

Interim Organist

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
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Aldersgate United Methodist Church is seeking an interim organist for a period of three months beginning May 1, 2018, through August 1, 2018. The organist/pianist is responsible for providing appropriate (traditional) music for two worship services and accompanying the Wesley Choir under the direction of the Director of Music. The organist/pianist is accountable to the Executive Pastor as head of staff, through the supervision of the Director of Music.

Responsibilities and Duties

- Prepare and provide music for two Sunday morning worship services at 8:30 – 9:15 am and 11:15 – 12:15 pm. This includes:
 - Accompaniment for Wesley Choir
 - Pre-service gathering music/prelude
 - Post-service music/postlude
 - Leading the congregation's singing of hymns and responses
 - Liturgical responses (e.g., doxology)
 - Accompaniment (as needed) for soloists and ensembles
- Accompaniment for Wesley Choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm and on Sunday mornings from 10:30 – 11:00.
- Coordinate with the Director of Music and the Executive Pastor in planning, preparing, and performing organ and piano music appropriate to each service of worship.
- Have the right of first refusal to play for funerals, memorial services, and weddings (with separate compensation from salary).

Qualifications and Skills

- A Bachelors in Church Music is preferred.
- Demonstrated performance proficiency in 1) organ and piano; 2) taking direction from the Director of Music; 3) sight-reading; 4) leading the congregation's singing of hymns and responses; and 5) musicianship.
- Knowledge of and experience with the Methodist church liturgy, sacred music repertoire, as well as a blended musical style that fosters an uplifting worship experience.

To Apply

Please email a cover letter and resume to leah.matthews3@gmail.com with the subject line "Interim Organist Position" by **February 23, 2018**. Please indicate availability to interview/audition on **March 8, 2018**.

About Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Located in the Fort Hunt neighborhood of Alexandria, Aldersgate draws approximately 550 in average weekly attendance to its vibrant worship services. Aldersgate's organ is a well-maintained three manual, 30 rank Casavant Frères.