

# **Grace United Church, Peterborough Position Description**

## **Organist Traditional Worship Service**

**Position Profile:** As the organist for the traditional Sunday worship service (Worship 2) at Grace United Church, Peterborough (Grace), this individual will offer the joy and familiarity of traditional and contemporary musical selections by playing the organ for hymns, preludes, postlude and other musical pieces and accompany the choir for choral anthems (usually on the piano). By creating an inspirational and spirit-filled environment, through this ministry of music, people will find welcome and encouragement to express their faith in public worship while sharing the positive message of Christ to our world.

### **Position description and responsibilities**

1. Work with the Minister, lay preachers and Choir Director to select hymns and any other congregational music such as benedictions. Where possible, the choice of music should reflect the theme and/or scriptures for that day as selected by the Minister or worship leader.
2. Using Grace's organ and grand piano or other appropriate instrument, lead weekly hymns and other musical selections for the Worship 2 service as well as provide a musical prelude and postlude for each service.
3. Accompany the Worship 2 choir during rehearsals and on Sunday morning.
4. Study, learn and prepare all music prior to practices and services.
5. Be comfortable in using this worship time as a creative, learning venue to foster growth in music expression.
6. Encourage and welcome complementary musical talent and gifts enabling individuals to express their Christian faith in public worship.
7. Follow health and safety protocols and procedures, reporting any issues or concerns as they arise immediately to Grace's Ministry and Personnel committee or the Board of Management.

8. Provide information on the music for each Sunday (excluding anthem) to the Office Administrator by the Wednesday before each service.
9. Attend Worship Team meetings, based on availability, and advise the Worship Team if there are needed purchases.

**Reporting and Accountability:**

1. The organist reports to the M & P committee of Grace for staff related needs, financial compensation, working conditions, safety conditions and the like. The M & P committee is comprised of members who are accountable to the Board under the local governance structure of Grace.
2. For regular week to week communication, works with members of the Worship Team leading each service and with the Choir Director.

**Hours:**

- This is a permanent part-time position for 10 hours per week.