



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
— Stockbridge, Massachusetts —

The church is seeking a Minister of Music to be a vital part of our worship and faith life. The position partners with and reports to the Pastor and includes over-all direction of the Music programs of the church. In addition, the Minister of Music is supported by a Board of Music and a Relations Committee (confidential feedback/support group). Based on mutual agreement between the selected candidate and the Church, the contracted hours can range from 15 to 20 hours per week and will include four weeks of paid vacation time

The sanctuary houses a Johnson Organ and a Steinway B piano. In the Jonathan Edwards Room is a Yamaha C piano. The church also owns a three-octave set of Schulmerich Handbells.

Worship and Choir:

- Select, in collaboration with the Pastor, musical elements for Sunday worship (and other liturgical holidays) that integrate with the message of the service.
- Provide music for additional services such as weddings and funerals. Additional compensation is typically provided for these services.
- Direct the Adult Choir. Select and rehearse all music for the Adult Choir to sing at scheduled services. This includes rehearsals on both a weeknight and Sunday mornings.
- Select, support and supervise paid section leaders.
- Coordinate and schedule Sunday additional soloists or instrumentalists as needed.
- Imagine, plan, and lead occasional Sunday worship centered around music.
- Partner with the lay leaders of our Bell Choir and Children's Choir for their support, development, and inclusion in worship.

Administration/Other:

- Attend weekly staff/worship planning meetings and monthly Board of Music meetings.
- Oversee the maintenance of all church-owned instruments and the music library.
- Use allotted funds for professional development activities.
- Partner with outside organizations as appropriate.
- Support the Music on Main concert fundraising series.

Qualifications and Competencies

- The successful applicant will have strong abilities on organ and piano, experience in a church setting as a choir director and knowledge of hymnody/sacred anthems.
- The church is vibrant, growing and forward looking. The successful applicant will bring energy, vision, and commitment to an excellent program seeking to get even better.

To apply, please submit a letter of application as well as a resume or vitae. Completed applications can be mailed to the address below or emailed to [office@stockbridge.org](mailto:office@stockbridge.org). Review of applicants will commence upon receipt and continue until the position is filled. A more detailed job description will be sent once application is received. The salary will reflect experience and is based upon the available salary guides of a variety of traditions.