

**Sanctuary Choir Director (part-time)**  
**Job Description**  
**First Presbyterian Church – La Crosse, WI**

**OVERVIEW**

**Employer:** First Presbyterian Church – La Crosse, WI (firstpreslax.org)

**Employer address:** 233 West Ave. So., La Crosse, WI 54601

**Weekly Hours:** 5

**Compensation:** TBD

**Scheduling:** Must be available on Sunday mornings

**Experience/Skills:**

- Piano or other accompanying skills
- Bachelor's degree in Music (Preferred)
- Graduate Degree in Music Education or Choral Direction (Preferred)

**To Apply:** Please email resume to [taylor@firstpreslax.org](mailto:taylor@firstpreslax.org) and note interest in position on email subject line.

**PURPOSE OF CLASSIFICATION**

Together with the Music Director, the Sanctuary Choir Director provides an integrated program of Sanctuary Choir music to fulfill the worship needs of First Church. The Sanctuary Choir Director will work to strengthen the vitality of the music program.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

- Must have a love of music and a clear Christian commitment.
- In coordination with the Music Director and the Pastor/Head of Staff, the Sanctuary Choir Director will select and prepare music which enhances the worship experience of those participating in the worship service.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Plan the Sanctuary Choir music for regular and special services in concert with the Pastor/Head of Staff, the Music Director, and the Music and Worship Committee.
- Direct the Sanctuary Choir for regular and special services (including, but not limited to, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, two Easter services, Christmas Eve) and all rehearsals.
- When absent, the Director must arrange for a qualified substitute and notify the Music Director to authorize payment.
- Notify the Music Director in a timely fashion so that service music and communications can be listed in the worship bulletin, the monthly mailing, and other publications.
- Select and purchase music for the Sanctuary Choir (using church funds) and provide for its proper maintenance and storage.
- Maintain a vital choir program through the communication and recruitment of choir members. Increase congregational participation in music worship.

## **MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**

- Graduate degree in music education or choral direction is preferred.
- Bachelor's degree in music with choral experience will be considered.
- Experience with directing choral groups.
- Training in and sensitivity to the role of music in worship.
- Basic piano or other accompanying skills

## **PHYSICAL & MENTAL ABILITIES REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

- Ability to communicate effectively with other church personnel, particularly with the Music Director and with the Pastor/Head of Staff.
- Ability to understand worship service structure and to integrate music into service structure.
- Ability to evaluate talents of church musicians and to match the talents to appropriate musical expression.

## **JUDGMENT AND SITUATIONAL ABILITY**

- Possess the imagination and creative spirit to lead church musicians and the congregation in worshipping through musical expression.
- Sensitivity in selection of music which provides meaning to various musical understandings and in various occasions for worship.

## **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Capacity to engage musicians in musical expression, which includes language, eye contact, and arm and hand movements.
- Capacity to move within the church from rehearsal site to Sanctuary or other venues for worship.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ADAPTABILITY**

Ability to organize and arrange for music in various worship settings, primarily in Sanctuary, but also in Chapel, fellowship hall, coach house, etc.

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*more than just Sunday morning*