

Organist/Music Associate

Location: St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Lufkin, TX

Position Overview

With a strong tradition of excellence in liturgical music, St. Cyprian's seeks a dedicated and talented Organist/Music Associate to join our worship team. Primary responsibilities include playing the Casavant Opus 3928 Organ (2019; three manuals, 28 ranks, 33 stops) and supporting the congregation's worship through hymns and service music. This role offers the opportunity to collaborate with clergy and music staff in fostering a vibrant and growing music ministry.

Responsibilities:

- Provide organ service music (when appropriate, piano) for music portions of the following services:
 - o Sundays 7:30 AM service (organ only)
 - o Sundays 10:00 AM service (congregational singing, accompanying choir, and other service music)
- Accompany choir for Wednesday evening rehearsals (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
- Accompany choir for Sunday morning rehearsals in between worship services (9:00 a.m.)
- Play for special services throughout the year (Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Christmas Eve Services)
- Serve as first choice (with right of first refusal) for weddings and funerals with additional compensation
- Work with a handbell ensemble a few times annually
- Work under the direction of the Director of Music and clergy on worship music planning
- Communicate with Director of Music regarding the care and maintenance of the organ and pianos

Flexible schedule:

- Practice, preparation, and planning are at organist's discretion
- Four paid Sundays off annually, with additional time off possible
- Work with the Director of Music to find suitable substitutes during times of absences

Compensation & Benefits:

- Initial compensation: \$26,000 annually
- Four Sundays off per year at full pay
- Flexibility in scheduling for practice and preparation
- Potential for future growth as the music program expands
- Organist/Music Associate is allowed to use church facilities to teach organ and piano lessons as long as it doesn't conflict with daily and weekly business of the church.
- Church will pay annual American Guild of Organist dues

Ideal Candidate

- Passion for church music and worship
- Strong ability to lead congregational singing
- Talented collaborator working with choirs
- Flexible, reliable, organized, and creative—open to being a partner in growing the role and shaping the future of our music ministry
- Values communication and team leadership

Qualifications

- Required:
 - o An undergraduate degree in music and three years of church music experience
 - o Active membership in the American Guild of Organists
- Preferred:

o A graduate degree or degrees in organ

Equal Opportunity Statement

We are committed to diversity and inclusivity within our church community. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis protected by applicable law.

How to Apply:

Please send a resume, references, and, if available, audio/video samples of your playing to:

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