



ORGANIST

United Church of Chapel Hill (UCC) seeks an exceptional musician to join a highly collaborative staff team in leading the congregation in worship. United Church currently holds two services on Sunday mornings, a service in the sanctuary featuring a traditional program of choral music with organ and/or piano and a less formal bilingual (Spanish/English) service in the Fellowship Hall featuring a worship band.

The Organist's primary responsibility will be to provide organ and piano music for worship in the sanctuary and to foster excellence in congregational song. She/he/they will work closely with Senior Pastor and Director of Music in planning worship, utilizing the full range of hymnody from across the ages and around the globe. United Church strives to engage all members in giving glory to God through music. The Organist will play the organ or piano for the weekly sanctuary worship service and for special services of the liturgical year, typically including a prelude, postlude, hymns, accompaniments, and other service music and incidental music as requested. She/he/they will play the organ or piano at Adult Choir rehearsals and at rehearsals for special concerts or events. As appropriate, the Organist will engage volunteer or professional instrumentalists in hymn and service music, which may involve acquiring, adapting or arranging instrumental parts and organizing rehearsals. She/he/they will assist the Director of Music in training the Adult Choir by leading occasional sectional rehearsals and conducting the choir in the Director of Music's absence. The Organist may also assist the Director of Music in implementing the Royal School of Church Music's Voice for Life curriculum for the junior and youth choristers, and lead Youth Choir sectionals.

United Church's diverse music ministry includes The Grace Notes Training Choir, Junior, Youth, and Adult Choirs, a Gospel Choir, a handbell choir, instrumentalists, and a worship band. Our bright, modern sanctuary houses a 1991/2000 21-rank, 2-manual Schantz organ and a Yamaha C3 grand piano. The organ console was recently upgraded with the ICS4000 Peterson system containing 100 levels of memory. The church owns a second Yamaha C3 in the choir room, a Steinway upright and two other acoustic pianos, a Roland digital piano, 5 octaves of Schulmerich and Malmark bells, Orff instruments and various African and Latin percussion instruments.

The position will require 15-20 hours of work weekly. An initial candidate review will be conducted in mid-August. Preferred start date is mid-fall. A complete application will include a cover letter and resume, sent to Rev. Cameron Barr, Senior Pastor, cbarr@unitedchurch.org. Video and audio recordings are welcome and encouraged. Inquiries and nominations should be likewise directed to Rev. Barr. United Church of Chapel Hill is a congregation of nearly 1,000 members. We aspire to be a center of prophetic Christianity in North Carolina, a faithful voice for social justice in the public square, and a place of belonging for all God's children.