



Position Title	Pianist, United Church of Santa Fe
Reports to	Senior Minister and Director of Music

Position Purpose In consultation with Director of Music and Senior Minister, to provide piano accompaniment and other music for services in a way that strengthens and enriches the mission, vision, and goals of our Church.

Hours: Part-time (8-10 hours/week average (September- early June, including Wednesday rehearsal and Sunday 10:00 service); 4-5 hours/week (mid-June through August, Sunday 10:00 service) Current hours based on one in-person service. May change with additional services.

Primary Responsibilities

Enhance the Worship Experience

- Help set the musical tone for all worship services-using a wide range of musical styles (e.g., Classical, Renaissance Polyphony, Traditional Hymns, Spirituals, Gospel.) Note: Services normally include piano music for the prelude and often a musical reflection during the service) in addition to hymns, music responses, and communion music.
- Collaborate with the Senior Minister and Director of Music to align musical selections with the theme/message/scripture of the Worship service; thereby enhancing the worship experience.

Accompaniment/General Oversight of Music Ministry

- Serve as pianist for all church services, Sanctuary Choir rehearsals, and most special performances.

Communication

- As needed, add information to monthly music column.
- Provide Office Administrator with necessary music information for worship bulletins.
- Participate in monthly staff meetings.
- Write/submit brief Annual Report.
- Establish rapport with choir members and congregation.

Administration

- Oversee piano maintenance (schedule regular tunings, weekly check of humidifier, etc.)

Skills/Attributes

- A high degree of pianistic skill
- Good sight-reading skills
- Understanding of and appreciation for worship
- Experience with accompanying hymns and anthems
- Knowledge of/ and comfortable with a wide variety of Church music appropriate for our worship style and the needs of the congregation, choirs (adult, youth), vocalists, and instrumentalists.
- Knowledge and appreciation for the services and traditions of the Christian faith.
- Strong communication and collaboration skills; ability to work with Church staff and leaders and congregants in the various ministries.

Schedule:

Year-round:

- 10:00 Sunday service
 - 2nd Sunday of September through first Sunday of June - preceded by 9:00 choir rehearsal.
 - Mid-June through Labor Day Sunday: 10:00 service only, possible 9:00 rehearsal with Opera Apprentice or other soloists or instrumentalists.
 - One Sunday in June, July and August: 9:00 rehearsal with "Drop-in Choir."
- Wednesday after Labor Day through early June: Weekly Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (generally on Wednesdays, 7:00 pm to 9:00)
- Non-Sunday Morning Special Services:
 1. Ash Wednesday: 12:00 noon service; 6:00 pm Choir rehearsal; 7:00 pm evening service.
 2. Holy Week schedule:
 1. Palm Sunday: Festival choir and processional
 2. Maundy Thursday evening service (7:00 or 7:30 pm)
 3. Good Friday - noontime service, no choir, but special instrumental and/or vocal music.
 4. Easter Sunday-Festival Choir at 10:00 service.
 5. Christmas Eve: 5:00 pm (Children's/Family service), 7:00 pm with Choir; and possible 9:00 pm with special music and Communion.)

Other events (Fall, 2024 through Spring, 2025)

1. Bach cantata in 10:00 Oct. 27 service (Saturday, Oct. 26 rehearsal)
2. United's 45 Anniversary Service – Sunday, May 25

Rehearsals:

1. No Wednesday choir rehearsal the week after Christmas or the week after Easter.
2. As noted above, special rehearsals for Oct. 27 service; possibly for May 25 service.

Leave:

1. Two weeks annual leave/year.
2. Additional Sundays off (2024 to spring 2025)
 - a. First Sunday of October (St. Francis Pet Blessing)
 - b. Nov. 10, 2024 – Guest pianist
 - c. Dec. 29, 2024—Guest pianist
 - d. January 19 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Gospel Service
 - e. February 23 – Mardi Gras Jazz Service