

First Congregational Church of Ashfield, MA

Job Description: Organist/Choir Accompanist

First Congregational Church UCC of Ashfield, an Open and Affirming Congregation, seeks a music minister to play organ and piano for Sunday morning worship as well as accompany the choir for mid-week rehearsals/Sundays. Additional opportunities arise to play with a variety of guest instrumentalists and soloists. Classical training is preferred, with ability to work in other styles. Part-time, approximately 4 – 7 hours/week. Works closely with the minister, choir director, worship team, and diaconate. The sanctuary holds a recently restored 1903 George Reed tracker organ and a baby grand piano. Please submit letter and resumé to: karemarshall48@gmail.com or First Congregational Church, attn. Kare Marshall, Deacon, P.O. Box 519, Ashfield, MA 01330.

- Provide organ and/or piano music for the Sunday morning services and Christmas Eve, including prelude, postlude, and service music. (53 services)
- Accompany the choir 26 weeks per year for the mid-week rehearsal, Sunday morning rehearsal, and worship.
- Rehearse as scheduled/needed with guest instrumentalists and soloists.
- Be available for weddings, funerals, and other functions. Right of first refusal.
- Occasionally lead an informal choir in summer.
- Join in with staff and worship team to plan services and work especially closely with pastor and choir director.
- * Has familiarity with copyright laws and reporting.
- Arrange for piano tuning and serve as liaison with organ maintenance.
- Manage small budget for music purchase.
- Five Sundays off with pay; including the 2nd Sunday in October. Two mid-week choir rehearsals off with pay.
- Since COVID-19 this church has held Zoom or hybrid services with music ministers maintaining their positions. We follow CDC, state and local guidelines.