

Position Description

Accompanist

General Description:

Music is highly valued at First United Church. The Accompanist provides musical accompaniment in service to the Music Ministry of First United Church, supported by and in collaboration with worship leaders, the Music Co-ordinator and special music groups. We have a grand piano and an electric organ.

Accountability:

The Accompanist is accountable to The Board of First United Church through direct support of the Ministry & Personnel Committee. The Accompanist works to implement the vision of Music Ministry with direction and support from the Music Co-ordinator and Lead Minister of Worship.

Areas of Responsibility:

Duties

The Accompanist is required to be available for 25-30 hours per month based on the following:

- provide accompaniment for weekly worship service on Sundays at 10:00 am
- provide accompaniment for other special services, including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve
- provide music for offertory, prelude and postlude
- be available for weekly rehearsals
- provide accompaniment for Resounding Joy Bell Choir if needed
- provide accompaniment and rehearse for other special music, including vocal or instrumental soloists, ensembles etc.
- provide sufficient personal practice time to be fully prepared for the above-noted duties

Knowledge & Skill Requirements

- accomplished pianist with a strong background in traditional and contemporary music (ability to play the organ would be an asset)
- desire to engage in the Vision of the Music Ministry of First United Church
- knowledge of the structure of worship
- awareness of a broad musical repertoire used for Christian worship
- awareness of the liturgical seasons and use in the Church
- appreciation of the arts and their role in worship
- culturally attuned - (technology, breadth of musical options, generational differences)
- strong organizational skills
- flexibility and willingness to work collaboratively as an integral part of a team
- excellent communication skills

Remuneration is based on qualifications and experience.