

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Worthington, Ohio**

Job Description

Title: Organist

<p>Job Purpose: To make music with the choir and congregation of St. John's in support of worship and to the glory of God.</p>

Reports to: Rector of St. John's

Classification: Part-time, averaging 10 hours per week, \$49.68 per hour

Major Duties/Key Responsibilities:

Direction of the Music Ministry – In partnership with the Choral Director, leads the music ministry of the parish.

Provide organ and/or piano music and accompany the choir at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services regularly scheduled on Sunday morning.

Provide organ and/or piano music and accompany the choir at the following additional services during the year: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Great Vigil of Easter, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, occasional Evensong and other feast days as designated by the Rector.

Provide organ and/or piano music at weddings and funerals, for an additional fee.

When not available, assist in the hiring of substitute musicians. The fees for the substitute musician are payable by the Church.

Rehearse once per week with the choir from Labor Day through Trinity Sunday. Soloists and/or small ensembles of singers or instrumentalists will provide special music during the summer.

Report to the appropriate committee(s) on the condition and needs for the maintenance of the Church's musical instruments and arrange for such maintenance as needed. The Church shall provide for the proper care of these instruments.

In collaboration with the Choral Director, organize the annual Music Series, including engaging artists and arranging for publicity.

In collaboration with the clergy, attend to the pastoral needs of choir members.

Attend regularly scheduled meetings of staff and other appropriate committees, such as the Worship Committee; attend the Newcomer's Receptions held throughout the year, and the Annual Parish Meeting which is usually held in February.

Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree or higher in music, music education, organ performance, or a related field.

Experience accompanying a church choir; experience of the Episcopal Church preferred.

Strong written and spoken communication skills.

Effective teamwork skills including fostering trust, engaging in productive dialogue and conflict resolution, demonstrating commitment and accountability, and producing measurable results.

Ability to take direction and feedback well.

About St. John's Episcopal Church

The mission of St. John's is *to grow, heal, and serve with God's wisdom, love, and joy*. Established in 1804, St. John's is the oldest Episcopal parish west of the Alleghenies. This historic congregation embraces the future. Our founding ethos of a community pulling together for the common good is evident today in our strong lay leadership, respected music ministry, and vibrant Christian formation for all ages. Joy is close to the heart of St. John's, and we embrace laughter and playfulness as two of God's most precious gifts to us. Liturgically, the parish is traditional and broad church; theologically, the parish holds diversity while fully affirming the ministry of LGBTQ+ people. St. John's has two services on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 11:15, which use the same liturgy, music, and sermon. The choir sings at both services from September through early June; choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Our music ministry's wide repertoire ranges from classic Anglican hymnody to gospel anthems.

St. John's is blessed with two pipe organs and a grand piano in the sanctuary. The present chancel organ is a three-manual instrument with 33 ranks and 1,952 pipes that was built for St. John's by the Schantz Organ Company of Orrville, Ohio. It was installed in 1983 and dedicated in March of 1984. In Summer 2021, St. John's was fortunate enough to install a 1-manual tracker-action organ from Harrison & Harrison in our balcony. The newly installed instrument is the first organ from this builder in the central Ohio area. This organ allows the choir to do pieces requiring two organs as well as antiphonal, and it provides stellar support for chamber music.

Worthington, a city of 14,600 people, is an inner-ring suburb of Columbus. Worthington was founded by the same Episcopalian settlers who established St. John's, and it is known for its well-regarded schools and the village green that is reminiscent of a town in New England.

To apply

Send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references to the Rev. Gia Hayes-Martin at giahm@stjohnsworthington.org. Applications will be reviewed beginning on April 20 and will be accepted until the position is filled.

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