

MUSIC DIRECTOR – Organist/Choir Director
St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, Wiscasset, ME
Job Description
Spring 2022

The Music Director-Organist/Choir Director of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, Wiscasset, ME is responsible for directing the music program at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church. The Music Director reports directly to the Priest in Charge (if present) or the Sr. Warden. The Director’s hours will vary per week. The position described here is part-time, (4-8 hrs/wk) .

Duties:

A. Direct the music program at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church. Provide organ/piano music and direct the choir at the principal service regularly scheduled on Sundays. Select appropriate organ/piano and choral music for those services.

B. Provide organ/piano and choral music for the following additional services during the year: Christmas Eve, Holy Week services and other festival days in the church’s calendar.

C. Be responsible for recruiting and directing the choir, made up of volunteers. On occasion, recruit and direct a bell choir and additional musical instrumentalists.

D. In consultation with the Priest in Charge, Deacon and/or supply Priest, select appropriate organ/piano music and hymns for the weekly Sunday worship, taking note of the Scriptural themes and liturgical focus of each worship service.

E. First right of refusal for weddings/funerals or other events at the church requiring a keyboard musician. Fees for these services will be negotiated directly with the parties involved.

F. Attend staff meetings with Priest in Charge as scheduled.

G. Be responsible for the purchase of music and music supplies, and maintain the music library in an orderly fashion.

H. Report to the Vestry on the condition and needs for the maintenance of the parish’s musical instruments.

Salary and Employment Conditions

This is a part-time position. The Employee’s salary will be stipulated in the employee’s contract. Salary will be commensurate with education and experience.

Application process

Individuals interested in the position may submit their resume along with three musical references to; wiscmusic@outlook.com or call 218-205-0420, Applications will be received until position is filled.



The Ernest M. Skinner Organ, p. 282 was given to St. Philip's Church by the Sortwell family in memory of Edward Carter Sortwell. The organ is on the National Register of Historic Instruments kept by the Organ Historical Society.

The 1918 organ, which was completely restored in 2000 by the Spencer Organ Company of Massachusetts, is one of about 1,200 organs built by the Skinner Company of Boston. According to Joseph Rotella, president of the Spencer Organ Company, *'Skinner was a very high-end builder. The organs had a distinctive sound; the quality shows through the instrument. There's just not many of these around.'*

E.M. Skinner Organ, Op. 282

Although a small Skinner with only seven ranks of pipes, it is a rarity in that it has been returned to its original condition rather than expanded upon or 'boosted' in sound and size.

The organ has been back in use for services at St. Philip's Church since Christmas of 2001 and was showcased for the public through a concert given by Robert Reeves, a nationally-known concert organist.

St Philip's Episcopal Church is very proud of this instrument as it leads the congregation in its liturgy and song in praise to our gracious God!

