

Director of Music Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church seeks a talented, dedicated and joy-filled Director of Music. Working with our Pastor, Pianist/Organist, Worship Committee and an accomplished volunteer Adult Choir of 15-20 members whose skill levels range from beginners to experienced singers, the Director of Music will cooperatively and creatively assist the worshipping congregation as it grows in faith and discipleship.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

We seek a part-time Music Director who:

1. Has an appropriate earned degree in music (vocal and/or choral emphasis).
2. Has two or more years experience leading an organized choir and collaborating with instrumentalists.
3. Has a calling to use music as a tool to serve the mission and spiritual vitality of Christ's church.
4. Has trained skills as a voice teacher with a high degree of musical expertise and the ability to model the various parts of a composition to facilitate learning by choir members.
5. Has a broad familiarity with a wide variety of music styles (such as gospel, traditional, international, and contemporary) and enthusiasm for introducing new music choices to choir and congregation.
6. Is open and inclusive, taking delight in interpersonal relationships and in the pleasure of helping choir and congregation as they grow musically and spiritually.
7. Is positive, dependable, organized and a servant leader
8. Is an excellent motivator with energy and a sense of humor.
9. Will continue to develop personal vocal, choral and directing skills.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Music Director:

1. Is called to bring professional experience, musical talent and creative innovation to choosing and preparing music that supports the oversight and direction of Session and Pastor. (As provided in the *Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church USA (*Directory for Worship*), the worship life of the congregation is under the general oversight of the Church Session and the specific direction of the Pastor, including designation of scripture and theme choices for individual worship services.)
2. Will be responsible for one week-night choir rehearsal and one Sunday worship service weekly (generally 11:00 am, subject to change during the summer months), and will consider the need for additional rehearsal time during the busiest periods of the year.
3. Will work with the Pastor and Worship Committee to provide especially for musical observance of the seasons of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost), for support of special celebrations that may arise during Sunday morning worship, and for support of music at additional services as they are scheduled (currently including Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Thanksgiving Day.)
4. Will support pastoral worship services for the church family (such as weddings and funerals) including participating in such services, as requested by family members and subject to scheduling availability.
5. Would be open to developing programs for children or youth as needed.
6. Will oversee the Choral Library, adding new music as needed within the scope of budgeted funds; will advise the Session about needed care and replacement of other equipment (choir robes, choir room furnishings, stationery supplies, etc.)
7. Will consult frequently with the Pastor and the Pianist/Organist as a team player, will attend quarterly meetings of the Worship Committee, and will communicate information for the church bulletin to the Church Administrator on a timely basis.
8. Will relate to the Church Session through its Administration Committee.

Salary commensurate with experience.