

POSITION TITLE: Organist/Pianist Part time

Church: Community Presbyterian Church
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Lombard, IL 60148
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Position website: <http://www.cpclombard.org/organist.html>

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Principal focus of the position:

Provide quality worship music leadership on the organ and/or piano in worship services of Community Presbyterian Church.

Reports to: Senior Pastor

Instruments: Rodgers 3-manual 908, 2005
Grand piano, Kawai

Hours: ¼ time. 10 hours per week.

Community Presbyterian Church, an active, growing congregation in Lombard, IL is seeking an experienced, versatile part-time organist to assist our music ministry. Main duties include selecting and playing organ music for weekly Traditional services, and special services as they arise, in coordination with the Pastor and Director of Choirs.

We value biblically based worship that invites people into God's presence and speaks to their everyday life. As such, our goal is to provide opportunities to commune with God through prayer, music and the sacraments of the church. Music itself is an essential element of worship. We incorporate a wide variety of musical expressions and seek a high level of quality in our music programs. An applicant should thus be not only a skilled musician but also have a committed relationship with Christ.

Proficiency in organ and piano is essential. Degree in music, organ or sacred music with an organ focus and/or AGO certification is preferred but candidates with equivalent amount of independent training and/or experience will be considered. 3 to 5 years experience as church organist is preferred but candidates with lesser experience will also be considered. We seek a versatile performer willing and able to explore different styles, periods and genres on the organ and piano. Most importantly, this individual would become an integral part of the Worship team. Weekly hours will vary dependent upon season but will average 10 hours per week.

CPC music ministry:

Handbell Choir: 1 youth, 2 adult, 3 octaves, Schulmerich
Energetic Chancel Choir

Regular duties:

1. Rehearse and play organ for weekly services:

School year:

~Traditional 8:30

~Contemporary 11:00 (on an occasional basis)

~various special worship services as they arise

Summer:

~Blended 10:00 (Memorial Day – Labor Day)

~various special worship services as they arise

2. Develop and play the Prelude, Offertory, Postlude and all service music, as needed each week in coordination with the Pastor.
3. Accompany soloists and other ensembles participating in the worship service, with rehearsal(s) prior to the service, on an occasional basis as they arise.
4. Work closely with the Pastor and the Worship Committee to coordinate worship music.
5. Have right of first refusal for performing wedding, memorial and other special services of CPC, in accordance with the current fee schedule.
6. Submit titles of music used in the worship services to the church office for timely publication in the bulletin.
7. Coordinate with the Director of Choirs in the preparation of special concerts, programs, and recitals of CPC's music ministry.
8. If unable to play for a Sunday as scheduled, the organist is responsible for conferring with the Pastor and locating a substitute.
9. Serve as a backup accompanist for the Chancel Choir on Wednesday nights and on Sunday mornings on an occasional basis as needed.

Skills and requirements:

1. An accomplished musician, able to play the organ and piano with high artistic ability, leading congregational singing with good technical skills and spiritual sensitivity.
2. A desire to be a participating team player in the worship ministry of Community Presbyterian Church.
3. A reasonable knowledge of electronic organs, which will allow the organist to competently oversee the maintenance of Community Presbyterian Church's organ.

Compensation: Will be competitive based on education, experience and ability.