

Church Pianist & Accompanist (Part-Time) **Christ Church United Methodist | Denver, CO**

Christ Church United Methodist is a vibrant, progressive faith community in Denver committed to **inclusive theology and diverse artistic expression**. Our music program is a core element of our spiritual life, spanning traditional hymns, modern worship, and varied instrumental styles. We are seeking a highly capable, dependable, and versatile **Lead Musician** to serve as one of our worship leaders, starting immediately (by December 28th). This role requires a talented musician who is confident, reliable, and excited to collaborate creatively with our staff and volunteers.

Core Responsibilities & Commitment

The successful lead musician provides high-quality musical support for all regular and special services, requiring approximately **5–10 hours per week** (fluctuating seasonally).

- **Sunday Worship (Year-Round):** Plays prelude, postlude, and reflection; accompanies hymns, choir anthems, and special music, during the 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM service.
- **Weekly Choir Rehearsals:** Accompanies the Choir practices on **Sundays (9:15 AM – 10:00 AM, Year-Round)** and **Wednesdays (6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, from Sept through May only)**.
- **Special Services:** Provides music and accompaniment for major special services, including Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve.
- **Performance & Versatility:** Performs solo pieces as requested/desired and accompanies the **“Bucket Fillers” (pick-up band)** for one rehearsal and service per month.
- **Preparation:** Dedicates sufficient time to practice and prepare all assigned music each week to a high standard of quality.
- *Optional: Collaborate with the Pastor and Music Director to select worship music and shape seasonal worship themes.*

Required Skills & Attributes

- **Exceptional Musicianship:** Demonstrated high proficiency on the **piano** is required; proficiency on the **organ** is highly preferred. Capability with other instruments is a bonus.
- **Style Versatility:** Ability to play and adapt to a wide range of musical genres (e.g., classical, traditional UMC hymns, contemporary praise, secular music, Gospel and more).
- **Accompaniment Skills:** Strong sight-reading and accompanying skills for congregational singing, choir anthems, and soloists. **Ability to transpose is very helpful.**
- **Professionalism:** Must strive for excellence, be highly **dependable, and emotionally mature**, capable of confident work in a collaborative, creative team environment.

Compensation & Next Steps

- **Hours & Pay:** This is a part-time, salaried position with an estimated weekly commitment of 5-10 hours, paying **\$8,000 – \$12,000 annually**, commensurate with experience and skill.
- **Timeline:** Position available immediately, with desired start date by **December 28, 2025**.
- **To Apply:** Submit a cover letter/email, resume detailing musical experience, and **video or audio samples** of both solo performance and accompaniment work (if available) to **Music Director Jackie Welch: music@christchurchcolorado.org**
- All candidates must pass a background check.