



Grace Episcopal Church
Doing God's Work in Goochland since 1876

Job Description **Grace Episcopal Church Music Director**

Grace Episcopal Church is a small, inter-generational congregation in the heart of Goochland County. Built in 1876, we are rooted in the love of Jesus Christ and it is in the response to this love that we gather to worship, pray, learn and minister to one another. Together, we strive to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation as we seek to serve Christ in all persons.

The Grace Episcopal Church Music Director is a part-time, contracted position. Working in collaboration with the Rector, the Music Director supports our overall worship experience by creating a joyful, holy space where music more deeply connects an individual to God. It is important to not only love music but to love music within the context of a small church, to value the importance of dedicated volunteers, and to creatively adapt music appropriately to the needs of our congregation.

The Music Director should be familiar with The Episcopal Church's expression of worship and the Liturgical Calendar. The Director is responsible for all music planning, rehearsals, choir direction, and worship accompaniment. He/she should be creative, flexible, and eager to build upon the gifts of Grace Church. This position averages 10-15 hours / week. Compensation is commensurate with experience.

Responsibilities

1. Provide musical accompaniment, leadership and direction for both the 9am and 11am services for a contracted number of Sundays. This includes special services and events such as Advent and Christmas Eve, Holy Week and Easter, memorial services, etc.
2. In collaboration with the Rector, select hymns and service music for worship with an emphasis on a variety of liturgical styles. Resources available include *Episcopal Hymnal (1982)* and *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*. Hymns should be appropriate to the liturgy, create a holy space, and fit the skill level of our choir members and congregation.
3. Play the piano and organ as appropriate both for accompaniment of hymns as well as choir anthems, solo prelude/postlude music, etc.
4. Arrange and conduct rehearsals with the choir at a mutually agreed upon time and day. (Currently the majority of rehearsals are held before or after Sunday services.) Schedule additional rehearsals as needed for holidays and special events throughout the year.
5. Help recruit new choir members and work to build opportunities for youth involvement.
6. Provide positive, faithful, enthusiastic leadership to the choir and congregation.
7. Develop and maintain constructive and cooperative working relationships with others.
8. Attend periodic workshops for liturgy and music offered through the Episcopal Church.
9. Complete required Diocesan training for church employees or contract workers as appropriate.
10. Have a set number of office hours at Grace Church each week.



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11. Attend weekly staff meeting as schedule allows.
12. Assist in the spiritual development and pastoral care of the choir.
13. Participate in a 6-month and 1 year mutual ministry review.

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to :

The Rev. Emily Dunevant at emilydunevant@gmail.com or call at 804-955-5045 if you have questions.