

Director of Music/Organist

Bloomsburg, PA

Summary – Seeking a Church organist/choir director in Bloomsburg, PA. Quarter-time position, (\$18,000 - \$21,000 per year), including paid vacation and sick time. Episcopal church, one Sunday liturgy with music plus limited holy days, skilled adult choir. Casavant organ (1975, 23 ranks), in excellent repair. Inquiries, letters of interest, and resumes by email to saintpaulsbloom@gmail.com.

Profile -- Saint Paul's Episcopal Church is seeking a faithful, skilled, and visionary leader to be our Director of Music and Organist to oversee the traditional music ministry of the church. The parish has a skilled adult choir that enjoys learning challenging music, and a congregation that values the contribution of music to worship. We seek a choral director who is experienced and skilled with leading small to medium sized choral ensembles. Our principal Sunday liturgy is a sung Eucharist, including an occasional chanted psalm, an offertory anthem, and occasional solo or ensemble pieces during the distribution of Communion. We value creativity and seek a musician who both respects the beauty of the Church's musical legacy and is discerning in incorporating new music. We are located in a college town, with opportunities for collaboration with college-level musicians and faculty, as well as musicians in the community. Thus, there is work with an established concert series. The prospective candidate will schedule concerts collaborating with local musicians approximately (2) concerts in the fall and (1) in the spring. Our priest in charge and priest associate enjoy having a collegial relationship with others involved in planning and leading worship, and look forward to working with a skilled musician who shares their love and enthusiasm for the richness of Anglican worship.

- Play organ for hymns and service music at one Sunday liturgy.
- Play organ for hymns and service music at 7-10 holy day liturgies.
- Lead choir in an offertory anthem and occasional music during the Eucharist.
- Lead choir in a weekly rehearsal (currently Wednesday evening).
- Plan instrumental music (prelude, postlude) for services.
- Choose hymns for all liturgies with periodic clergy input.
- Collaborate with clergy and worship committee in worship planning including Lessons and Carols in Advent or Christmas-tide.