

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church of Princess Anne

POSITION: Director of Youth and Children's Music

PURPOSE: The Director of Youth and Children's Music will be an experienced and creative individual, who will establish a warm and engaging environment to develop the spiritual growth and musical talents of the choir members in collaboration with the Worship and Music Leadership team.

The Youth and Children's Choirs are ministries for our church and are meant to expose youth and children to sacred music in an atmosphere which enriches their faith.

ACCOUNTABILITY: The Director of Youth and Children's Music is accountable to the Session, and reports to the Director of Music, the elder in charge of Church Personnel, the elder in charge of Worship and the Pastor.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Plans, teaches, directs and conducts youth and children's choirs in rehearsals and worship services.
2. Further develops the music program for youth and children by inspiring, promoting and recruiting for participation.
3. Prepares the annual program schedule, in conjunction with the elder in charge of Worship, Pastor and Director of Music, and communicates effectively with the choir families and volunteer staff.
4. Selects, purchases and maintains music for the Youth and Children's Music Program in consultation with the Director of Music, Pastor, Accompanist and chair of the Worship ministry team.
5. Ensures that robes, stoles, instruments, and other items pertaining to the Children's Music Program are properly maintained and in place for rehearsals and performances in consultation with the Director of Music and the chair of the Worship ministry team.
6. Assists in the preparation of the annual music budget.
7. Meets as needed with the Director of Music, Accompanist, Worship team and Pastor to discuss the church's Youth and Children's Music needs.
8. Leads Vacation Bible School music, and assists with additional musical duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

- Bachelor's degree in music preferred
- Is a person of strong Christian faith and demonstrates continuing growth of personal faith through participation in activities such as church worship, small groups/Bible Study, and adult choir
- Experience with and passion for leading youth and children's choirs
- Demonstrated ability to engage effectively with children, parents, church staff and volunteer staff
- Strong choral skills and basic keyboard skills
- Familiar with traditional and contemporary youth and children's music appropriate for church use
- Excellent planning and organizational skills
- Willing to acquire an understanding of Presbyterian Polity/Procedure and the reformed tradition of worship
- Willing to attend continuing education music events