the opportunity to play a new Shigeru Kawai grand piano and learn to play our magnificent organ, if not already skilled. Our accompanist will have use of these instruments for practice during the week. Opportunities for free use of the space for special performances outside of normal work responsibilities is available. We are looking to grow our music program to include a variety of music genres that include but expand upon our previous more traditional repertoire.

The church is a kind and supportive environment that cares deeply for its staff and wants each member to flourish as part of a faithful team. The Accompanist works closely with the Music Director as well as the Pastor for each worship service including special services throughout the year including

Christmas Eve, Easter, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. We are an Open and Affirming and Immigrant Welcoming congregation. We actively support and provide opportunities for advocacy and partnership with people who are among the LGBTQIA+ community and their families. In addition our outreach efforts work toward sending money and volunteer efforts to impact the refugee and immigration crises around the world. Engaging worship, uplifting music, enlighten sermons, and a caring community are what the members of Janesville UCC have come to expect in Downtown Janesville. We hope you will join us!

To apply, please email your cover letter detailing why you think your skills and character would be a good fit for our position. Send us your resume and three letters of reference to our pastor Rev. Dr. Tanya Sadagopan to revtanya@janesvilleucc.org.

Applicants sent to this online platform alone will not be considered.

EMAIL: Cover letter, Resume, and 3 references to revtanya@janesvilleucc.org

Job Title: Accompanist

Reports to: Pastor

Job Status: PT (5 hrs/wk – 48 wks/yr) Weekly Office Hours: As Needed for Practice

Sunday: 8:30 am to end of worship service

Essential Days: Christmas Eve and Easter

Summary: The Accompanist is a musical professional who plays piano and/or organ for all worship services with our church. This position includes serving as accompanist for the Chancel Choir, special music during the summer, and occasionally the Handbell choir. This person reports to the Pastor and works cooperatively with the Director of Music, Worship Committee and the Consistory of the church.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

The following duties and responsibilities may change from time to time, as determined necessary and prudent by the Pastor and Consistory. Each of the

position's three major areas of responsibility currently includes - but is not limited - to the following activities:

Worship Service

- Rehearse and play for Sunday morning worship services (48 Sundays)
- Rehearse and play for Special Services throughout the year including (but not be limited to): Lent; Holy Week, including Maundy Thursday or Good Friday (Pastor's discretion) and Easter; Advent, including Longest Night; Christmas Eve; and other special services as needed, e.g., ordinations and installations
- Rehearse and accompany special music guest musicians during the summer, as needed
- It is customary for the accompanist to have "privilege of first call" for weddings and funerals in the church. Payment for these services is provided by the family or funeral home.

Chancel Choir

- Rehearse with and accompany a variety of sacred music with Chancel Choir during Sunday morning service (Rehearsals are held September – May at 8:30 am).

Administration

- Work with Director of Music for maintaining instruments
- Attend and participate in Worship Committee meetings
- Submit to church office weekly information for the bulletin (by Wednesday morning)
- Review and order new music within yearly budgeted parameters, if needed

Qualification Requirements: Previous Accompanist Experience is expected

Education: Preference will be given to a music degree from a college or a school of music or equivalent experience

Knowledge and Skills: This position requires:

- Ability to play the piano and/or organ. Preference will be given to candidates who can play both piano and organ and/or are pianists willing to learn to play organ for selected pieces.
- Ability to work with persons having a variety of musical abilities
- Organizational, prioritization and time management mastery
- Self-directed management of job duties and responsibilities

Physical Demands: Ability to sit and perform at the piano and/or organ as well as move from the choir loft to main floor of sanctuary. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

Benefits: 4 Weeks of Paid Vacation. The employee must secure a substitute accompanist for rehearsals (September through May) and service for any Sunday missed. The substitute will be paid by the church for the first four Sundays when the accompanist is absent. If additional absences beyond four Sundays are approved, the accompanist must pay the substitute for those Sundays.

A minimum of two week advanced notice is expected for time off, except in cases of illness. In all cases, the chair of Personnel and the pastor should be notified.

Job Type: Part-time

Pay: From \$9,100.00 per year

Benefits:

- Paid time off

Schedule:

- Holidays
- Weekends only

Work Location: In person

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