



# THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## **Director of Music Ministries – Choral Conductor & Organist**

The Church of the Good Shepherd in Burke, VA, seeks to call an innovative leader with gifts and desire to minister and grow its music ministry. We are fortunate to have a talented and active choral ministry at our growing parish. This part-time position (approximately 25 hours/week) requires an enthusiastic individual with superb musicianship who is committed to excellence in liturgical worship and who will serve as an integral member of our ministry staff. The pay will be \$45,000-\$50,000 commensurate with experience.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Provide primary accompaniment for all worship services with music for both the Children's/Youth and Senior Choirs. In addition to the regular 10:15a Sunday service, other services requiring an organist include Christmas Lessons & Carols, Longest Night, Choral Evensongs (1 or 2), Christmas Eve/Day, Thanksgiving Eve., Holy Week, and Feast of All Souls Requiem Mass. Additional opportunities for compensation include funerals and occasional weddings.
- Recruit, train, rehearse, and direct the Senior Choir and ensembles. Rehearse once weekly (or otherwise and needed) from the week after Labor Day through early-mid June. Responsible for setting the choral/musical schedule during the summer months.
- Work in collaboration with the Children's & Youth Choir Director and the Rector in the selection and preparation of choral repertoire, hymnody, service music, and organ/piano voluntaries as appropriate for worship services and hymnody for all services with music.
- Responsible for the employment of such other musicians as may be required to meet the musical needs of the Parish, including but not limited to substitute organists and/or conductors, instrumentalists, assistant parish musicians or singers.

### **Required Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree in music. Master's preferred.
- Successful and significant professional performance activity
- Prior church music employment

### **Preferred qualifications:**

- Improvisational skills
- Compositional/arranging skills

### **Application requirements:**

- Letter of intent and qualifications
- Résumé or Curriculum Vitae
- Recordings of the following:
  - Five-minute free improvisation
  - Three verses of a hymn of candidate's choosing
    - First verse as written
    - Second verse with alternate harmonization
    - Interlude between verse 2 and 3



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- A piece for organ that would be suitable as a postlude of a service
- Video recording of applicant conducting a choral anthem in a worship service

**Application Deadline:** March 15, 2024

**Send complete applications to:**

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