

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/CHOIR DIRECTOR

First Presbyterian Church of Blairstown, New Jersey

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Church Mission Statement:

As disciples of Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, we experience God's unconditional love and we witness to others by discovering and sharing our gifts.

Purpose: First Presbyterian Church of Blairstown, New Jersey, is seeking a combined part-time Director of Music (organist/ pianist) and Chancel Choir Director. The Director of Music/Chancel Choir Director position requires a weekly commitment of 3.5 to 5 hours per week, including the September through June Sunday morning 8:30 A.M. Chancel Choir rehearsal and the 10:00 A.M. worship service. While our worship service is traditional in style and song, we are open to different expressions of worship and music. Blairstown is located six miles north of I-80 at exit 12 in beautiful northwest NJ, 1-1/2 hours west of NYC.

Our historic church offers a baby grand piano and a two-rank pipe organ with a 32 pedal division and a MIDI Sequencer.

Responsibilities:

- Plan, prepare, and play piano and/or organ music our Sunday morning worship service, including preludes, offertories, postludes, and *contemporary praise music*. Additional worship services are held on but not limited to: Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving, Blair Academy's Christmas Vespers (if asked). The music director may be asked to prepare and play appropriate music for weddings and funerals for extra compensation. Session approves the honorarium at the advisement of the Music Director
- Plan music for, organize music of and direct the Chancel Choir from September through mid-late June. The choir practices Sunday mornings for rehearsal at 8:30 AM and leads the congregation in music at the 10:00 PM worship service. Applicant must be proficient in piano accompaniment for rehearsing with and leading the choir in singing. Applicant should also enjoy working collaboratively with the choir members and the pastor.
- Coordinate the Sunday morning music repertoire with the Pastor and submit it to the Church Administrator for the Sunday morning bulletin
- Maintain the music library, including recommending the purchase and / or licensing of printed or digital repertoire
- Arrange for tuning, maintenance, and repairs when needed of the organ and piano. We have a person who tunes the piano and a company which maintains the organ

Compensation will be determined by education and experience.

Resumes may be emailed to: Pastor David Harvey (fpcbdave@ptd.net), and the Church Administrator, Jennifer Plut (fpcb@ptd.net).

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