

Organist
Second Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky

Overview:

Second Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) is a vibrant suburban congregation of 1,100 committed to sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us. We are passionate about upholding a storied history of high quality of music that expands our consciousness of the mystery and grace of God, and that enables the glorification of God.

The Organist works with the Director of Music Ministries to develop and maintain a program of music and worship, providing leadership, administration, and organization in order to assure the program's quality. The organist facilitates the ministry through music at regular and special worship services. The organist assists the Director of Music Ministries to enhance the congregation's knowledge and appreciation of liturgical music as well as the enjoyment of the singing of hymns and spiritual songs.

Qualifications:

- A personal commitment to Jesus Christ.
- A minimum of a Master's Degree in music from an accredited university/college, with an emphasis in organ.
- At least five (5) years of proven experience as a liturgical organist.
- Competence in organ, piano, and keyboard, with demonstrable skills in playing standard organ repertoire from all periods of music.
- The ability to sight-read anthems for choir rehearsals as needed and provide keen skill in accompanying to enable the choir to learn music efficiently.

Responsibilities:

- Leads congregation at the organ in the singing of hymns and responses in worship.
- Accompanies choirs, ensembles, instrumental soloist and groups, and vocal soloists at all worship services, and in the absence of the Director of Music Ministries, directs the choir.
- Maintains adequate personal practice habits to fulfill all performance requirements at a professionally artistic level.
- Attends all weekly and otherwise scheduled choir/music rehearsals.
- Prepares and plays suitable Preludes and Postludes for the worship services.
- Through consultation with Pastors and the Director of Music Ministries, assists in selecting hymns, anthems and other music appropriate for the traditional worship services of the church.
- Gives timely information to the church administrative staff for organ music in the weekly worship bulletins.
- Obtains and communicates with substitute accompanists/organists for all services, as

needed.

- Consults weekly with Director of Music Ministries and attends occasional planning meetings as needed.
- In an ex officio capacity, attends Music Committee meetings.
- Serves as liaison for Pastor and couples in arranging music for weddings and funerals; has first right of refusal to play weddings when requested, for which a separate set fee will be paid by the family. Expectation is to play for funerals as requested.
- Assures the Casavant (Sanctuary) and Schlicker (Chapel) organs, the pianos, and the harpsichord are maintained and in good repair.
- Permission is granted for organist to teach organ or piano lessons as needed.

Work Schedule:

The position is half-time with a flexible schedule for practicing, and a regular schedule for weekly rehearsals and worship services.

- Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, currently Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.*
- Two Sunday Worship Services - 9 a.m. (rehearsal 8 a.m.) and 11 a.m. (rehearsal 10:15 a.m.)*

**Because of current health concerns, these times are subject to change.*

Additional rehearsals, concerts and seasonal services are required, as needed.

Accountability:

The Organist reports directly to the Director of Music Ministries and is fully accountable to the Session for performance and conduct under the aegis of the Personnel Committee.

Compensation commensurate with experience.

Applications are currently being received, with anticipated start date ASAP.

Further information regarding the church may be found at www.2ndpreslou.org. For questions about instruments, specific ensembles, or matters related to the position, please email Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Music Ministries. Resumes and recordings are welcomed.

**The Sanctuary Organ of Second Presbyterian Church, Louisville
Casavant-Frères Ltée. 1979/2001 (Op. 3871)
48 Ranks**

GREAT	PEDAL 32'
16' Bordun	Untersatz (Digital)
8' Prinzipal	16' Prinzipal
8' Gedackt	16' Bordun (Gt.) 16'
4' Oktav	Quintaden
4' Flöte	8' Oktav
2 2/3' Quinte	8' Bordun
2' Oktav Mixtur V	4' Oktav
8' Trompete	2' Mixtur IV
8' Festival Trumpet	16' Posaune
Great Unison Off	8' Trompete
Midi	8' Festival Trumpet (Gt.)
	4' Schalmey
	Midi
POSITIV	ACCESSORIES
8' Holzgedackt	Zymbelstern Swell to
8' Dulciana	Great Swell to Positiv
4' Prinzipal	Swell to Pedal Positiv to
4' Koppelflöte	Great Positiv to Pedal
2 2/3' Nasat	Great to Pedal
2' Blockflöte	
1 3/5' Tierce	Solid State Logic, Multiplex
1 1/3' Quint	128 Levels of memory
1' Siffelöte	
8' Krummhorn	Crescendo (Programmable)
Tremulant	Positiv Expression
Positiv Unison Off	Swell Expression
Midi	
SWELL	PISTONS
8' Bordun	8 General pistons (thumb and toe studs)
8' Gemshorn	4 Division pistons for each manual
8' Schwebung	(thumb)
4' Spitzflöte	Tutti toe stud
2' Prinzipal	
1 1/3' Quintflöte	
Scharf IV	
16' Dulzian	
8' Oboe	
8' Festival Trumpet (Gt.)	
Tremulant	
Swell Unison Off	
Midi	

*The organ was donated in loving memory of Erwin W. Muhlenbruch,
by his wife Edith and daughter Mrs. Murrell Mann.*

*The Casavant Organ at Second Presbyterian Church is maintained by
Peter B. Webber, of Webber & Borne Organbuilders, LLC, Louisville, Kentucky*