

Music Director(30 hours/week)

St. Stephen's, Belvedere

The Diocese of California

Description

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in beautiful Marin County boasts a magnificent nave in modern gothic proportions and a spacious physical plant that includes staff offices, indoor and outdoor spaces for hospitality and sacred gatherings, Sunday school rooms for adults and youth, a music library, and much more. The nave, with seating for 150, and a balcony organ and choir, has acoustics so ideal for voice and instrument that musicians have been recording in the space for decades.

St Stephen's musical tradition is renowned in the diocese. The ideal candidate will continue to maintain and enhance this high standard of excellence with the assistance of four paid section leaders and more than one dozen talented volunteers. Besides the instruments of voice, St. Stephen's hosts a Frobenius pipe organ(II/33 (1989), a grand piano, and two octaves of handbells.

The Music Director at St. Stephen's will be both organist and choirmaster, and will have assistance from parish staff and volunteers under the direction of the rector. We believe that worship is best when music and liturgy are woven together, and the expectation is that the rector and the music director will work collaboratively to produce worship that will enhance our experience of God's presence in our lives and in the world.

Requirements and Expectations:

1. Work collaboratively with rector and office staff and be part of a work community that learns from one another
2. Recruit, train, supervise, and direct the choir for regular and special services
3. Accompany and/or conduct the choir
4. Practice regularly on the organ and other instruments to maintain expertise
5. Select music suitable to the season and the experience of the choir

6. Provide hymns and other music to office staff in timely manner for Sunday bulletins, concerts, and additional worship services
7. Conduct rehearsals and providing theological interpretation of music that will enhance its effect
8. Lead weekly choir rehearsals (weekday evening and Sunday morning)
9. Provide pastoral care for the music ministry as needed in consultation with the rector
10. Purchase new music and maintaining choral library
11. Work with the staff and volunteers to help publicize music-related events sponsored by the church

The position requires working on Sunday mornings (the choir sings for the 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist), and all Christian holy days, including but not limited to, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, All Saints' Day, Christmas Eve, etc.

The stipend for this 30 hour/week position begins at \$60,000. Benefits include full medical/dental, pension, continuing education (one week and one Sunday per year) and vacation (four weeks per year, including four Sundays. Requested time off must be discussed with the rector in advance.

Application:

Please send resume and letter of interest by March 15th to:

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