

Organist Position Responsibilities

Abington Presbyterian Church

Abington, PA

- This position reports directly to and is supervised by the Director of Music Ministries of Abington Presbyterian Church including regular meetings.
- * Prepare and play for worship services including all service music: Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and for all additional services on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, and other festivals as scheduled.
- Right of first refusal to regularly play for funerals and weddings, with set fees being paid by the respective parties.
- * Prepare for and accompany regular and special rehearsals for the adult, youth, and children's choirs, worship soloists, and for major works, serving as needed as accompanist, leader for sectional rehearsals, solo coach, or assistant conductor at times. This normally includes an added orchestra rehearsal (Monday) and dress rehearsal (Saturday) for 2-4 Oratorio Choir programs and often a Saturday workshop rehearsal for one or several of these events, plus extended final rehearsals and an added dress rehearsal for children's choir musical in the spring.
- * Accompany the Chapel Youth Choir on its annual (weekend) choir tour in the spring. Usually the first weekend in May, this includes Friday departure by bus returning Sunday evening. The tour usually includes 1-2 concerts, worship, and a mission-outreach event. Accommodations include sleeping at host churches on the floor (with air mattress).
- Coordinate organ and piano maintenance for the church with the Director of Music Ministries. This includes planned scheduling of instrument maintenance, recommending a budget to the Director and the Worship and Music Council chair, and communication about ongoing upkeep and projects with the technician/builder and APC.
- Serve as ex-officio member and advisor to Worship and Music Council, Music at Abington committee, and worship staff, attending meetings as determined with the Director of Music Ministries.
- Option to prepare special solo or chamber recitals or concerted works for organ (and/or piano) for Music at Abington programs or other special services or events.
- Maintain a schedule of regular hours for rehearsals and practice at the church.
- The Organist may provide private lessons on site.
- The Handbell Director position will open by a retirement (Dec 2020) and a candidate who expresses interest may expand the position to include those duties.

* Many regular duties of the position have been impacted by changes during the current pandemic including worship recording times, rehearsal changes, and plans for new patterns in fall 2020. Care has been taken to identify historic and planned patterns for this position in general, but thoughtful dialogue regarding worship and music this season will be necessary.