

## Church Choir Accompanist Position

**Job Description:** We are seeking qualified candidates with excellent piano skills to play music for congregational singing every Sunday, and to rehearse with and accompany our RUC adult choir (approximately 25 singers), conducted by our music director, Paula Roberts. Rehearsals are every Thursday evening. Upon occasion, our accompanist and choir may be requested to collaborate with Riverbend's other music groups, our handbell choir and a small contemporary music ensemble, that plays at regular services approximately once per month and for some special occasions.

This is a year-round (12 month) position which supports our choir season from September through June, as well as our summer services (for which there is often a small "undirected" choir) in July and August. Weekly choir rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Our Sunday Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. with choir warm-up beginning at 10:00 a.m. The accompanist will have approximately one Sunday off per month on our "Whole Community Worship" days when the Ensemble takes over the music for the service.

**Qualifications:** Required skills include excellent music reading and piano skills as well as experience in accompaniment. Preferred skills include ability to read open score, chord charts, and familiarity with a variety of Christian hymns and music, as well as a degree or certification in music. Organ skills are also welcomed but not required.

**Compensation** includes:

A monthly salary for Thursday choir rehearsals (1.5 hours) and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services (1.5 hours). (Note: Typically, September through June, the accompanist has the 3rd Sunday of the month off when the Ensemble plays for Whole Community Worship.)

Additional compensation will be paid for Christmas Eve and Good Friday worship services as well as special evening events such as musical fundraisers or Christmas Carol Sing organized by members of the congregation and the music director.

Additional opportunities for the RUC accompanist, should their schedule allow, include:

1. Worship services offered to 2 seniors' residences in the area approximately once per month
2. Weddings
3. Funerals

**Note:** The RUC accompanist will work with the RUC staff to find a suitable substitute for the above if necessary.

**Contact Information:** Please email a short cover letter and resume detailing your experience and qualifications to [contactus@riverbendunited.org](mailto:contactus@riverbendunited.org) with "Accompanist application" in the subject line of the email.