



MUSIC DIRECTOR FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

First Presbyterian Church of Albany, New York seeks an energetic and creative Director of Music to lead and expand an already active music program and to make music an integral part of the worship and fellowship experience of the church. First Presbyterian Church is located in an historic church building in downtown Albany with a well-maintained Casavant Frères organ. We have 320 members, a 25-member adult choir, an 8-member children's choir and a bell choir. Church membership includes several talented instrumental musicians.

The Director will report to the co-Pastors, Glenn Leupold and Miriam Lawrence-Leupold. Responsibilities of the Director of Music are to provide direction, development and administration of the church's music program. Responsibilities include:

- Supervise other staff choir directors (currently Children's Choir and Bell Choir) and soloists (soprano, alto, tenor, bass).
- Incorporate volunteer musicians from the congregation into music program.
- Plan and conduct weekly rehearsals for choral choirs.
- Plan choral and, on occasion, instrumental music, for Sunday worship and other special services.
- Plan special musical events.
- Participate in Worship Committee meetings.
- Select and purchase music for all choirs.
- Maintain choral library.

We are looking for someone who:

- Appreciates that the goal of our music program is to support the life of faith and help encounter God, not to give performance.
- Has a degree or qualifying experience in sacred choral music including choral conducting.
- Is a good conductor who is emotionally invested in the music, knows how to sing and how to teach singing (breathing, proper vowels, etc.)
- Specializes in traditional choral and instrumental music but is able to blend in the best of other genres.
- Likes working as a team with pastors and lay leaders.
- Seeks out and welcomes all to participate in choirs.
- Will involve our youth more in the music of worship and give advice about incorporating music into Sunday school program.

Terms of Employment: 12-month, salaried, part-time position with an average of 10 to 16 hours per week depending on extent of responsibilities. Start date in mid-January 2009. The Presbyterian Association of Musicians salary scale will be applied in determining compensation.

Interested candidates should send a resume and three references to khenriks@nycap.rr.com.

Closing date for submitting an application is October 7, 2008.

Questions should be addressed to khenriks@nycap.rr.com

More information about First Presbyterian Church of Albany can be found at www.firstpresalbany.org