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First Presbyterian Church of Portland, Oregon is seeking a:

## Children's Music Director

Founded in 1854, FPC is an urban congregation of approximately 650 members, worshipping in its historic 1890 Sanctuary at 12<sup>th</sup> and Alder in downtown Portland. The congregation is extremely appreciative of music, and proud of its musical heritage. More information can be found at [www.firstpresportland.org](http://www.firstpresportland.org).

We are seeking a Children's Music Director to work with children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade on Sunday mornings (usually three per month – most “first Sundays” and certain other days will be off), September through May. (A complete schedule is available upon request.)

We are not so much looking for a “children's choir director” (though those skills would certainly be useful), but rather a “music facilitator” who can comfortably and enthusiastically work with children of various ages, enabling them to understand and express their growing faith through music. (Some instruction about pitch, rhythm, tone, etc. is also welcome, but it should not be the main focus.) Exposure to a broad variety of Christian music (hymns, meditative, camp-y, etc.) is highly desired.

The typical Sunday schedule would be –

approx.. 10:00am – arrive, touch base with colleagues as needed, set up

approx.. 10:45am – lead all children in a time of musical appreciation and participation

approx.. 11:00am – lead younger children in songs specific to their *Godly Play* curriculum

approx.. 11:15am – depart

The successful candidate will be a high-energy person who is self-motivated, creative, approachable, and has the ability to develop and achieve a vision for the FPC Children's Music Ministry, in collaboration with the Director of Christian Education and Director of Music Ministries. A clear singing voice and the ability to lead songs using piano and/or guitar are required. Some experience working with children within a faith community and/or educational setting is preferred. This position would be ideal for a current or retired Music Educator. Current Music Education majors are also encouraged to apply.

Starting pay will be \$85.00 per Sunday (inclusive of any necessary outside preparation time), and there are additional funds available for materials.

Please contact Greg Homza at [ghomza@firstpresportland.org](mailto:ghomza@firstpresportland.org) to ask questions or express interest.

Position to begin September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Interviews will start in mid-August and continue until the position is filled. Thank you for your consideration!