



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Designated Musician Position Description First Congregational UCC Washington, DC

First Congregational UCC (First Church), a joyful and justice seeking congregation in the heart of our nation's capital, seeks a Designated Musician (DM) to direct choral anthems in worship and accompany congregational singing throughout the service from September 8th - November 10th (with 1-2 Sundays off on dates agreed upon in advance and the possibility of extending for a few weeks if mutually desired). The DM works under the supervision of the Senior Minister in collaboration with the Associate Minister, other staff, and members of First Church. This is a part-time position for 5-7 hours/week, including Sunday morning choral rehearsal and an approximately 75 min worship service.

Duties include:

- Selecting and preparing a weekly prelude and postlude.
- Accompanying hymns/songs selected by worship leaders (primary use: New Century and Glory to God hymnals) on piano or organ
- Leading choir rehearsal on Sunday mornings before worship; selecting simple, beautiful choral anthems for weekly worship.
- Attending worship planning meetings on Tuesdays from 2:00pm - 3:00pm on Zoom with worship leaders for the purposes of planning music and reviewing flow of worship.
- Inputting the prelude, postlude and choral anthem into the orders of worship shared via Google docs.
- Email communication with choir and church leaders.
- Occasional coordination with musical guests offering special instrumental music.

Important Details:

- Free parking is available in our building at 980 G Pl. NW
- Compensation is \$550+/Sunday, depending upon experience
- Organ and piano in the sanctuary are available for mid-week rehearsal based on our sanctuary-use schedule and must be coordinated with the Building Manager.

Our Values:

- First Church is an open and affirming congregation that welcomes LGBTQ+ families and individuals into the full life and leadership of the church.
- First Church seeks to live into our calling to be an antiracist church, we are currently exploring ways in which our music can become more expansive, less rooted in Euro-hymnody, and more culturally rooted in valued sources such as the Black church and global folk music.
- First Church believes in women's leadership and advocates for reproductive justice.
- Our highest musical values are rooted in joy, justice, and accessible participation. Our 12-18 member choir is an all-volunteer choir with wonderfully gifted members who love to sing together. We also have members with gifts in instrumental special music.

To Apply:

Submit resume, a short video recording of you conducting/performing, and two references to firstchurchdchiring@gmail.com. All applications must be received by email.