JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Director/Minister of Worship and Music

St. Mark’s United Methodist Church is seeking applicants for a full-time, permanent position to lead the music and worship ministry of their vibrant congregation.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter describing their interest in sacred music and worship, resume, and contact information for three references, by May 15, 2019. Send the packet to the attention of the Search Committee at: St. Mark’s United Methodist Church
1267 N. Rutherford Blvd
Murfreesboro, TN 37130 or jobs@stmarkstn.org

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

• Serving as the worship leader
• Facilitating planning of the weekly worship services
• Directing the Adult Chancel Choir, the Chancel Ringers (handbells), and the SONlight youth choir
• Administering the Children’s Music Ministry
• Working with lay leadership on Worship Focus Group, Altar Guild, and Communications Team
• Managing music/worship ministry employees
• Other duties as assigned

Job Requirements

• Bachelor of Music required; Master of Music or Divinity preferred
• Desire to share his/her faith and ministry with others
• Skilled in conducting and instruction
• Vocal skills to lead congregational singing
• Appreciation and knowledge of varied styles of worship music
• Effective verbal and written communication skills
• Ability to work well with a team

Visit www.stmarkstn.org for a more complete job description.

Salary: Salary commensurate with experience and education

St. Mark’s United Methodist Church

St. Mark’s is a dynamic church striving to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This mission-oriented congregation is blessed with members committed to showing God’s love through service and worship. St. Mark’s has a strong music program that allows people to find, develop and use their talents through many different opportunities of teaching, singing and instrumental performance. We avoid labels on worship style but incorporate many different genres of music and litany to complement the worship service. St. Mark’s enjoys a strong relationship with Middle Tennessee State University, which is the largest undergraduate college in Tennessee and is located just ½ mile from the church campus.

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Murfreesboro, the geographic center of Tennessee, is one of the fastest growing cities in the country. It is the county seat of Rutherford County, the fifth most populous in the state and a suburb of Nashville. Murfreesboro is attractive for its blend of economic opportunity, education, culture, parks, and history.
Worship statement

Worship at St. Mark’s is fueled by one purpose: to focus wholly and completely on God. We strive to be a church in mission with the world, bringing the light of Christ to a world in need and helping create a place where people can serve in the spirit of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We believe that focusing upon God allows us to hear and respond to the call that God has placed upon our lives.

With that in mind, we encourage you to step back from the clutter of life, examine your relationship with God, and come to St. Mark’s for worship. At St. Mark’s, we try to avoid labels directed toward worship—we would rather you come and see for yourself what it means to come before God with singing, prayer, and the written and spoken Word of God.

Perspective on our worship practices

While we avoid labels on worship style, we also recognize there are some regular practices that shape our experience as a community in worship at St. Mark’s and complement the Word preached from the pulpit. These are guided by the following:

Music enhances worship
- Music and litany follow the liturgical calendar, whenever possible
- Song lyrics are consistent with United Methodist theology
- Music styles reflect a blend of congregational preferences – classical, traditional hymns, gospel, spiritual, international, contemporary praise – to enhance the worship experience for everyone

Congregational singing unites us
- Worship services include opportunities for congregational singing
- New songs are encouraged, as well as familiar ones
- Songs should be “sing-able”
- Guests and/or professionals should not inhibit congregational participation in worship

Accessibility of worship fosters connection – to God and to each other
- Hospitality is intentional. We seek to be an inviting congregation, welcoming attendance and participation in worship.
- Worship practices acknowledge and engage people along a continuum of Christian maturity – from new believers to those with decades of growth
- Members of the congregation are encouraged to serve in a variety of roles in worship; participation in these duties reflects the diversity of the congregation, including children, youth, and all ages of adult men and women.
- Visual elements of the sanctuary (e.g., altar adornment, banners) enhance worship
- Humor and fun can have a place in worship
- Worship offers all an opportunity to experience God individually and in community