

PEOPLES CHURCH UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Leading compassionate lives through spiritual growth and just action.

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POSITION DESCRIPTION

Title: Accompanist Reports to: Minister FLSA Status: Nonexempt

Hours and schedule: most Sunday mornings (year-round); most Wednesday nights (August – May)

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Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist is a music-loving, LGBTQIA-affirming, multigenerational congregation committed to justice, equity, transformation, pluralism, interdependence, and generosity – all grounded in a liberating Love.

Purpose of Position

The Accompanist supports our music ministry by providing piano accompaniment for Sunday morning services (11:00 a.m.) throughout the year and the Peoples Church Choir rehearsals on most Wednesday evenings from August through May.

Core Competencies

- Trust and Integrity: Is widely trusted to keep confidentialities, admit errors, and adhere to a
 transparent set of personal and professional values that are congruent with the ministry of
 Peoples Church.
- Conflict Management: Recognizes and resolves conflicts effectively, applying principles of active listening, collaboration, and equity.
- Interpersonal Skills: Builds professional rapport; brings a positive attitude of support and discretion; maintains appropriate boundaries.

Essential Functions

- Provide piano accompaniment for congregational singing, the Peoples Church Choir, and for special guest musicians, as needed.
- Provide accompaniment for the Peoples Church Choir, during weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals and monthly Sunday morning worship service.
- Work with the volunteer Choir Director(s) to lead the choir in vocal warmups.

Qualifications

Qualifications may be met as a result of education, professional experience, volunteer work, informal training, and/or equivalent lived experiences.

- Previous accompanying experience
- Consistent availability
- Music degree preferred but not required

Position Details

- The starting monthly wage when accompanying both congregational singing and the choir is \$710 \$780, depending on experience.
- The accompanist may take off one Sunday off per quarter, as coordinated with the Minister, which will impact the compensation.
- Additional leave may be taken by mutual agreement.
- The accompanist may play at weddings and memorial services by mutual agreement with the minister for an additional fee.
- Professional attire is expected for church services.

How to Apply

- Email a cover letter and your resume to <u>pcuuchoir@gmail.com</u>. In your cover letter, please provide examples of experience specifically related to the essential functions listed above.
- Membership in Peoples Church is discouraged; exceptions can be granted by the minister.
- Start date: September 1, 2025 or when a suitable candidate is hired.

We are committed to developing a diverse and talented staff team. Consider joining the dedicated staff of this liberal religious community. If you are excited about this role, but unsure whether you meet 100% of the requirements, we encourage you to apply.

Learn more about Peoples Church Unitarian Universalist at: https://peoplesuu.org/about-peoples/