First United Methodist Church
of Whitesboro
There's a place for you here.

Job Description: Church Accompanist

Position Title: Church Accompanist

Position Type: Contract Position (52 weeks/year); 2 weeks leave

Church: First United Methodist Church (FUMC) of Whitesboro

Reports To: Director of Music Ministries (Direct Supervisor) | Senior Pastor | Church Board (Church Supervision)

Position Overview

The Church Accompanist provides high-quality musical accompaniment on the piano for Sunday morning worship, weekly choir rehearsals, and special liturgical services at First UMC of Whitesboro. Working under the supervision of the Director of Music Ministries, the Accompanist plays a vital role in enhancing congregational worship through traditional, contemporary, and collaborative music.

Schedule & Time Commitment

- **Sunday Services:** 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM
- **Midweek Rehearsal:** Wednesday evenings, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM (Adult Choir rehearsal)
- **Additional Time:** As needed for special seasonal services (e.g., Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Easter) and personal preparation time.

Key Responsibilities

1. Musical Accompaniment (Primary: Piano)

- Provide sensitive, technically proficient piano accompaniment for Sunday morning worship services.
- Accompany the Adult Choir during weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals and Sunday worship performances.

- Play preludes, postludes, offertories, congregational hymns, and response music as coordinated with the Director of Music Ministries.
- Accompany vocal soloists, small ensembles, and guest instrumentalists during scheduled rehearsals and services.
- Rehearse independently to ensure all assigned music is thoroughly prepared prior to weekly rehearsals and services.

2. Instrumental Flexibility & Bonus Skills

- Demonstrate organ proficiency to play traditional hymns, preludes, or postludes when needed *(Strong Bonus)*.
- Ability or willingness to incorporate other musical instruments (e.g., keyboard/synthesizer, acoustic guitar, or orchestral instruments) to support varied worship styles is highly desirable.

3. Collaboration & Communication

- Work closely under the direction and supervision of the Director of Music Ministries to align music with worship plans.
- Support a musical program that features a mix of traditional and contemporary styles.
- Report any piano or instrument tuning, maintenance, or repair needs to the Director of Music Ministries.
- Maintain positive, clear communication with church staff, choir members, and volunteers.

Qualifications

- Advanced skill in piano performance, sight-reading, and accompanying both vocal ensembles and congregational singing.
- Ability to play organ or other secondary instruments is a strong plus.
- Experience reading printed sheet music, open choral scores, and lead sheets/chord charts.
- Punctual, dependable, and prepared for all scheduled services and rehearsals.
- A collaborative, supportive spirit and a warm presence in a faith-based environment.

I, _____], acknowledge that I have received, read, and understood the job description for the position of Church Accompanist at First United Methodist Church of Whitesboro. I understand the duties, responsibilities, and expectations associated with this position. I agree to perform the duties to the best of my abilities and to comply with the church's policies and procedures. I understand that the job description is subject to change at the discretion of the Church Board.By signing below, I confirm my acceptance and understanding of the job description and my role within the church.

Employee Signature:
Date:

Senior Pastor Signature:
Date: