



Part-time Music Director:

Christ Church Episcopal Parish in Lake Oswego, Oregon, seeks a dedicated, enthusiastic Music Director with a background in diverse musical traditions, a strong work ethic and commitment to musical excellence, and an understanding of Episcopal liturgy. We seek a person who will join our staff as a team member and also as a valued member of our community. This part-time position (15 hours a week) begins in the fall of 2017. The yearly salary is \$25,000 and is dependent on the level of education and ability to conduct multiple choirs. Music is vital to the fabric of our community. The mission of Christ Church music ministry is to lead the congregation in worship that glorifies God and inspires the soul. Our choirs and instrumentalists work diligently and with great intensity to prepare and offer the finest music possible in a variety of styles and expressions. We seek to grow musically, spiritually and in community to serve the church and the larger community. Our congregation has a strong tradition of participating in the music ministry at Christ Church, including singing heartily from the pews on Sundays, attending both liturgical and non-liturgical musical events, and supporting financially music ministries health and growth.

About our Instruments:

We have a 3 manual Casavant organ, with 857 pipes, which had renovations and electronic additions done by the Walker Company in 2004. Additionally, in the chancel there is a baby grand piano and throughout the church complex 2 other pianos, a weighted key electronic keyboard and two sets of handbells and chimes. All instruments have been meticulously maintained. As well, Christ Church has an electronic carillon, purchased in 2010 from Verdin Company. It is a Sonata Carillon Configuration.

About our Organist:

Jane Mendenhall has served as our Organist since 2011. She has degrees from Northwest Nazarene College, George Fox College and Lewis and Clark College. She has also completed Post Masters Classes through Portland State University for a Teaching English as a Second Language. She has completed four-2- week Kodaly certifications through Portland State culminating in Organization of American Kodá Educators certification. As well Jane has completed various classes in music, education, and technology from several universities, and her ongoing private study of organ and harpsichord. Last spring, she was the featured organ soloist with Beaverton Symphony. Jane also directs our children's choirs.

Music Ministries at Christ Church:

The members of the music staff strive to create a variety of opportunities for people with diverse musical gifts to share with the community throughout the year. Christ Church possesses a robust music library. Participation in any of the following ensembles is open to anyone in the community interested in committing to regular attendance at rehearsals and services. Our music staff also includes a volunteer music librarian and up to 4 paid choral section leaders.

Canterbury Choir:

This is the primary choir at Christ Church. It provides musical leadership for liturgies every Sunday from the first Sunday after Labor Day through Trinity Sunday. The choir also provides music for all feast days throughout the year. Additional seasonal musical events include the annual Lessons and Carols, other special musical events. The Choir periodically works with other Parishes on joint musical services. The choir performs a diverse selection of literature ranging from Renaissance sacred motets to spirituals and gospel music to major choral works like the Faure Requiem (performed in Spring 2015). In addition to singing as a large choir (approximately 25-30 singers), members of the Canterbury Choir sometimes form smaller ensembles in order to provide music for 10.00 am service every Sunday.

Canterbury Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Membership is open to all singers from high school age onward. Interested members may be “lightly auditioned” for assignment in the appropriate vocal section. Most volunteers possess some musical training and reading ability.

Children’s Choirs:

Christ Church has at present one children’s choir who sing 4 times and are currently led by our Organist. They rehearse on Tuesday from 5.30- 6.30 pm. It is certainly one of the goals to grow our children’s music program to support worship on a more regular basis.

Handbell Choir:

The Handbell Choir at Christ Church conducted by Michael Sanchez, is an 11-member group of musicians that typically performs once per quarter or as directed by the Minister of Music. The Handbell Choir plays on a three-octave set of Schulmerich handbells as well as a three-octave set of Schulmerich hand chimes. The choir currently rehearses the 3-5 Tuesday evenings before their scheduled Sunday performance, depending on the difficulty level of music. Rehearsals are 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. as well as 9 a.m. the Sunday morning of a performance. The Christ Church Handbell Choir can perform up to Grade 4 literature with ample rehearsal opportunity.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Oversee all musical activity at Christ Church Parish including rehearsals, liturgies, activities and performances.
2. Conduct efficiently planned weekly rehearsals of the Canterbury Choir.
3. Attend monthly staff meetings and work with the Rector and organist in planning all service music.
4. Choose appropriate choral anthems for each service, and submit music information for bulletin printing in a timely manner.
5. Foster, encourage and facilitate pastoral care among the members of the Christ Church musical ensembles.
6. Facilitate choir development and publicity, concert arrangements and publicity, and logistical arrangements.
7. Work within the allocated music budget and prepare information for the annual budget. Additional fundraising may be required to provide additional support for the music program and vocal leaders.
8. Hire extra musicians for special services and performances.
9. Maintain strict confidentiality and professional conduct at all times.
10. Attend to other duties as assigned and required by the Rector.

Our ideal candidate will have at least a Bachelor’s degree in Music (Master’s degree preferred), and experience conducting church choirs (particularly in the Episcopal tradition), an interest in a diverse array of sacred choral repertoire, strong communication skills and work ethic, and the ability to run efficient rehearsals while working with a variety of personalities.

To apply for this position, please send your resumé with references and letter of interest to Rev. Jeremy Lucas, rector@ccparish.org, or to P. O. Box 447, Lake Oswego, OR 97223. The deadline for all application materials is October 1, 2017. Additionally, we would love to see an example of music for any Sunday in ordinary time plus selections for any feast day, i.e., Christmas, Easter, All Saints.

Christ Church is a growing, caring, sacramental community. We are dedicated to providing an open, Christ-centered sanctuary for worship, reflection, education and service for our children and all who enter. Please explore our website to find out more about us: www.ccparish.org.