

Part Time Organist

Who We Are:

Since 1974, St. Luke Church has joyfully welcomed all people to worship, serve, and grow in their relationship with God and one another. We are located on a 16-acre campus near the intersection of US 1 Bypass and Wicker Street in the heart of Sanford, North Carolina. As a congregation of the United Methodist Church, we are proud of our evangelical heritage. We believe God's love for the world is an active and engaged love, seeking justice and liberty and thus, we are active in ministries in our local community, in our region of North Carolina and, through our connectional network to the church worldwide, we are active around the globe. You can learn more about St. Luke at [St. Luke United Methodist Church | Sanford, NC \(saintlukeumc.org\)](http://St.LukeUnitedMethodistChurch|Sanford,NC(saintlukeumc.org))

We look forward to welcoming a new Organist/Pianist who will engage with singers and musicians of all ages and abilities to enhance the worship life of our vibrant congregation. We promise to support you with our time and resources to enable you to give your best to our worship experience.

Summary of the Position:

St. Luke is seeking a part time Organist/Pianist to provide organ and piano music for regular and special worship services in a manner that enhances the spirit of worship and strengthens our congregation in praising and serving God.

Although we have proposed this position as permanent part time, we are also open to a combination of Music Director and Organist duties that would be 25-30 hours weekly.

A resume, cover letter, and requests for additional information may be sent to Laura Alverson, Office Manager, St. Luke Church, 2916 Wicker Street, Sanford, NC, 27330. The start date for this position is flexible, but July 1, 2022 is preferred.

The organ instrument at St. Luke is a 1974 Austin 3 manual pipe organ recently refurbished. A more complete description and pictures of the organ and the sanctuary are on our website.

Qualifications:

Degree in organ performance or equivalent experience and demonstrated proficiency, knowledge of liturgical and sacred music, willingness to learn and innovate

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Provide organ music at 8:30 and 11:00 AM worship on Sunday mornings and other special services, including an occasional Sunday evening or mid-week service such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, and Thanksgiving. (We can provide a typical annual calendar of services.); including accompaniment for the congregation's choirs and congregational singing, regular organ solo works (Prelude, Postlude and Offertory and other supporting selections) for the worship services and liturgy.
2. Rehearse with the Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir at midweek rehearsals for any special music used in the worship service, and occasionally, rehearse with any soloists and instrumentalists

3. Together with the Director of Music, assist the ministerial staff with the selection of music; work with technicians to establish proper balance of sound; proper care and upkeep of organ, recommend necessary organ maintenance to church trustees
4. Practicing, determining organ registrations, setting up the organ console, assist with securing a substitute in times of absence and vacations (we maintain a list of guest musicians)
5. Consult with families for weddings and funerals (The church has a policy which allows flexibility for the organist to accept or decline these occasions as well as a policy for separate compensation agreements.)
6. Perform other related tasks as may be requested from time to time.

Accountability:

Supervised by the Director of Music; accountable to the congregation through the Staff Parish Relations Committee and the Church Council.

Schedule:

Ten to twelve hours per week of work time is anticipated, with the understanding that additional hours will sometimes be required. Work hours include time spent in rehearsals, practice, planning, Sunday morning worship and other whole church activities (including special services).

Benefits:

- Flexible schedule
- Paid time off
- Competitive salary
- Ability to use church facilities and instruments for private lessons

Work Location: One location, 2916 Wicker Street, Sanford, NC, 27330, commuting is acceptable