

# Job Description: Music Director at Southminster Presbyterian Church

Southminster Presbyterian Church offers a unique opportunity for professional growth in a vibrant and welcoming community. With nearly 100 years of tradition, including an exceptional organ, tower bells, a multigenerational handbell program, and choirs, Southminster is positioned for exciting expansion as it looks to the future. As a mission-minded congregation, Southminster values its music program as central to its worship and outreach. This position presents an opportunity to help shape the church's music ministry during a time of transition and new leadership.

The organ at Southminster, renovated in 2015, comprises 80 ranks and 5,133 pipes. It can be operated from either of its two consoles: a 4 manual console in the chancel and a 3 manual console in the rear gallery, allowing the organ to be played either in unison or separately. This versatile setup provides flexibility, accommodating the nuanced requirements of both worship services and concert performances. The organ's extensive renovation and technological updates have revitalized it as a central part of the church's musical tradition.

## Applicant requirements

- Bachelor's in music, Master's preferred
- At least 3 to 5 years of church music experience
- Organ expertise required
- Choral conducting skills and understanding of choral vocal technique
- Experience and/or enthusiasm for handbells
- Supportive of contemporary worship
- Understanding and appreciation of the full range of sacred music
- PA Act 33 and 34 child safety clearances

## Position description

Oversee all aspects of the music program at Southminster Presbyterian including:

- Two Sunday services
- Special services (5-8 per year) plus weddings and funerals
- Adult and children's choirs
- Adult and children's handbells
- Tower bells
- Contemporary ensemble oversight and coordination
- Maintenance of church instruments
- Development and management of an annual budget for the church's worship and music

- Staff liaison to Worship and Music Committee
- Other responsibilities as required

### **Compensation**

Competitive salary commensurate with experience

### **Benefits:**

- Paid vacation
- Health insurance
- Sick leave
- Defined benefit plan
- Book and music allowance
- Continuing education funding

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