

First Baptist Church in New Haven
205 Edwards Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Job Description: Minister of Music

First Baptist Church in New Haven is a family of faith made up of members from a wide diversity of ethnic, cultural, and racial backgrounds, joined together by the love of Christ. We are searching for a new Minister of Music who has extensive experience or a completed bachelor's degree in Church Music, Music Education, or Music Performance. Proficiency in playing the piano is a must for this position and the ability to play the organ is desirable. Training and experience in directing a choir or praise team is strongly preferred, as is experience working with a multicultural and multigenerational congregation. Energy, flexibility, a love for God's people, and being a team player are critical traits for this position.

Hours of Worship: Our regular Sunday Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m., or at such other times as the Pastor and the Board of Deacons may set. The service usually lasts around one hour and 15 minutes.

Facilities: First Baptist Church's sanctuary, itself, is a beautiful worship space with wonderfully pleasing acoustics. Our piano is a Steinway grand. We also have an Austin 2-manual organ built in the 1950s.

Responsibilities: Develop and maintain a music program, which is in keeping with the wishes, needs and resources of the congregation and its governing board.

1. Music for the worship service shall include a variety of musical offerings from contemporary Christian songs to traditional hymns.
2. In addition to Sunday services, musical accompaniment is expected for special services and events, including Lenten and Easter, Christmas Eve and Christmas Sunday, and Thanksgiving Sunday services. The Minister of Music also may be asked to play at weddings or funerals, if requested by a family or family's representative who would provide compensation accordingly.
3. In consultation with the Pastor and Diaconate, the Minister of Music is responsible for organizing all music to be played at First Baptist New Haven services.
4. The Music Minister is encouraged to help form and lead choral groups within the congregation so that our church can present a variety of music, which will enhance the worship experience for the congregation.
5. The Minister of Music is expected to attend meetings with the Board of Deacons and/or the Pastor as needed. Meetings may be at the request of either party.

Compensation: Payment for this contracted position will be \$200 per service. It does not include paid time off, but such time without payment can be arranged, excluding special dates in the Christian calendar (e.g. Christmas Eve/Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, and Thanksgiving Sunday).

If interested, please email a cover letter and resume to office@firstbaptistnewhaven.org or mail them to First Baptist Church, 205 Edwards Street, New Haven, CT 06511, Attention: Minister of Music. (June 2024)