FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF KIRKWOOD



SEEKING PART-TIME MUSIC ASSOCIATE & ASSISTANT ORGANIST

A Place to make GLORIOUS Music

For generations, music has stood at the heart of First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood.

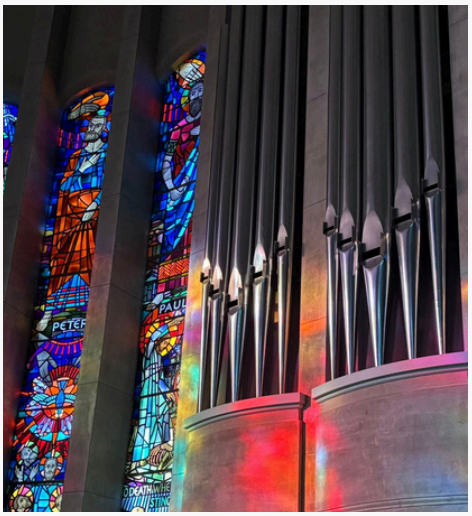
From a magnificent Casavant pipe organ and Steinway grand piano to a thriving choral tradition and nationally recognized concert programming, music is one of the defining expressions of worship and community life at First Pres.

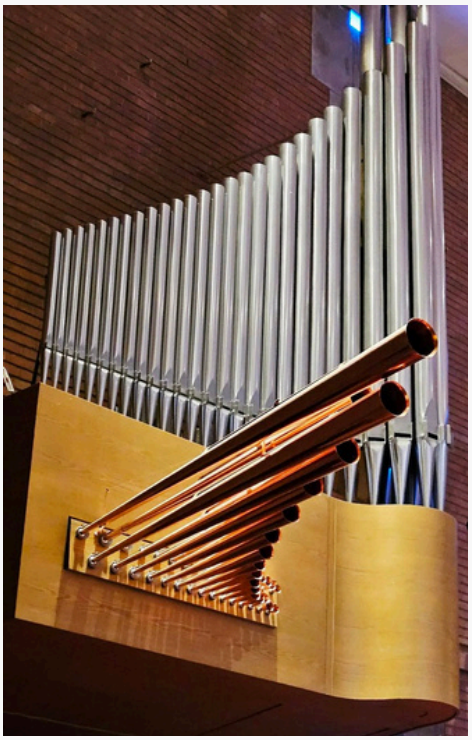
We are seeking a gifted musician, collaborative colleague, and creative leader to help shape the next chapter of this remarkable ministry.

AT A GLANCE

- 76-Rank Casavant Pipe Organ (2013)
- 2025 Steinway Grand Piano
- 60+ Voice Chancel Choir
- Professional Section Leaders and Music Staff
- Standing room only Christmas and Good Friday concerts
- 28th Season of Con Spirito concert series
- 13 Monumental stained glass windows
- Open & Affirming staff and congregation

WORLD-CLASS INSTRUMENTS IN INSPIRING SPACES





CASAVANT PIPE ORGAN

The sanctuary is crowned by a 76-rank Casavant pipe organ installed in 2013 and designed to support both congregational worship and concert performance. The instrument regularly supports major choral works, orchestra collaborations, recital performances, and worship leadership in one of the most acoustically resonant sacred spaces in the St. Louis region.

MARTIN OTT TRACKER ORGAN

A Martin Ott tracker organ in the chapel (1 manual / 11 ranks) offers additional opportunities for repertoire, continuo work, and intimate worship experiences.

STEINWAY GRAND PIANO

Our sanctuary Steinway provides exceptional resources for accompanying, recital work, chamber collaborations and worship leadership.

A SANCTUARY BUILT FOR MUSIC

The sanctuary features thirteen soaring stained-glass windows that fill the room with remarkable color and light. Musicians regularly describe the space as inspiring, warm, and acoustically alive.

The sanctuary's warmth, resonance, and beauty make it a preferred performance venue for organizations including the Metropolitan Orchestra of St. Louis, St. Louis Civic Orchestra, Bach Society of St. Louis, and Chamber Music Society of St. Louis.



“The Casavant organ at First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood speaks with authority and clarity. Capable of every dynamic between whispering beauty and thundering majesty, it grants its players free reign to express, unhindered, the composer’s truest art.”

Eric Plutz
Organist for Princeton University

The Opportunity

MUSIC ASSOCIATE / ASSISTANT ORGANIST

PART-TIME | 15 HOURS WEEKLY

YOU'LL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO

- Accompany the Chancel Choir rehearsal on Thursday evenings
- Accompany the Chancel Choir Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m.
- Serve as worship organist at least twice a month
- Serve as organist with the Christmas Concert and Good Friday orchestras
- Accompany Christmas Eve 2:00 and 10:00 p.m. worship services
- Play memorial services and weddings as scheduled with the Director of Music Ministries (additional compensation)
- Serve as organist and Chancel Choir director when the Director of Music Ministries is on vacation/away
- Welcome/assist guest concerts and musicians as needed (Con Spirito and others)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in music
- Skilled organist and pianist
- Choral conducting experience preferred
- Ability to edit and create concert, recital, and various service programs

WHY MUSICIANS LOVE KIRKWOOD:

- Walkable historic downtown
- Thriving arts community
- Excellent restaurants and coffee shops
- 20 minutes from downtown St. Louis
- Home to some of the region's leading arts organizations

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Musical acumen
- Creativity
- Organizational and leadership skills
- Team player

COMPENSATION

$30,000 annually *(plus additional compensation for weddings and memorial services)*

APPLY

Send cover letter, resume, and recordings to:

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