

Musician
Park UMC Church
Supervisor: Senior Pastor

- **Job Summary**

The musician is responsible for providing musical leadership in a manner that will enhance the church service and enable the congregants to experience the love of Christ and instill enthusiasm through the ministry of music. Primary responsibilities include:

1. Providing with a high degree of proficiency and tempo, organ or piano* playing leadership during congregational singing.
2. Providing with a high degree of proficiency organ or piano* selections at specified periods during the church service, including, but limited to, the prelude, the postlude, and the offertory.
3. Accompanying special musicians – vocalists and/or instrumentalists- as needed.

*May consider other instrument other than organ or piano

- **Essential Functions**

1. Musicianship

- Able to read and play music to a high degree of technical ability. Demonstrate a high degree of competence during the church service.
- Able to follow the lead of the pastor, congregation, or individual singer or instrumentalist as needed .
- Able to set appropriate tempo of music pieces.
- Play for scheduled services and special services as scheduled, including Christmas and Easter services.
- Musically lead the congregation in singing hymns
- Play for special gatherings of the church as requested by the pastor.
- Work with other artists and musicians as needed.
- Play for weddings and funerals if available as requested by the congregant with duties and compensation as outlined in the current Handbook.

2. Communication

- Report maintenance needs of organ and piano to the Trustees
- Coordinate with the Senior Pastor and Ministry Team to play music according to the sermon series and the liturgical church calendar
- Provide for a substitute at worship services or special services when not available.
- Attend staff meetings and Worship Team meetings as needed or as requested by the pastor.
- Give 2 weeks' notice in advance for vacation time.
- Give 2 months' notice in advance for major holiday time off.

- **Core Competencies**

- **Communication Skills:** Communicate in a clear and timely manner. Maintains fluid, open communication.
- **Team Player:** Works well with others. Fosters an environment of cooperation. Willingly provides support to others.
- **Technology:** Demonstrates skill in working with computers. Proficient use of software and electronic means of communication. Willingness to learn new systems. Open to emerging technologies.
- **Communicating with Peers and Pastor:** Coordinating the music to reflect the theme of the worship service and liturgical church year.
- **Sight-reading Music:** Being adept at playing spur-of-the-moment music selections.
- **Scheduling Practice Time:** Setting aside time to master the hymns and special music for the worship service.
- **Thinking Creatively:** Developing, designing, or creating new applications, ideas, relationships, systems, or products, including artistic contributions.
- **Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships:** Communicate effectively with peers, pastor and congregants by listening to what they are saying, asking appropriate questions, and maintaining an open, meaningful discussion on points of agreement as well as points of differences.
- **Performing for or Working Directly with the Public:** Performing for people or dealing directly with the public

- **Minimum Qualifications**

Proficiency to read and interpret music

Proficiency in organ and/or piano (may consider other instrument) to play hymns and praise music fluently

Ability to pass background check and drug test

- **Physical Demands**

- **Physical Strength:** The ability to lift, move, and carry a variety of objects, sometimes in positions that are awkward or uncomfortable, depending upon the weight and lifting requirements of the instrument.
- **Lung and Breathing Stamina:** Strong lungs/lips if you play a wind instrument
- **Spend Time Sitting:** Ability to sit for a long period of time
- **Hearing Sensitivity:** The ability to detect or tell the differences between sounds that vary in pitch and loudness.
- **Arm-Hand Steadiness:** The ability to keep your hand and arm steady while moving your arm or while holding your arm and hand in one position.
- **Manual Dexterity:** The ability to quickly move your fingers and your hands, your hand together with your arm or your two hands to grasp, manipulate, or assemble objects.