

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HOPKINTON, NH (UCC)
ORGANIST POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Purpose: Accompany congregational singing, accompany the church choir, and support the worship service with appropriate music, including hymns, a prelude, offertory and postlude, as well as other music as required.

Accountability: The Organist is accountable to the Pastor and the Music and Arts Board. In addition, the Organist works closely with the Choir Director (s).

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate with the Choir Director (s) and the Pastor in planning, preparing and playing music appropriate to each service of worship.
- Provide music for Sunday morning church services (the pastor selects the hymns), including accompanying the congregation's singing of hymns and responses.
- Accompany the choir at weekly choir rehearsals.
- Accompany the choir at Sunday morning rehearsals prior to the church service.
- Accompany the choir anthem during the Sunday morning church service.
- Provide appropriate music for two services on Christmas Eve, and one each on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, and any additional services and rehearsals as scheduled.
- Accompany soloists, instrumentalists and ensembles in worship as needed.
- Attend Worship Leaders' meetings, Music and Arts Board meetings and other special worship planning sessions throughout the year.
- Play for weddings and funerals as requested and as available.
- When taking scheduled leave, provide adequate notice to the Music and Arts Board.
- Assist in coordinating at least biannual maintenance and/or repair to the organ and pianos in consultation with the Music and Arts Board.

Requirements:

- Demonstrated high level of competency playing the organ and the piano, and accompanying musical groups.
- Adequate preparation time for all music offerings is expected.
- Familiarity with a broad historical range of organ music.
- Familiarity with the theology and liturgy of the Protestant church.
- Ability to work with a team dedicated to a high level of musical quality and belief in the transformative spiritual power of church music.

Compensation & Leave:

- Compensation is competitive and commensurate with experience.
- Five paid Sundays off per year.