

Position Description: Accompanist or Co-Music Director St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, Pagosa Springs, CO

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, a vibrant and growing congregation in Pagosa Springs, CO is seeking a part-time accompanist or Co-Music Director as our music program grows. Our new hire will serve as an integral member of our parish leadership team, working alongside our current choir director to accompany and help lead the choir. Over time, the individual hired may have the opportunity to take on additional duties, or to expand the role. St. Patrick's accompanist will serve under the supervision of the choir director and Rector to accompany choral and instrumental offerings for our 10am liturgy on Sundays, and to encourage congregational singing on Sunday mornings and for special services.

Expectations

Our new hire will:

- accompany congregational singing (typically onorgan or piano), and will work alongside our choir director to lead our choir at our 10am Sunday liturgy, with a 9am Sunday choir rehearsal.
- help to lead an afternoon choir rehearsal once a week in preparation for our Sunday liturgy. (Currently, our choir rehearses on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 pm.)
- have opportunities to offer music at funerals, weddings, and community events for additional compensation.
- prepare music for and direct our choir in offering music during special services throughout the Church year.
- serve in a ministry of collaboration with volunteers and paid staff, and demonstrate a commitment to learning and growing in community.
- demonstrate a capacity to teach and encourage others, including volunteer musicians and youth.

Qualifications

We seek candidates with:

- professional music training and familiarity with a range of musical traditions.
- an openness to the gifts of musicians of diverse abilities and ages, and a strength for drawing out the musical gifts of all in our congregation.
- familiarity with church liturgy, or a willingness to learn.
- excellent communication skills and a desire to teach.

Compensation

- This is a part time position of 10 hours per week.
- Salary is negotiable commensurate with experience.

To apply: Please send a cover letter and resume to <u>wren@stpatrickspagosa.org.</u> Contact the Rev. Wren Blessing at 970.731.5801