

Organist/Pianist

St. Matthew's United Church, Richmond Hill, invites applications for the position of Church Organist/Pianist. The position involves an average of 2 hours of work per week (plus preparation time) beginning January 1st, 2024.

Objective:

The Church Organist in coordination with the Choir Director will ensure worship services are enhanced through the use of music (instrumental and choral) so that the congregation is encouraged to participate.

Duties:

- Play music for 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship services and special services during the year (Christmas Eve and Good Friday, and any other services that the Worship Committee approves), by providing musical accompaniment on the organ / piano. Please note that our services are held at 9:30 am in July and August.
- Accompany choir rehearsals and rehearsals with soloists on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am before the service.
- In consultation with the Choir Director and the Minister, select appropriate hymns and anthems for all services and seasons.
- Select and perform prelude and postlude pieces before and after worship services
- Upon request, provide music for all weddings and funerals, which carry additional honorarium.
- Attend monthly one-hour meetings with the Worship committee (in-person or online)

Ideal candidates will possess the following:

- Experience with Christian music leadership
- Availability beginning January 1, 2024.
- Ability to integrate a variety of musical styles into worship in support of specific themes.
- Competency in organ and piano, both as a collaborative musician, to support hymn singing and accompany the choir/soloists and as a soloist to offer repertoire for postludes/preludes.
- Well-developed interpersonal skills, ability to collaborate with a community of staff and volunteers
- Preferred: familiarity with United Church of Canada tradition, worship, and music.

Instrument(s): Organ: Two manual Rogers digital 835; Piano: 6'1" Yamaha concert grand; Electronic keyboard: Yamaha.

Compensation: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Hours of Work: 2 hours per week. Vacation: 4 weeks in the summer. This is an initial 1-year contract, with possible renewal.

Required Date: January 1, 2024.

Applications: A cover letter and resume should be submitted by e-mail to: st.matthewsuc.rh@gmail.com

For more information about St. Matthew's United Church, please visit: <https://www.stmatthewsuc.ca/>.