

Position Description for Heritage Presbyterian Church (Presbyterian Church in America)
Piano Accompanist

Introduction:

Heritage Presbyterian Church (PCA) of Warrenton, VA is seeking a skilled piano accompanist. Along with the complete change-over of pastoral staff, we are also seeking to replace the former pianist who also retired at the same time as the previous senior pastor.

Heritage is located in Warrenton—a historic community in Fauquier County, VA and is part of the PCA's Potomac Presbytery. It is located in the transition zone between the metropolitan Washington, DC area and more rural portions of the state. It has the small-town feel of rural Virginia, with lots of local businesses and shops which employ the local townspeople and from the surrounding county. Yet there are many in town who easily commute into Washington, DC and the surrounding metropolitan area. They are either federal government employees, or support contractors with large corporations also working in the more congested areas of Virginia, Maryland, or the District of Columbia.

Our congregation currently consists of 130 communicant members, with about the same number present for worship on Sunday mornings. Although predominantly Caucasian, the church has had a multi-year ministry to Hispanic families in the area who are part of the congregation.

In terms of worship style, the church sings a variety of traditional hymns (largely drawn from the *Trinity Hymnal*), retuned hymns (ala *Indelible Grace*, etc.), and contemporary songs (e.g. *Getty*, *Sovereign Grace*, etc.).

The church is committed to biblical worship, relational ministry, building community, making disciples of Jesus, and loving our place well.

Position responsibilities:

- Primary piano accompanist for weekly worship service (expected 48 per year),
- Choose, prepare, and play short prelude for worship service
- Rehearse with volunteer music team each week.
- Play for special services (Christmas Eve, Thanksgiving, Holy Week, etc.) throughout the year, as needed.
- Facilitate musical service for individuals within the congregation (preludes, offertories, special services, etc.)
- Applicant must be willing to consider joining HPC as a communicant member.

Skills preferred:

- Mature Christian faith, with understanding of biblical philosophy of worship.
- Excellent piano skills with experience in church accompaniment.
- Familiarity with the musical corpus of Heritage Presbyterian Church.
- Ability and willingness to collaborate with pastors and other volunteer musicians: a “team player.”

Supervision

- The pianist will be supervised by the Senior Pastor, who has final say in the fulfillment of job responsibilities.

This is a salaried position, with a salary range of \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year, depending on experience and capability. The salary range is based upon approximately five hours of preparation work per week in addition to responsibilities during worship on Sunday mornings.

We request a resume and cover letter that describes your experience and interest in the position.

Contact Pastor Todd Gwennap if you are interested or wish to find out more about this position; email address is todd@heritage-pca.org.