



**St. Stephen's Anglican Church
Organist/Choirmaster**

Job Description

St. Stephen's Anglican Church seeks a part-time Organist and Choirmaster (approximately 15 hours/week). St. Stephen's is a parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church and is self-consciously committed to the doctrine and practice of historic Anglicanism and the Holy Scriptures. The 1928 Book of Common Prayer directs the worshipping life of parish.

The Church is pleased to have a three-manual Allen Protégé with a Vista midi Interface and Zimbelstern.

St. Stephen's is committed to developing a musical ministry which is befitting the Anglican tradition. The Organist/Choirmaster gives leadership to the music ministry and worship services by playing the organ and directing the choir to the glory of God and the edification of the congregation. To that end, the Organist/Choirmaster is responsible for cultivating a culture of musical excellence at St. Stephen's. Any applicant should be a committed, practicing Christian.

Requirements

Under the direction of the Rector, the Organist/Choirmaster will:

- Provide organ music for all principal and special services of the church. This includes every Sunday and the following feast day: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter Eve, Ascension Day, Transfiguration, and All Saints Day.
- Provide choral music once a month during the academic year and at all high, holy days: including Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, Holy Saturday, Easter Day, Trinity Sunday, and All Saints Day.
- Select, purchase, and maintain a library of music appropriate for the Church's use within the parameters of the approved budget.
- Hire and lead special solos or ensembles, such as brass or strings, for Christmas and Easter within the parameters of the approved budget.
- Lead and support congregational singing in hymns and service music.
- Choose hymns and anthems which are befitting the doctrine of the given Sunday and or Feast Day and submit them to the Rector for approval at least a month in advance.
- Recruit, rehearse, and direct the chancel choir (during academic year).
- Work collaboratively with clergy, staff, and volunteers.
- Support the spiritual life and growth of St. Stephen's.
- Provide for a Substitute Organist for any service absence.

Minimum Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in music (or equivalent experience). Note also that an individual who has completed a minimum of two years schooling toward a Bachelor's and has definite plans for completion, may be considered.

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- Superior musicianship and a commitment to musical quality.
- Proficiency on organ and piano. A candidate who excels as a pianist and is willing to work diligently toward proficiency as an organist may be considered.
- Effective choral conducting and rehearsal skills.
- Broad knowledge of church music, and familiarity with or willingness to learn the Anglican liturgy and tradition.

Remuneration

Based upon education and experience the Vestry of St. Stephen's is offering a salary of \$18,500-\$23,500 and four weeks of paid vacation (not to be taken during Christmas or Easter season except with advance approval and under extreme circumstances).

Application for the position should include a cover letter, resume, professional references, a pastoral reference, and a brief statement of faith. Application may be emailed to Fr. Jonathan Kell at fkell@ststephens1928.org or mailed to the following.

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Attn: Fr. Jonathan Kell
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