



Part-Time Music Director:

Christ Church Episcopal Parish in Lake Oswego, Oregon, seeks a dedicated, enthusiastic Music Director with training and experience in diverse musical traditions, commitment to musical excellence, and an understanding of Episcopal liturgy. We seek a person who will join our staff as a team member and a valued member of our parish community. The mission of Christ Church music ministry is to lead the congregation in worship that glorifies God and inspires the soul. Music is vital to the fabric of our community. There is a strong tradition of hymn participation, and the congregation sings with full and beautiful voices.

Position to begin Late Summer of 2018

Part – Time (15 hours a week)

Salary \$25,000 (dependent upon qualifications)

Bachelor's degree required (Master's preferred)

Experience directing church choirs and familiarity with Episcopal tradition

Canterbury Choir is the primary choir at Christ Church. It provides musical leadership for 10:00 a.m. liturgies every Sunday from the first Sunday after Labor Day through Trinity Sunday, including Feast days throughout the year, annual Lessons and Carols, and special musical events. There is an extensive music library and a volunteer librarian.

The choir performs a diverse repertory of literature ranging from Renaissance sacred motets to gospel spirituals. In the spring of 2015, the choir presented the Faure Requiem. On occasion, smaller ensembles are formed from within the 20 to 30 voice choir. In addition, the choir has worked with other parishes on joint musical services.

Canterbury Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Membership is open to singers from high school age onward. Interested members may be "lightly auditioned" for assignment in the appropriate vocal section. Many members possess some musical training and reading ability. The choir has four paid section leaders.

About our Organist:

Jane Mendenhall has served as Christ Church organist since 2011. Her master's degree is from Lewis and Clark College, and she studied organ with Dr. Lee Garrett. She performed in the Summer Institute for French Organ Studies and in the Boston Conservatory Master Class led by Dr. James David Christie and Marie Claire Alain. She was in master classes with Dr. David Higgs of Eastman School of Music and Harald Vogel of Germany. In 2017, Jane was the organ soloist in the Saint-Saens Third Symphony, (the "Organ Symphony"), with the Beaverton Symphony Orchestra.

About our Instruments:

The organ is a 3 manual Casavant organ with 857 pipes and renovations/electronic additions in 2004 by Walker Company. The chancel has a baby grand piano, 2 other pianos within the complex, weighted key electronic keyboard, 2 sets of hand bells and chimes, and a Sonata Carillon Configuration from Verdin Co. (2010).

The Handbell Choir at Christ Church: Conductor, Michael Sanchez.

An 11-member group of musicians usually performing once per quarter or as directed by the Music Director. 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 to 5 Tuesday evenings from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm prior to their scheduled Sunday performance. These musicians can perform up to Grade 4 literature.

Children's Choir:

Christ Church has at present one opportunity for children to sing several times during the church year. Organist Jane Mendenhall leads the rehearsal on Tuesday, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. It is one of the goals to grow our children's program to support worship more regularly.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Part Time Music Director for Christ Church:

1. Oversee all musical activity at Christ Church Parish including rehearsals, liturgies, activities, and performances.
2. Conduct efficiently planned weekly rehearsals.
3. Attend staff meetings, work with the Rector and organist to plan 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 performance publicity, and logistical arrangements.
7. Work within the allocated music budget. Prepare information for the annual budget.
8. Hire extra musicians for special services and performances.
9. Maintain strict confidentiality and professional conduct at all times.
10. Attend to other duties assigned and required by the Rector,

To apply for this position, please send:

- * Resume
- * Letter of interest
- * At least 3 letters of reference
- * Example of music for any Sunday in ordinary time plus examples for Feast Day, Christmas, Easter, and All Saints.

To The Reverend Jeremy Lucas, rector@ccparish.org
or to: P.O. Box 447, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97223

Deadline for all applications and materials is: May 1, 2018

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.

