

Parish Musician (Organist/Choirmaster)—PART TIME
Saint David's Episcopal Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Receiving materials up to Friday, April 5, 2019 at 5pm.

Please email requested materials in PDF, MP3 format and/or link below to
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- CV and/or resume, including at least three references
- Copies of sheet music (see below)
- A cover letter explaining what music is on the MP3 file or link you will provide
- An MP3 file or link containing the following:
 - 1 of the following Hymnal 1982 or LEVAS hymns:
 - 175—"Hail thee festival day"
 - 130—"I bind unto myself today"
 - 687—"A mighty fortress is our God"
 - LEVAS 1—"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
 - 329—"Now my tongue the mystery telling"
 - 645—"The king of love my shepherd is"
 - 1 of the following pieces of service music:
 - S-278
 - S-128
 - S-171
 - S-167
 - 1 Prelude or Postlude (with a copy of sheet music)
 - 1 anthem (with a copy of the sheet music)

Saint David's Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tennessee seeks a part-time Parish Musician (organist/choirmaster) to join a congregation at the threshold of tremendous growth in mission and spiritual depth. We love our community and liturgy is our foundation.

We have enjoyed over 50 years of outstanding music programming with both adult and children's choirs and, from time to time, a hand bell choir. We seek to continue to advance this excellence with the introduction of some hymnody from The Episcopal Church's other hymnals and choral anthems from a variety of historical and cultural contexts. The Parish Musician will be a people person who appreciates a spirited and experienced all-volunteer choir, a lively congregation, and has the heart and skill for teaching. This person will also embrace and continue our 40-year tradition of Children's Choirs, following the Royal School of Church Music program or a similar curriculum model.

The new Parish Musician, alongside the rector and parish administrator, will engage in the leadership of the parish through regular staff meetings; the staff will engage prayerful discernment and mindful observation of the congregation to help navigate Saint David's mission and growth.

Saint David's Moller organ was built and originally installed in 1953 at Saint George's, a large parish nearby. In 1986, Saint George's donated the organ to Saint David's; it was installed with minor repairs. In 1995 and 2011 the organ received notable upgrades and repairs. Saint David's holds a choral library of 600+ pieces, an extensive organ and service music library and a three-octave hand bell set.

Finally, Saint David's will provide the Parish Musician with competitive compensation, an office close to the organ and choir loft, directing and parental assistance for the Children's Choirs, administrative assistance from choir members, and subscriptions to professional organizations, staff collegiality, plenty of food and enough laughter to last him or her for quite a while.

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

- Enhance our liturgy through appropriate and quality music at all services at which organ/choral music is scheduled: principal Sunday worship service and special services including Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil (if we develop that here) and Thanksgiving service (usually the Tuesday before Thanksgiving).
 - Play organ and direct choir (September—Pentecost) at the 10:30am Sunday morning service
 - Practice with choir on Wednesday evenings from 7:15pm to 8:30pm
 - Practice and warm up with choir on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10am
- Understand the strong sense of stewardship the Adult Choir feels is their ministry to Saint David's, and encourage them through
 - developing musical abilities,
 - recruiting new members,
 - having a strong understanding of Anglican chant and how to introduce it,
 - challenging them with different styles and sources of church music,
 - making opportunities to develop faith and stewardship through "teaching moments" related to liturgical music,
 - lifting up fellowship opportunities and a sense of community at weekly practices and social gatherings (first and end of year potlucks, Christmas party, or similar)
- Be a spiritual leader to the Children's Choirs, teaching them to love and serve God and Christ's church through
 - service in the Children's Choir,
 - making a joyful noise,
 - expanding their musical knowledge through the Royal School of Church Music Program or other such curriculum,
 - fostering a sense of stewardship and ownership among the members of the Children's Choir as contributing members of the congregation,
 - being a loving presence to our youngest members.
- Select organ, choral, hymn and service music for all organ/choral services in consultation with the Rector.
- Grow the appreciation of sacred music at Saint David's through

- hiring professional musicians, as the music budget allows, for holy days and special services,
- identifying, inviting and encouraging musical talent of any age within the parish,
- securing substitute musicians during the Parish Musician's absences
- serving as advisor on the Concert Committee to bring in new musicians for recitals.
- Work with the Rector and/or Finance Committee to submit an annual budget proposal to the Finance Committee. This proposal identifies
 - all items of expenditure including printed music and supplies,
 - maintenance of music instruments, especially the organ and pianos,
 - need for care and cleaning of vestments,
 - any trainings or continuing education opportunities, especially those designed for The Episcopal Church,
 - substitute organist or guest musician expenses.
- Review and give or deny permission to play the organ and/or piano. In the Parish Musician's absence, the Rector will assume this role.
- Manage, organize and oversee the music library with the assistance of choir members.
- Maintain and/or replace by purchasing choir vestments and maintain a neat, attractive choir loft and workspace.
- Participate with the Vestry in an annual Mutual Ministry Review and talk with the Rector separately to prepare for this process.