



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH *of* WAUSAU

Position Opening:

Music Director/Organist

First Presbyterian Church of Wausau, Wisconsin, is seeking a skilled musician/organist to serve in close cooperation with the pastor and church musicians to lead our vibrant music ministry.

Church information:

- **Weekly Attendance:** 75 – 110, depending on time of year
- **Denomination:** Presbyterian Church (USA)
- **Location:** Wausau, WI, a small city in North-central WI, population of community ca. 85,000; the church is located downtown
- **Outreach in the Musical Community:** FPC serves as host to three local voluntary musical groups – the Wausau Lyric Choir, Wausau Symphony, and Wausau Symphonic Band, each giving 2-4 performances at our church per year.

The **Director of Music/Organist** will be a creative, talented, and committed person of faith who will lead the music program of FPC. He/she will possess demonstrable keyboard skills, including the ability to play the organ, direct the choir while playing, and accompany the choir and soloists on either organ or piano. Additionally, he/she will be organized, have strong people skills, and be respectful of the theology of the PCUSA and FPC (commitment to social justice and welcome of all people). The successful candidate will create a musical environment that compliments and enhances the overall experience of worship and other church activities as needed.

As the director of music, responsibilities include selecting music for and directing the adult choir and the handbell choir (Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, September through May, and special services such as Ash Wednesday, Holy Week services, and Christmas Eve), programming soloists or small ensembles as needed, and providing oversight and support for the Children's Music program. The director of music will attend weekly staff meetings and meet regularly with the senior pastor.

As the church organist, responsibilities include playing for Sunday morning worship and any special worship services, choosing appropriate worship music that corresponds with the church season and theme of worship. This includes choosing prelude, offertory, and postlude, and playing hymns and responses. The candidate should be willing to play for weddings or funerals

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as available or assist in finding substitutes. Candidate will schedule regular service on instruments as needed.

A qualified candidate will have at least a Bachelor of Music degree and experience conducting choral and instrumental ensembles. Previous experience working with a church choir and serving as a church organist is desired. Knowledge of traditional church music and familiarity with other genres is preferred. Ability to use Finale software is helpful.

Wausau, Wisconsin boasts the Wausau Conservatory of Music, nearby colleges/universities with music programs, several local music ensembles (symphony orchestra, bands, choirs), and a strong local appreciation for and engagement in music, theater, and the fine arts. The Music Director may utilize the church and its instruments for teaching private lessons.

Position is approximately 25 hours per week, salary range \$20-25 per hour depending on experience, beginning in summer 2019, position includes full benefits (health insurance, pension, PTO, continuing education), summer months – June/July off negotiable

Cover letter and resume should be sent to MusicFPCWausau@gmail.com

Sound files and YouTube videos demonstrating your skills are helpful but not required

No phone calls

Musical Instruments at First Presbyterian Church

Pipe organ: 1994 Schlicker Organ 49/3 (with 25% pipework from the 1927 Moeller)

Pianos: Sanctuary: 7 foot Yamaha Conservatory grand (approx. 30 years old)

Chapel: 5'6" Steinway grand (approx. 50 years old)

Choir Room: 5'2" Baby Cable/Nelson (Yamaha made)

3 upright pianos

Digital: Clavinova (2003) and 61 key Yamaha keyboard linked to computer

Handbells: 5 octave Schulmerich handbells and 4 octave Malmark handchimes

Orff Instruments: several xylophones, metallophones and glockenspiels

Additional instruments: hand percussion, conga drums, drum kit, classroom instruments, electric bass