

## **ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST (*Full-Time*)**

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### **THE POSITION:**

The music ministries of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church (MPPC) exist to glorify the God we know in Jesus Christ. Our faith formation is supported by our musical expressions in worship (congregational, choral, and instrumental), and through participation in musical ensembles for all age groups.

The Associate Director of Music and Organist helps to lead MPPC's large music program under the supervision of and in partnership with the Director of Music, who plays a key role in creating and planning all of MPPC's worship services – coordinating directly with church staff and volunteers.

MPPC is a large missional church: we understand that the Church exists not to meet our needs, but to use our gifts to carry out God's mission in the world. Reflecting that mission and MPPC's 300-year history in the Lowcountry just outside of Charleston, South Carolina, the Associate Director of Music and Organist develops and maintains musical and fine arts programs both within the church and in concert with our community.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:** The successful candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Strong leadership skills and a passion for excellence in music of all types and genres
- Excellent organ skills to accompany the congregation, choirs, and instrumentalists
- Experience and proficiency conducting a variety of musical groups, including choirs and worship ensembles of varying ages and proficiency.
- Of strong personal and spiritual character.
- Have a bachelor's degree in music, an advanced degree preferred.
- Commitment to worship in the Reformed tradition.
- Experience with traditional liturgy, hymnody, and church music, experience with modern and blended worship styles preferred.
- Proactive, self-starter with excellent organizational skills.
- Ability to work with flexibility as part of a collegial team.
- Willingness to work with children and adults of all ages, and ability to motivate and inspire participants to achieve their very best.

**CURRENT MUSIC PROGRAMS:** Recently, MPPC has had three worship services on Sunday: two traditional services that meet in the historic sanctuary and one blended service (the "NET") that meets in our fellowship hall. Existing ensembles include an adult choir, an adult bell choir, a youth choir, two children's choirs, four paid scholarship singers who support the adult choir and the NET Band, and a variety of vocal and instrumental soloists. Music at the NET is a blended mix of contemporary and traditional music. Plans are to develop and add a chamber and senior citizen's choirs in the near future.

MPPC has made a substantial investment in a wide variety of musical instruments and systems, including its historic sanctuary organ, harpsicord, and the NET sound system. The organ is a rebuilt 1886 Roosevelt tracker pipe organ.

**CORE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- *Worship and Ensemble Support* – Accompany adult, youth, and children’s choirs, as well as instrumentalists and various other vocal ensembles as needed.
- *Organ repertoire* – Provide organ repertoire at traditional worship services.
- *Ensemble Leadership* – Direct a youth/children’s choir or youth praise band, and a possible bell choir. Support and assist with the NET band. Periodically rehearse and lead the adult choir and other ensembles as needed.
- *Staff Responsibilities* – Assist the Director of Music with administrative responsibilities, such as email reminders, correspondence, publicity, and bulletin announcements; and coordination and administrative support for the Village Concert Series. Coordinate keyboard maintenance and tuning.
- *Miscellaneous* – Provide music at weddings and funerals, the Learning Center, and other special events.

**SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION:**

- Dedicated to the missional life of MPPC
- Periodically lead devotions and/or prayers for rehearsals

**COMPENSATION AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- The Associate Director of Music and Organist reports to the Director of Music Ministries.
- Annual compensation between \$50,000 to \$60,000, commensurate with qualifications and experience, plus fringe benefits.

Please submit (i) your cover letter, (ii) a brief faith statement of not more than 300 words in either Microsoft Word or pdf format, and (iii) your resume via email to [Musicministry@mppc.net](mailto:Musicministry@mppc.net).