

Music Director Position, First Presbyterian Church, Grinnell, IA

¼ time, exempt position.

Purpose

To develop and lead the music ministry for our church, in consultation with the pastor and worship committee, in a way that is consistent with our mission, values and theology (see mission statement below).

Responsibilities

- Arrange for music on Sundays, and for special services (Ash Wednesday, Christmas Eve, etc.), including keyboard, choir, and special music. Music director will select anthems and/or special music, prelude, and postlude. Our worship, including music, is traditional in form and progressive in theology.
- Direct the choir in rehearsal and worship. Rehearsals are once a week from September to June. Choir is open to all people regardless of musical ability.
- Possibility of directing bells, time and ability permitting.
- Arrange for special music during the summer months when choir doesn't meet
- Meet with worship committee (approximately four times a year) to plan worship for each liturgical season.
- Maintain and expand the music library within the annual budget for music.
- Music director will have first right of refusal for weddings and funerals – will be compensated separately for these.

Qualifications

- A welcoming, non-judgmental, flexible spirit.
- Willingness and ability to work with people of all abilities and personalities.
- Keyboard proficiency for liturgical music (e.g. traditional hymns) required. Organ experience preferred.
- Willingness to either select music with inclusive language, or adjust words in music with non-inclusive language.

To Apply send/email resume and cover letter to:

First Presbyterian Church
1025 5th Ave.
Grinnell, IA 50112
kisten@klepfer.net (Pastor's email)

Accepting applications until position filled

First Presbyterian Church Mission Statement

We come together in community to praise and glorify our Creator God. This community seeks to pitch its tent where God is dwelling and where Christ is acting – i.e., in the world around us, wherever people need justice, love, the basic goods of life and faith, and release from violence and oppression.

We believe that God calls us to a two-fold mission. First, we seek joyfully to embrace the diversity of God's creatures, inclusively to welcome all people into one fellowship as full partners in our ministry, and to be a family for all those in our fellowship. We seek to offer mutual support for all members of that fellowship in times of joy and trouble. Second, sustained by this mutual support, we seek lovingly to be the body of Christ for a suffering world, and to provide generous assistance to those beyond our fellowship seeking to sustain themselves and improve the lives of their families.

We seek faithfully to apply God's Word to the pressing social issues of our time; intelligently to study and discuss issues affecting our community, country, and the world; and enthusiastically to develop and implement plans that address those issues.