

Vidalia Cornerstone Church Job Posting

JOB TITLE: Organist/Accompanist for Chancel Choir / (*OPTIONAL Hand Bell Choir Director*)

ORGAN STOP LIST: May be found in open position listing on our website:
<https://vidaliacornerstonechurch.org/about-us/meet-our-staff>

QUALIFICATIONS:

Have a strong personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Be committed to live a Christ-centered life exemplified by the highest moral character and ethical behavior.

Must pass a criminal background check and drug screening and be on file.

Have a love of music and a strong desire to share your faith in Christ through music ministry.

Possess excellent organ skills—technical dexterity and accuracy; command of the instrument, skillful registrations; improvisatory skills a plus; knowledge of classical organ repertoire.

Be a true church organist with service-playing experience; ability to play hymns with proficiency and sensitivity; a passion for music ministry.

Possess excellent accompanying skills; excellent sight-reading skills; can play open score; Strong piano skills; ability to play a variety of different musical styles.

Have a strong sense of commitment to the Church; be a team player who works well with others—staff and lay-people; can be flexible; a degree in organ/music preferred but not required

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Organist for Traditional Worship Service at 11:00 each Sunday.
2. Accompany the Chancel Choir at the 11:00 Service.

3. Accompany Chancel Choir Rehearsal weekly.
4. Provide organ music and choir accompaniments and any extra rehearsal required for additional special services, concerts, or other special events at the discretion of the Traditional Worship Music/Chancel Choir Director or the Pastor (see calendar of typical special services attached).
5. Prepare organ or piano accompaniments in advance of choir rehearsals when possible.
6. Find an organ-sub for the 11:00 services whenever the organist is away for vacation. (The church will pay for the organ-sub for paid vacation Sundays.) Please inform the Traditional Worship Music/Chancel Choir Director well in advance of any absence, arranging for the appropriate substitute.
7. Pray for this ministry and its participants.

EXPECTATIONS:

- * To serve as the church organist for the 11:00 worship service, providing weekly service music including Prelude and Postlude. Accompany or provide an Offertory;
- * Accompany Chancel Choir at 11:00 Worship Service and perform all rehearsal duties related to accompanying the choir. This involves providing organ or piano accompaniments depending on the stylistic considerations of the music selected;
- * Accompany any vocal or instrumental soloists or ensembles, Handbells, including;
- * Accompanist for occasional special services such as Cantatas, Christmas Eve, and Holy Week, Concerts or other Choral events at the discretion of the Traditional Worship Music/Chancel Choir Director;
- * Play for weddings and funerals, as needed (church's organist shall have right of first refusal when an organist is included in weddings and funerals. Additional remuneration is typically paid by the family.);
- * Act as a liaison for the church for wedding music and funeral music. Discuss with the Traditional Worship Music/Chancel Choir Director any music that is deemed inappropriate for funerals and weddings;

* Assist in monitoring the status and condition of the organ with regard to tuning or repair needs and reports issues to the Traditional Worship Music/Chancel Choir Director;

*Follow the legal requirements of the Church Copyright License (CCLI);

*Attend Administrative Council meetings when possible, and be prepared to report on activities associated with the organ and/or hand-bell choir. (Submit a report to the chairs of these boards when unable to attend.);

*Attend staff meetings when required (held Mondays at 1:30 pm);

*Perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Pastor or SPR Committee;

* Be a musical representative of Vidalia Cornerstone Church, always presenting a spirit of willingness and cooperation regarding the music department, worship, and the church at large.

OPTIONAL: Hand Bell Choir Director

**Coordinates the involvement of the hand-bell choirs in the overall music ministry with Church Staff Music Personnel.*

**Conducts practices necessary for performances in coordination with the Traditional Worship Music/Chancel Choir Director.*

TIME REQUIREMENT:

Approximately 8-10 hours per week, including 1 Sunday Service; the weekly Chancel Choir practice from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Wednesdays and other times as required; in addition, the organist can expect to provide service music for occasional special services, concerts, or other special events at the discretion of the Pastor or the Traditional Worship Music/Chancel Choir Director.

TRAINING/CONTINUING ED:

Continuing education opportunities may be available at Organists request and approved by the Traditional Worship Music/Chancel Choir Director and SPRC.

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: Traditional Worship Music/Chancel Choir Director

BENEFITS:

*Up to 3 Sundays off per year

*Part-time employees do not receive paid vacation, sick time or personal leave.

*At this time Vidalia Cornerstone Church does not provide medical insurance to part-time employees.

Special Consideration for Organist:

**The organist shall be permitted to utilize the church for private lessons. Times must be coordinated with any regular church activities. Proper building security involving private lessons is the responsibility of the organist.*

SALARY RANGE: Salary is competitive and commensurate with education and experience. This is a part-time, salaried position.

TO APPLY:

Please submit the following, by email, to John Morgan, john@vidaliacornerstone.org;

1. Resume;
2. Application: may be found in open position listing on church website <https://vidaliacornerstonechurch.org/about-us/meet-our-staff>
3. Short (3 to 5-minute) video clip demonstrating organ and piano proficiency; (In-person demonstration may be scheduled if preferred.);
4. 3 letters of reference/recommendation.