



Job Title: PRINCIPAL ORGANIST (0.4 FTE/E)

Job Summary: The PRINCIPAL ORGANIST will select and perform prelude and postlude organ pieces for traditional worship services. These pieces will be chosen to align with sermon themes and liturgical seasons. The Principal Organist will accompany the Chancel Choir during rehearsals and in traditional worship services on organ and piano. The Principal Organist will work in collaboration with the Director of Chancel Choir and Worship Team to develop, nurture, and grow Traditional Music Ministries at Wayzata Community Church.

Supervisory Responsibilities: None

Core Responsibilities:

Organist

- Plan, select, and perform prelude and postlude organ music for traditional Sunday services and other worship services, ensuring alignment with the planning process, sermon, scripture readings, and message.
- Accompany the WCC Chancel Choir selections and congregational hymns for the traditional services on organ or piano.
- Maintain and organize WCC organ music scores for easy retrieval and use.
- Ensure adherence to intellectual property requirements when copying music or downloading music from the internet.
- Make recommendations for maintenance and repair of the WCC organ and performance piano assets.
- Collaborate with the Worship Planning Team using Planning Center Online software.
- Attend weekly Worship Planning meetings and WCC staff meetings when requested.
- Engage in community building with all members of the WCC Music program and choirs by participating in social activities and events.
- Assist in Contemporary worship services or other WCC programs as requested by Director of Chancel Choir and in communication with the Worship Team

- Consult with Director of Chancel Choir for additional services/events held at WCC, as needed, including but not limited to, weddings and funerals; first right of refusal to play/coordinate organ music for renters/organizers who have chosen organ music for their event.

Organizational Relationships

- Reports to Director of Chancel Choir
- Collaborates with Worship Team

Education, Skills, and Experience

Required:

- A faith-anchored life and willingness to embrace and support the relational ministry model of Wayzata Community Church.
- Bachelor's Degree in church music, music performance or music education or equivalent experience.
- Excellent piano and organ skills.
- Knowledge and appreciation of church music, both traditional and contemporary.
- Experience in selecting music that aligns with the worship services' plan, lessons, and message.
- Ability to positively lead and collaborate with church musicians and volunteers.

Preferred:

- Advanced degree in music or organ performance.
- Strong network of local Twin Cities musicians and performers.
- Ability to lead congregational worship and accompany the choir from the piano or organ.
- Experience conducting Bell Choirs.
- Comfort speaking to medium to large sized groups, e.g., ensembles and choirs.

Compensation

- Salary range - \$20,000 - \$30,000/yr (doq)

ABOUT THE ORGAN

Wayzata Community Church's C. Charles Jackson Pipe Organ was dedicated on May 31, 1998. Named for its principal donor, the organ is a 70-rank four-manual tracker instrument built by the Hendrickson Organ Company of St. Peter, Minnesota.

The 3,738 pipes of the organ are arranged in 70 different ranks. Each rank, or set of pipes, produces a different sound. There are four manuals, or keyboards. The ensembles and solo voices make up an entire orchestra of sounds. You will hear piccolos, flutes, trumpets, oboes, basses. You'll also hear *principals*, the unique voice of the organ, unlike any other instrument. The musical combinations are endless!

THE ORGANIZATION

Wayzata Community Church (WCC) has been helping people with their faith journeys for more than 140 years. Today the church has grown to minister to nearly 3,000 confirmed members, hundreds of children, young people, and friends of the congregation. WCC is among the top ten largest congregations of the United Church of Christ. It has become a physical and spiritual landmark in the lives of its members and the Wayzata community. Besides regular worship services, people come for music and speaker events, Summer Camp, programs, classes and workshops for all ages, scouting organizations, support groups, WCC's Nursery School, the Annual Rummage Sale, and other community events.

OUR VISION

Inspire the world with the inclusive love of Jesus.

OUR MISSION

To be a caring community drawn together by God's grace and called to personally live out Christ's love. To actively extend a welcome invitation to all people, embracing each other with uncompromising compassion. To boldly challenge our own complacency through courageous conversation and transformational worship. To relentlessly share our extraordinary gifts through life-changing mission and service —near and far.

To apply for this position, please submit a resume and cover letter to Organist2024@wayzatacommunitychurch.org