

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Position Open: Choir Director

St. John's Episcopal Church is a mid-size, vibrant parish located in Naperville, Illinois. The congregation values a faith experience that is rooted in the Episcopal liturgy, and we see music as an integral part of the worship experience. We are seeking a Choir Director to lead our adult choir and help build and lead a small youth choir.

Our adult choir typically rehearses on Thursday evenings and sings on Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. worship service as well as various services during holidays (Christmas, Holy Week, etc.). The choir has been on hiatus due to COVID-19 but is eager to return to singing regularly again. St. John's is in a transition period as our long-time rector announced her retirement, which was effective October 3. Our vestry, wardens and appointed interim worship service director (WSD) are working in concert to ensure worship services, volunteer committees and staffing continue to operate effectively in this transitional period.

Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Collaborate with the interim rector, organist, and if necessary, other church leadership when selecting music for worship.
2. Schedule rehearsals for all worship services where the choir is involved. Historically, rehearsals were held weekly from September thru May, typically on a Thursday evening.
3. Schedule additional rehearsals as necessary to prepare the choir for special services throughout the church year such as Lessons & Carols, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Great Vigil of Easter, Easter Sunday, and any other special occasion as determined by the rector.
4. Actively recruit new members to sing in the adult choir and provide a welcoming atmosphere.
5. Develop a youth and children's choir program.
6. Purchase choral music and supplies limiting expenditures to the amount provided in the church budget.
7. Hours of ministry will be anywhere from 8 – 10 hours a week.

Skills and Qualifications:

1. Ability to play the piano and/or organ when organist is unavailable. We welcome other instruments and music styles to be part of a worship service.
2. Knowledge of basic music theory, including simple transpositions or harmonizing a melody.
3. Familiarity with willingness to learn the liturgy of the Episcopal Church, including the selection of appropriate music. Willingness to explore various styles of music to play during selected times of our worship service. We draw our music from a variety of sources, including Episcopal hymnals and outside sources.
4. Ability to collaborate with other instrumentalists (i.e., guitarist, harpist, etc.) to prepare music for selected worship services.
5. Ability to work patiently with choir members of different skill levels, including those with minimal music experience.
6. Have the capacity to have fun and bring joy and passion to this ministry.
7. Be a team player with a willingness to share ideas and learn from others.

Interested persons should email the HR team (include subject line “Christian Education Director”) at: stjohnsnaperjobs@gmail.com