

Job Announcement: Organist/Service Musician

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church
Clemson, SC 29631

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church in Clemson, SC is in search of a talented and qualified organist and keyboardist to serve as Organist and Service Musician as part of our abundant Music and Worship Arts Ministry.

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See below for the full job description and application requirements. For full consideration, please submit application materials to trscott2854@gmail.com by **October 8**.

Roles

The Organist/Service Musician ("Organist") provides service music for scheduled worship (Sunday mornings and special days on the Church calendar) and special events; and serves as accompanist for the choirs, soloists and other musicians.

Responsibilities

- Prepare, in cooperation/consultation with the Pastor and Director of Music and Worship Arts, the prelude, offertory, postlude and other music in such a way that it is an integral part of the worship services and enhances the traditional liturgies of the two Sunday morning services, one of which is more relaxed and features the piano.
- Meet with choirs, soloists and other musicians for rehearsals on a regular schedule and for warm-up before service.
- Provide music for weddings and funerals according to policies outlined in the church Manual of Organization or arrange for a qualified substitute (to be cleared with the Worship Ministry).
- Be responsible for the proper maintenance of pipe organ, pianos, and the Organist music library.
- Arrange for their own replacement during leave or other absence.
- Coordinate with Clemson University Performing Arts Department on scheduling access to the instrument for organ students.
- Serve as ex-officio member of the Worship Ministry and Choral Leadership Teams.
- Perform such other related responsibilities as may be assigned.

Terms of Service

- Part-Time, average of 15-19 hours per week.
- Consult with the Director of Music and Worship Arts and Pastor to establish guidelines for times to be present in the office to accommodate attendance at meetings, staff collegiality, rehearsal schedules, and worship services.
- Personnel review to be conducted after the first three (3) months of service and thereafter by Personnel and Program Support along with Director of Music and Worship Arts as supervisor.

Compensation:

- Annual compensation commensurate with experience, American Guild of Organists certification level or comparable competence, and approval by Session – to be reviewed annually. Minimum \$20,000.
- Wedding Guild guidelines specify a fee.
- Playing for funerals is an expectation as a consideration to the member family from the church and thus is included as part of the salary. Honorariums are not expected but welcomed.
- Three weeks of paid time off per year to be arranged in consultation with Worship Ministry and Director of Music and Worship Arts.
 - A week is generally defined as Wednesday evening programming and Sunday worship services.
- One week (5 days) annually of paid continuing education and professional development leave.
- A reimbursable professional expense stipend of \$1250 per year.
- Worker's Compensation and Social Security paid in standard fashion.

Qualifications:

- Degree in Organ Performance, Collaborative Piano, or equivalent experience.
- Evidence of proficiency in keyboard technique.
- Evidence of utilizing embedded leadership through success as a collaborative accompanist and intentional selection of service music.
- Familiarity with liturgy and tradition of the Reformed Church.

Application Requirements:

Full consideration will begin for materials received by **October 8, 2026**. Applicants should submit the following items:

- PDF containing cover letter and resume
- Names and contact information for three professional references
- For video pre-screening:
 - URL links of two videos showcasing contrasting solo pieces for organ
 - URL link of 1-2 videos showcasing choral accompaniment (organ or piano)
 - URL link of 1-2 videos showcasing congregational leadership through hymnody (at least one video should be at the organ)

Upon receipt of requested materials, the Search Committee Chair will notify each applicant by email that we have their complete application for consideration by the committee.

About Fort Hill Presbyterian Church and Musical Resources:

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For Self-Referral, Contact:

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