

Music Minister (part-time), Holy Family Episcopal Church, Mills River, NC

Job Summary

Holy Family Episcopal church, a small Episcopal Church located in Mills River, NC, is seeking a Music Minister who will develop and provide congregational musical leadership. As a partner in ministry, the Music Minister will promote the vision and mission of Church of the Holy Family and strive to embody Christian values and be a friendly, welcoming presence to all who come to our church. The Music Minister is charged with planning and coordinating the music program to facilitate active participation of the congregation in the liturgical life of the church.

Worship on Sunday mornings at Church of the Holy Family takes place at 10:45 AM. It follows Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer, and we take our readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. Because of this, our worship services will be very similar to what is happening in our more formal sister Episcopal churches. But Church of the Holy Family is not formal. Our worship space is small and intimate; in fact, it also serves as our parish hall. We sit in padded chairs, not wooden pews. Our music is rooted both in the Anglican and Appalachian traditions; the latter seems especially fitting given that the Blue Ridge Mountains are visible from our windows. We are accustomed to using music from the 1982 Episcopal hymnal; the Wonder, Love, and Praise hymnal; and the Glory to God hymnal. We regularly integrate sacred music into our worship from a variety of genres including Taizé, folk, Appalachian spirituals, gospel, and bluegrass. Our informal interpretation of a five-centuries-old tradition is not for everyone; but for our members it feels just right.

Holy Family has a broad musical background encompassing individual musicians, and choral groups. As our current choir is small, congregational singing development skills will be required. Since our church utilizes a piano for worship, organ skills are not required for this position.

Essential Functions:

- Select worship music for each service as appropriate for the liturgical season.
- Play a wide variety of hymns on the piano and ability to transpose hymns as required.
- Accompany soloists, choirs and instrumentalists in rehearsals and services.
- Work cooperatively with others—adults, youth, children, and church staff.
- Direct vocal choir and outside musicians as required.
- Prepare and play prelude, hymns, offertory transition or anthem.

Qualifications:

- Knowledge of sacred music in a variety of styles and periods.
- Willingness to learn the Episcopal/Anglican tradition.
- Proficiency in playing the piano, singing, and accompanying choir and congregational singing.
- Knowledge of voice and rehearsal techniques.

- Proficiency at developing congregational singing.
- Experience directing a choir or ensemble.
- Self-motivated with a collegial style of leadership.

Terms & Compensation:

Compensation is for a part-time hourly position, approx. 10 hours a week, at \$25.00 per hour. Additional hours will be required for special services (Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Easter, Lesson & Carols, etc.). The Music Minister will be entitled to forty hours (or four weeks) of paid time off each year. The Music Minister will be entitled to take four Sundays during the calendar year as part of their paid time off.

Employment requires 3 references, completion of relevant Safeguarding modules, approval by the Vestry, a complete and satisfactory background check, and acceptance of an official offer from the church.

Application Process:

To apply send cover letter and resume via email to: tracey@ourholyfamily.org

Or mail to:

The Rev. Tracey Kelly
Priest in Charge
The Episcopal Church of the Holy Family
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Position open until filled.

The hiring team will consist of the Priest in Charge and parish representatives. For more information about our church, please visit our website: <https://www.ourholyfamily.org>