



Director of Music Ministry
Grace Episcopal Church
1213 Sixth Street
Port Huron, MI 48060

Praise God with trumpets, lute and harp, with timbral and dance, with stringed instruments and organs, loud crashing cymbals...let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:5-6

A parish located in Port Huron, MI. Grace seeks a Director of Music Ministry with passion, innovation, commitment and competence. Our new director will build, develop and lead the music of Grace. This includes our adult choir, instrumentalists and children's choir. The position requires flexibility, creativity, self-direction and spirit as Grace responds to God's call to build, grow and serve.

Responsibilities:

- Actively invite, train and teach choir members and musicians to use their gifts.
- Coordinate with the rector to plan worship, and build a loving, grace filled, creative atmosphere for worship.
- Arrange regular rehearsals for choirs and ensembles as needed during the program year (September-June)
- Provide music leadership at our 10 a.m. service, including but not limited to playing organ, piano, leading adult and children's choir anthems and congregational singing.
- Arrange appropriate vocal support or guest musicians for worship during the summer months.
- Participate in the ongoing development of the parish music resources; researching, selecting and developing the music library.
- Participate in the creative planning of Sunday and special services (Holy Week, Ash Wednesday, etc.) with Christian Education Director and Rector. (Sept.-June).
- Direct outreach events into the community via performances at other organizations as appropriate or invite other performing groups to use our glorious spaces.
- Encourage and strengthen congregational singing through strong musical direction.
- Develop, in consultation with other leadership, budget for program and operate within it.
- Arrange tuning and maintenance of instruments as appropriate.

Qualifications:

- A love of children and their "joyful noise unto the Lord"

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- Ability to organize, coordinate, and motivate musicians
- Sense of humor, positive attitude and growth mindset
- Strong team player with the rest of the staff and congregation
- Committed to the church's vision, leadership, and people
- Dependable, responsible, self-motivated and creative
- Knowledge of appropriate church music (classical, Anglican, contemporary, folk, roots and gospel), and the role of music in Episcopal worship (scripture, liturgy and church seasons) or the willingness to learn.
- Bachelor's degree in Music, although we are willing to review other candidates who possess the musical competencies and organizational skills necessary to develop our music program

Musical Competencies:

- Able to play piano and organ.
- Able to direct adult choir and children's choir
- Able to direct, develop and create instrumental opportunities

Hours of work

This is a salaried position of 15-20 hours per week for 52 weeks per year of which two weeks are paid vacation, budgeted at \$15,000 to \$25,000 depending on experience and qualifications. The Director may play for funerals and weddings for additional compensation. The Director of Music Ministry shall adapt their schedule to meet the special demands of both Advent/Christmas and Lent/Holy Week. The Director of Music Ministry shall be allowed to maintain a flexible schedule, providing they are present at services, rehearsals and meetings as scheduled. Vacation time will be negotiated.

Professional development time and compensation can be negotiated.

Those interested in this position should send a letter of interest and current resume to: rector@graceporthuron.net by September 15, 2018

The Rev. Lydia Agnew Speller, Rector
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Grace has average weekend attendance of about 140, we have an adult choir of about 15 and a children's choir of about the same size. On special occasions, a small ensemble of student brass and reed players enhance our worship. The organ was built in 1928 by the Skinner Organ Company of Westfield, Massachusetts, Op. 702, and rebuilt in 1973 by M. P. Möller of Hagerstown, Maryland, Op. R-864. It has 3 manuals and pedals, with 39 ranks and 40 speaking stops.

The grand piano was built in 1897 by Steinway & Sons, of New York and is in excellent condition.

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