

Praise Worship Leader

Job Description

St. Mark's Church—an Episcopal congregation in Southborough, MA— seeks a part time Praise Worship Leader for our 8:45 Family Service on Sundays. The service has become our largest in attendance and consists of current praise music from folks like Matt and Beth Redman (like “10,000 Reasons”), Hillside United (such as “Oceans”), Kristyn and Keith Getty (like “Come People of the Risen King”), and others. This new position builds on the volunteer efforts of recent years. We envision this service as place for people of all ages to find solace and renewal in their busy lives, and the music will help sustain them throughout the week.

The person we're looking for will play guitar/keyboard/other lead instrument and will lead us in our singing throughout the Family Service—usually five songs each week. You'll work with our priest to select seasonally appropriate music each week to make our worship a cohesive whole. Additionally, you'll build our youth musician volunteers—both vocal and instrumental—who've participated in our worship in the recent past, establishing a semi-regular youth band to join you in assisting in worship. Finally, you will begin our Sunday School hour following the family service by leading our children (Pre-K-5th grade) in a simple song or two each week throughout the program year (Sept-early June).

St. Mark's Church believes the world is a better place with many voices and life experiences in our community and as part of our staff. We welcome candidates from all races, ages, identities, and abilities to enhance our commitment to diversity.

This position is expected to be up to 10 hours per week. 52 weeks of services to be planned, 48 actively participated with. Paid on a stipend basis, commensurate with experience.

The Person We Seek

You're a person of authentic faith, growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ. You are a strong singer and instrumentalist who plays guitar, keyboard, or (and?!) other lead instrument and have experience leading Christian worship. You know how to read sheet music. You have familiarity with the Episcopal Church, or another liturgical tradition. You have demonstrated experience with working with teens and other volunteers.

You know how to laugh and not to take life too seriously. You can listen well, allowing others to express their ideas, while also being able to lead them. Finally you're organized and team-oriented, recognizing you don't need to do it alone.

Sound like something you'd like to pursue? Please send your cover letter mentioning which song you'd program that represents your interest in the position along with a link of you leading a worship song to the Rev. Phil LaBelle — phil@stmarkssouthborough.org.