

**Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA 22308  
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**SOPRANO SECTION LEADER/SOLOIST and  
SONG LEADER FOR THE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**

**Purpose:** Provide service as Soprano section leader and soloist for the Wesley Choir at the traditional 11:00 a.m. service and perform with the contemporary worship band during the 9:30 a.m. service.

**Accountability:** The section leader and soloist reports to the Director of Adult Choirs (the "Director").

**Responsibilities:**

1. Attend all scheduled Wednesday evening rehearsals of the choir during the year, from August Choir Retreat through the last Sunday in June
2. Attend Tuesday evening rehearsals of the contemporary worship band, led by Andreas Barrett, the contemporary service music director.
3. Attend approximately 4 hours of rehearsal/services on Sunday mornings: 8:00 contemporary rehearsal, 9:30 service; 10:30 choir rehearsal, 11:00 service.
4. Attend additional special concert events involving rehearsals/performances by the choir, e.g., dress rehearsal for December concert, Good Friday Service.
5. Sing solos during choir performances when requested by the Director.
6. Serve as Cantor for services as requested.
7. At the Director's discretion, opportunity may be offered to be Soloist during summer months, July through Labor Day weekend; or section leader for occasional services which involve a summer choir. During the summer, compensation is given only when scheduled to sing.
8. The position requires approximately 7 hours per week (Tuesday night, 1.5 hours; Wednesday night, 1.5 hours; Sunday morning 4 hours)
9. In the event that the contemporary director or choir director is absent, the section leader/song leader will rehearse/conduct the choir or band, no more than four times per year, and lead the ensembles on Sunday morning when necessary.

**Musical Requirements:**

- Ability to sing both classical and contemporary music, adjusting vocal technique to fit the appropriate style of music.
- Excellent musicianship: strong music reading ability; excellent pitch sense, and ability to sustain part when alone in section.
- Strong sense of musical leadership; primary duty is to give volunteer singers a strong sense of musical security; to be the first in the section to know music well; to lead sectional rehearsals if and when the Director requires;
- To lead the congregation in the contemporary hymns, in collaboration with the contemporary music director and band members.
- General group leadership in behavior, deportment, attendance, and punctuality at rehearsals and performances.

To apply, send an email with your resume and a cover letter to [staffsearch@aldersgate.net](mailto:staffsearch@aldersgate.net) with Soprano in the subject line.