

Organist

Forest Hills Baptist Church
2101 Old Hickory Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee

Position Summary

The Organist serves as a vital member of the Sanctuary Worship Ministry team, contributing to the corporate worship life of Forest Hills Baptist Church by providing organ accompaniment for congregational worship, choral ensembles, and other special services. The Organist works under the leadership of the Minister of Sanctuary Worship and in partnership with the Sanctuary Worship Coordinator, Sanctuary Choir, instrumentalists, and technical teams to uphold the church's commitment to excellence in Christ-centered, biblically grounded, and musically rich worship.

About Worship at Forest Hills

Sanctuary Worship at Forest Hills Baptist Church is thoughtfully crafted to glorify God and engage the congregation in meaningful, Christ-centered praise. Led by the 90+ member Sanctuary Choir, we offer an eclectic blend of traditional hymnody, modern hymns, and occasional contemporary worship songs—each chosen with theological care and musical integrity. Our services are rooted in the sounds of piano and organ, but instrumentation varies weekly, offering a rich palette that may include a string quartet, brass quintet, woodwind trio, rhythm section, or full orchestra. This diversity reflects our commitment to both musical excellence and congregational accessibility, creating worship that is both reverent and vibrant.

Primary Responsibilities

- Provide organ accompaniment for the 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning Sanctuary Worship Service, including:
 - Congregational singing (traditional hymns and modern songs/hymns)
 - 1-2 of the following each Sunday: prelude, offertory, postlude
 - Choral anthems and ensemble selections
- Accompany weekly Sanctuary Choir rehearsals (Wednesday evenings) - Optional
- Accompany additional seasonal services as scheduled (e.g., Christmas, Easter, funerals, weddings)

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- Maintain and care for the church organs (4-manual Allen digital/pipe hybrid and Hammond B3 with Leslie cabinet) coordinating routine maintenance as needed
 - Support other musical events as mutually agreed upon (e.g., concerts, special presentations)
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Qualifications

- A growing and maturing relationship with Jesus Christ; committed to serving in the context of a local church
 - Proficiency in organ performance, including hymnody, classical literature, and sacred repertoire
 - Strong sight-reading and accompanying skills
 - Ability to collaborate graciously with vocalists, instrumentalists, and ministry leadership
 - Previous experience as a church organist
 - Degree in music (organ performance, sacred music, or related field) preferred but not required
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Personal Attributes

- Spiritually mature and mission-minded
 - Reliable, prepared, and punctual
 - Flexible and responsive to feedback
 - Passionate about facilitating worship
 - Committed to the vision and values of Forest Hills Baptist Church
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Compensation

This is a part-time, paid position. Compensation is commensurate with experience and education. Additional stipends are provided for weddings and funerals when scheduled.

How to Apply

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Interested candidates should submit a resume, references, and a brief statement of faith to:

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