

# **Job Description: Accompanist**

## **St. Christopher's Episcopal Church – Pensacola**

**Position Type:** Part-Time

**Reports To:** Music Minister

**Time commitment:** 10 hours a week

### **Position Overview:**

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church seeks a skilled and collaborative Organist and/or Pianist to support and enhance the musical life of the parish. The Accompanist will provide piano and/or organ music for worship services, accompany the choir, and contribute to a vibrant and prayerful liturgical experience rooted in the Episcopal tradition. St. Christopher's uses hymnody representing the breadth and depth of the Anglican tradition. Our most-used resource is The Hymnal 1982, but we occasionally draw from Wonder, Love, and Praise, Lift Every Voice and Sing II, Voices Found, and Alleluia III. Special themed services are offered yearly: Celtic, jazz, Camp Beckwith, Taize, and others.

### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Serve as Accompanist for Sunday services, Holy Days, and other special liturgies (e.g., Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, funerals, and weddings as needed)
- Support congregational singing through confident and expressive hymn leadership
- Provide preludes and postludes for each service
- Accompany the Adult Choir in rehearsals and services
- Attend regular choir rehearsals (Thursdays, 5:30-6:45pm)
- Lead choir rehearsals in the absence of the Music Minister
- Coordinate with Music Minister for special service planning

### **Qualifications:**

- Mastery in piano and/or organ performance and hymn accompaniment
- If not proficient at the organ, a willingness to study organ to gain proficiency in service playing. Introductory lessons will be provided by the church.
- Strong sight-reading, open-score reading, and accompanying skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with clergy, choir, and music staff
- Degree in music or equivalent experience preferred
- Familiarity with Episcopal liturgy and the structure of the church year preferred, but not required

### **Compensation:**

- \$16,000/year
- Additional compensation for weddings and funerals: Base fee of \$150, with increased fees for special requests

**Additional Expectations:**

- Demonstrates professionalism, punctuality, and reliability
- Supports the mission and worship life of the parish
- Engages warmly with choir members and congregation

**About St. Christopher's:**

Nestled in the East Hill neighborhood of Pensacola, FL, St. Christopher's is a healthy, stable medium-sized congregation committed to radical welcome. Our membership encompasses a broad spectrum of theological, social, and political perspectives, making our community remarkably vibrant as we embrace diversity and strive for inclusivity. Known throughout the diocese as the church that "loves to love," St. Christopher's offers sanctuary and healing for many who have been hurt by previous church experiences.

**To Apply:**

Please submit a résumé and, if available, recordings or references to [music@scpen.org](mailto:music@scpen.org). Please note that a background check will be conducted before an offer of employment is made.