



Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 301 Washington Avenue, Elyria Ohio, is seeking a (part time, approximately 15 hours per week) Director of Music who will provide musical leadership for a thriving, progressive, embracing, and singing congregation. The Director will work closely with the Senior Pastor, staff, and lay leaders to support energetic, liturgical worship that is beautiful, true, and meaningful.

SKILLS NEEDED:

- Demonstrated musicianship first on organ and then piano.
- Knowledge of hymnody.
- Superior communication skills, both oral and in written form.
- Willingness to serve the congregation in an open and honest manner; a strong sense of teamwork is necessary.
- Serve as an ex-officio member of the Worship Committee (monthly meetings).

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Actively lead congregational singing at all worship services through accompaniment on organ/piano and prepare instrumental pieces that fit the text, theme, and liturgical season.
 - a. Additional services: Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and Christmas Eve.
 - b. Provide music at church weddings and funeral/memorial services. The Director of Music has the right of first refusal on services held at the church. An honorarium set by the Director of Music will be provided.
2. Coordinate worship with the Senior Pastor through monthly meetings.
3. Plan, arrange, and accompany musical selections using members of the congregation and professional musicians in an effort to provide a talented variety of music for worship.
4. Serve ex-officio on the Worship Committee. Advise the committee on the condition of the musical instruments (i.e. organ, pianos, handbells, etc) and arrange for regular tuning and maintenance.
5. Schedule substitutes when needed and maintain contingency plans for urgent or emergency situations.

SCHEDULE:

Weekly worship services at 9:30am on Sundays. Worship planning with the Senior Pastor occurs once a month.

EXAMPLES:

Each Sunday we sing four hymns, a prayer response, and a doxology. The Director of Music also plays the prelude, offertory, a brief communion meditation while people come forward to

receive the bread and the cup, and the postlude. Instrumental pieces fit within the arc of worship and are NOT considered background music.

A recent Worship Guide: <https://www.waccelyria.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/20260510.pdf>

A YouTube broadcast of worship: <https://youtu.be/mFkRIb4C8gc?si=OpN1O0h6MzLNPphp>

COMPENSATION:

The position will average 15 hours/week. A competitive salary will be commensurate with skill, education, and experience level. WACC provides three weeks of paid vacation per year in addition to paid medical leave in accordance with current policy.

INSTRUMENTS:

- Charles Kegg (2006) 18-rank pipe organ.
- Kawai GS-60 Grand Piano
- Whitechapel Handbells

EXPECTED START DATE: September 2026

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