

Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Colorado Springs, a vibrant parish with an average Sunday attendance of 350, is seeking a full-time organist/choirmaster who will maintain and continue our excellent music program, which is one of the largest in the Diocese of Colorado. The program includes: an adult choir of 35-40 singers with 4-6 paid voices, three youth choirs ranging in age from kindergarten through 12th grade, a professional octet specializing in Early Music and plainsong for Compline and concerts, and a volunteer-directed handbell choir. Many choir members are also active in other musical organizations in the community. The program also includes a fully-endowed concert series offered to the larger community at no charge, a quarterly choral Evensong, and occasional choral masses.

Interested parties should: be familiar with Episcopal musical and liturgical traditions; be able to work comfortably and creatively within the traditional Anglican-style program that the parish favors; be a skilled musician, teacher, and conductor; be well-organized and able to administer a large, complex program; have the skills to manage staff including a part-time assistant organist/choir director. Additional duties include planning and playing for weddings and funerals, as well as feast days and occasional services.

Our 1928 Welte organ is in excellent condition and is midway through re-leathering/restoration. It has 4 manuals, 57 ranks, and 96 stops. A full description of the instrument is available on the parish website. There is also a nine-foot fully-restored Baldwin concert grand piano in the main church.

An upcoming choir pilgrimage to the UK has been organized. Members of the choir will be in residence at the Norwich Cathedral in July 2018. This will serve as an excellent opportunity for our next organist/choirmaster to connect with members of the choir and other pilgrims from the parish.

The youth choir program is an essential and highly valued ministry of the parish. Each choir rehearses weekly; they sing in the primary Sunday liturgy most weeks. Many of the young choristers also participate in RSCM ribbon training. They also enjoy the annual choir camp, a week of challenging music and fellowship that traditionally takes place in August at our diocesan camp in the mountains of Colorado. At the following 10:30 Sunday service, the young people present the music they have learned.

This position is full-time (40+ hours) with a competitive salary and benefits package. Applicants should have at least a bachelor's degree in music/organ and a minimum of five years of church music experience. We are looking for someone who deeply values his/her Christian faith, for whom music is a vital expression of his/her worship. Close cooperation and coordination with the Rector and staff are expected.

More information about the music programs and the parish can be found at: www.gssepiscopal.org

Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is located in beautiful downtown Colorado Springs, just south of Colorado College. We are an equal opportunity employer. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or disabilities.

Please send a CV/resume, cover letter, references, and links to on-line recordings to: The Rev. Jeremiah Williamson at search@gssepiscopal.org. We will receive applications through January 12, 2018.