

Principle Organist Job Posting Friedens United Church of Christ

Friedens United Church of Christ is seeking a part-time principle organist for a position opening June 1, 2018. Friedens is a large, 100+ year-old church on Indianapolis' south side with a strong history of high quality music programs including traditional vocal and handbell choirs, instrumental ensembles, and diverse music genre.

Details can be found in the job description. The position is 14-15 hours/week and salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Please direct inquiries and resumes to Bob Craig rbccraig11@yahoo.com and Kristen Petty, friedensmusic@gmail.com

Job Title: Principle Organist

Date: January 2018

Reports to: The Director of Music, works closely with the Senior Pastor

Status: Part time 14-15 hours per week

Job Summary: Leads worship for the 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday morning services, chooses and plans music including some masterworks, accompanies the Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and special solos and ensembles, plays for special services during Christmas and Holy Week, weddings and funerals, and maintains the organ, a 1977 Schlicker, 2 manuals and pedal, 26 ranks, 29 stops.

Responsibilities:

- Provide appropriate, high quality classical and some contemporary organ/piano music for the traditional Sunday services, generally including but not limited to: Gathering Music, Prelude, Hymns (some last minute), Choral Anthems/Special Music/Guest Musician(s), Offertory, Communion, and Postlude.
- Work with the Director of Music and the Senior Pastor as a Worship Planning Team to select music based on the theme and text determined by the Pastor.
- Support and help lead congregational singing with sensitivity to registration, tempo, dynamic and harmonization in relationship to hymn text and musical style. Play accompaniments so as to help communicate the theological significance of all worship music.
- Accompany and rehearse with the Chancel Choir which rehearses 7:00 pm Wednesdays Sept-May and report for pre-rehearsal prep at 6:30 pm.
- Lead breakout (i.e. sectional) rehearsals with the Chancel Choir as needed
- Direct the Chancel and Handbell Choirs in the absence of the Director of Music
- Coordinate and/or provide organ coverage and requested music for funerals as needed (may include the Chancel Choir)
- Arrange for organ coverage in the event that the organist will be away
- Inspect and arrange for repairs to the facility's organ when needed.
- Support special music and volunteers, especially for youth and cantors.
- Assist with finding & modifying descants, instrumental parts, specific arrangements, etc.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A strong desire for music as a ministry, dedicated to the role of music in ministry and worship.
- Experience in church music and the arts

- Excel in solo organ repertoire with strong sight-reading abilities
- Solid skills and knowledge of the organ, diverse sacred choral repertoire, and music theory.
- Basic arranging and composition skills (generally of descants)
- Ability to transpose hymns and other music (with notice)
- Strong leadership skills that inspire musicians and volunteers
- Collaboration skills and team approach. Clear concept of working with fellow music staff and volunteers.
- Strong communication skills.
- Creative in leading and contributing to an inspiring, spiritual environment, and able to maintain a fresh, evolving approach to the church's music program.
- Committed to Friedens' vision, leadership, people, and Christian values.
- Bachelors required, advanced degree preferred in or related music degree

Compensation will be mutually agreed upon by the church and the successful candidate. The salary is competitive.

Hours: Sundays 8:00am-noon and Wednesdays Sept-May 6:30-9:00pm

Candidates will be evaluated on experience, education, and demonstrated ability to work creatively in collaborative situations.

Candidates are asked to email resumes to Bob Craig rbcraig11@yahoo.com and Kristen Petty, friedensmusic@gmail.com Materials may also be US-mailed to Friedens at 8300 S. Meridian St. Indianapolis IN 46217. Questions may also be directed to Kristen via email or by leaving a message at the church office phone 317.881.6799.