

Church of the Holy Cross

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Position: Director of Music and Organist

Job Type: Part-time 20 hours/week

Reporting Relationship: The Director of Music is canonically responsible to the Rector.

General Information:

Holy Cross is a Christ-centered Episcopal community of faith that offers an active, loving, and welcoming place of worship, ministry, and Christian fellowship. We are committed to meaningful worship services and celebrating the love of Christ through the Holy Eucharist, hearing the Word, and embracing all who enter our doors. This parish is truly characterized by energy and a dedication to helping others through a variety of ministries, strong lay leadership, and active participation of all. We are a multifaceted faith community that treasures and enjoys each other and our connections to our surrounding communities in the Blue Ridge Mountains of NC.

First, and foremost, Holy Cross is a place of worship. We do not represent a large membership but we openly receive those from all walks of life. All are welcome to share the Holy Eucharist at our table. The liturgy, celebration of the Holy Eucharist, challenging sermons, inspiring sacred music, the beauty and history of this simple stone church all combine to offer an inspirational and compelling place to worship and draw closer to God.

Valle Crucis is located in the historical community of Valle Crucis, between Boone and Banner Elk. Both Lees McRae College and Appalachian State University provide many opportunities for access to guest musicians and student interns. The church is adjacent to the Valle Crucis Conference Center, which offers hospitality to a number of groups, simple respite at their Hermitages, and varied educational and spiritual retreats. In October, the church offers the Valle Country Fair where all proceeds go to local charities and folks in need.

Currently, the church is searching for a Rector; however, an interim will be in place by the 1st of October.

Job Summary: Church of the Holy Cross is seeking an experienced Director of Music and Organist who can plan, organize, and direct music programs to enhance worship and the spiritual experience of our church community. This includes our vocal choir and handbell choir. Our services tend to follow the more traditional Episcopal liturgy and musical style, but we provide a blend of contemporary and traditional music, with mostly organ accompaniment. Occasionally a piano or woodwind instrument is used, but limited

percussion use and no praise bands. Music is only offered at the 11:00 service except for Christmas Eve and Easter.

Responsibilities include:

- Lead music at all liturgies and services on Sunday mornings and other special services as required by the Rector and described in the church calendar year.
- Conduct weekly choir rehearsals and seasonal handbell rehearsals.
- Maintain the music library.
- Submit necessary text and music to the Parish Administrator for printing in weekly service leaflets.
- Direct outreach activities into the community via performances and hosting of outside groups. Our piano and organ are available for teaching at the organist's discretion.
- Oversee and strengthen the music ministry and recruit and encourage musicians of all ages within and outside the congregation, including college interns.
- Prepare and monitor the music ministry budget and present an annual budget report to the Finance Committee.
- Attend and participate in all weekly staff meetings and other meetings as necessary to participate fully in the life and administration of the parish.
- Weddings may be performed at your discretion. Fees should be no more than \$250 unless agreed to by the wedding party and approved by the rector.
- Funerals are considered a ministry of the church and as such are considered required if possible. Again, fees should be limited to \$250 or provided free of charge dependent on the family's wishes.

Qualifications and Skills:

- Highly proficient musician with a commitment to excellence in liturgical worship.
- Knowledge of traditional sacred music, Episcopal liturgical practice, and the use of music in worship.
- Proficiency in both choir directing and organ playing.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to work well in collaboration with others, both staff and lay leaders.
- Ability to speak confidently before groups.

Instruments:

Van Daalen-Farmer Pipe Organ

HAUPTWERK (Great), exposed: Rohrflute 8', Octave 4', Quintadena 4', Blockflute 2', Mixture IV, Brustwerk to Hauptwerk by drawknob and reversible toe lever

BRUSTWERK (Swell), enclosed with movable doors by Swell pedal: Gedackt 8', Spillflute 4', Principal 2', Quint 1 1/3', Schalmey-Regal 8', Tremulant

PEDAL: Bourdon 16', Hauptwerk to Pedal by drawknob and reversible toe lever, Brustwerk to Pedal by drawknob and reversible toe lever.

Zimbelstern

11 stops, 14 ranks, 760 pipes

Pianos are available for rehearsal and teaching. We have both a traditional piano in the rehearsal room and an electric keyboard for use in the sanctuary when needed.

Benefits:

- Salary range \$20-30K commensurate with experience and ability.
- 3 weeks' vacation.

To Apply:

Please send the following documentation to the attention of Andrea McDonough, Sr. Warden
holy_cross@skybest.com.

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Contact information for 3-5 references
- Audio or video links of 2 performances. This can include an organ prelude/postlude, a recital, or Choir anthem.