



## EPISCOPAL PARISH OF THE MESSIAH

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The Episcopal Parish of the Messiah, a growing community in Newton with a creative approach to traditional Episcopal liturgy, is looking for an organist/choir director.

We are seeking someone who brings creativity and an ability to work with others in a safe, caring environment. Messiah has a lovely pipe organ and piano, and boasts a beautiful acoustic space that is home to concerts by *Convivium Musicum*, *Cappella Clausura* and *Schola Nocturna*.

Although we are "high church" with a sung service, we are not stuffy or fusty, and we are always open to new ideas. Our Eucharist includes Anglican chant (led by the congregation and rector) and is Rite II with elements from *Enriching Our Worship*. Most of our hymns are from the Hymnal 1982 and *Wonder, Love & Praise*. Organists who have worked with Lutheran, Methodist, or Roman Catholic liturgies will not have trouble adapting to our liturgy.

Messiah is a welcoming, inclusive community and an equal-opportunity employer. We are easily accessible by car from the Mass Pike and from 128; we are a mile from the Riverside T.

We are looking for someone who is:

- experienced at directing small choirs
- competent at accompanying hymn singing
- sensitive to the flow and emotion of liturgy

### **Salary**

\$12,500/year (including FICA, 2 weeks paid vacation, 2 weeks paid sick leave). There is one Sunday service, at 10:30am, and a mid-week evening choir rehearsal (currently on Thursday evenings). The organist has access to the building and instruments for rehearsal and for giving lessons, etc. There are three additional services during Holy Week, as well as Christmas Eve and Advent Lessons & Carols. We average 1-2 weddings and 1-2 funerals a year.

### **Audition Process:**

After an initial conversation with the rector (in person or by phone), candidates will be asked to come to the church to play a prepared hymn, sight-read one hymn, lead a chanted psalm (supplied ahead of time), an organ piece, and lead a "mock" choir rehearsal. Finalists will be paid to play at a Sunday service.

### **Contact:**

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