

First Presbyterian Church of White Bear Lake
4821 Bloom Avenue | White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Position Description: Church Accompanist

Overview

First Presbyterian Church of White Bear Lake is a multi-generational, tight-knit community in the East Metro, who value promoting a lasting impact locally and around the world through service and loving our neighbors. Our members strive to proclaim God's love in word and deed, to see Christ transform lives through our relationships and interactions with others. Our core values are as follows:

1. All people are welcome
2. We value everyone's participation in the life of the church
3. We care for and support each other throughout life's journey
4. Children and youth are an integral part of our church
5. We actively support mission and social justice
6. We value genuine relationships
7. We value worshiping together

Position Summary

First Presbyterian Church of White Bear Lake is seeking a talented accompanist to enrich our choir and worship community. In this role, you will provide piano accompaniment for church services, choir rehearsals and choir performances. Your presence and musical expertise will help foster an uplifting atmosphere that encourages congregational participation and spiritual connection. This position offers an exciting opportunity to collaborate with a group of talented, volunteer vocalists and musicians in creating a vibrant worship experience that energizes and motivates our multi-generational community to glorify God through music. This position reports to the Pastor/Head of Staff and the Session (church board) through the Personnel Committee.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide piano music as accompaniment for worship each Sunday of the calendar year and at special services.
- Provide accompaniment for choir rehearsals and performances each Sunday during the Fall, Winter and Spring.

- Collaborate with and assist the Head Pastor and choir director in choosing appropriate music for the choir, offertory music and special services as needed.
- Accompany special music offerings for small groups, soloists, etc. as requested at services of worship.
- Provide piano music for weddings and funerals as available. (Compensation for such services will be in addition to regular salary as determined by Personnel Committee).
- Select and perform appropriate music for prelude (approximately 15 minutes), postlude (approximately 5 minutes), offertory (as needed in summer months) and Communion (first Sunday of each month).
- Other duties as assigned

Desired Qualifications/Experience

- Displays a commitment to faith in Christ.
- Proven experience as a pianist or accompanist in a church or similar setting, with a strong ability to accompany vocalists and ensembles.
- Strong proficiency as a pianist and accompanist.
- Ability to read music fluently and adapt to various music arrangements quickly.
- Strong sight-reading skills of both written music and chord charts.
- Demonstrates knowledge of the use of music in worship, including knowledge of diverse musical genres including traditional hymns, gospel, and contemporary music.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to work collaboratively with diverse teams and perspectives.

Application Instructions

- Submit resume and cover letter to: lenpattky@gmail.com
- Please be prepared to provide references upon request.
- Offer of employment is contingent on successful completion of a background check.
- Optional but encouraged: links to audio or video recordings of recent work (solo performance, choir accompaniment, or church service).
- Applicants may be asked to do an audition with the choir director and choir.
- Review of applicants will begin in May and will continue until the position is filled.

Anticipated Start Date: August 1, 2026