



1280 Vine St
Denver, CO 80206

Job Title: Organist

FLSA Status: Independent Contractor

Fixed Contract Annual Compensation: \$16,850.00/year.

Hours: 15 per week

Calculated to include practice and preparation hours.

Annual Time Off Allowance: Paid Leave 4 Sundays.

Application: Email a letter of introduction, a resume, and two performance recordings to Rev. Meredith Rogers (meredith.rogers@stbdenver.org).

Position Summary

The Organist supports the worship life of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church by providing musical leadership for services and accompanying the choir in collaboration with the Music Director, Nichole Young, and clergy to enhance liturgy through thoughtful, skilled organ and piano performance. The choir at St Barnabas is a wonderful group of talented and fun people dedicated to enriching our worship experiences and offering deep praise through great music. A non-auditioned choir, they perform at a high level and continually strive to expand their excellent, varied repertoire. The Organist is accountable to the Music Director for fulfilling the terms of this contract.

Key Duties & Responsibilities

1. Fixed Commitment

The organist is engaged to provide music for the following services and events:

- All regularly scheduled Sunday worship services at St. Barnabas Episcopal Parish
- Choral rehearsals and rehearsals with other musicians or soloists, and preparation for all such rehearsals.
- The following feast days: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Day.
- Additional services such as Advent Lesson and Carols, the Great Vigil of Easter, and other services as mutually agreed upon in advance during long-term planning.

2. Worship Leadership and Musical Performance and Preparation

- Playing the musical portions of the service and accompanying the choir.
- Practicing hymn accompaniments and appropriate settings for sections of the service.
- Learning, practicing, or reviewing music selected by the Music Director; determining organ registrations, setting them up at the organ console, and practicing them for effectiveness.

- Maintaining manual and pedal dexterity by regular practice on the organ and other instruments.

3. Collaboration and Communication

- Communicating regularly with the Music Director. The Music Director is responsible for choosing hymns for worship, with the approval of the Rector, and the organist is responsible for choosing prelude and postlude music, depending on the service.
- Attend worship planning meetings directly related to service preparation, and staff meetings when applicable at the request of the Rector.
- Providing information for the church office for Sunday bulletins in a timely manner each week and for special services via Google Drive.
- Arranging for substitutes during times of absence, subject to the Music Director's approval.

4. Other duties

- Supervising maintenance of the organ and piano by entrusting that work to qualified and trained professionals and by attending to the humidifier needs of the piano.
- As available, preparing music for weddings and funerals.

From the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment:

As an independent contractor, you are not entitled to unemployment insurance benefits, unless payment for such is provided by you or an entity other than St Barnabas.

Likewise, you are obligated to pay federal & state income tax on any moneys paid pursuant to this contract relationship.