



PITTSBURGH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY CHAPEL MUSICIAN – PART TIME JOB POSTING-AUGUST 2021

POSITION SUMMARY:

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is accepting applications for a part time **Chapel Musician**.

While reporting to the Director of Worship Program, the Chapel Musician will provide highly skilled musical accompaniment for chapel services both online and in Hicks Memorial Chapel at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The position of Chapel Musician is a part-time (5-7-hours/week) position and will:

- Accompany seminary chapel services every Tuesday and Thursday when classes are in session. Services are approximately 30 minutes beginning at 11:30 a.m. (For the time being, Tuesday services will be in-person and livestreamed from Hicks Memorial Chapel; Thursday services will be online via Zoom and will require pre-recorded music) There is an extended break when the Seminary is closed at Christmas and Easter time.
- In consultation with the Director of the Worship Program, select gathering music and sending music for in-person chapel services. Carefully prepare musical accompaniment for congregational hymns/songs for each service, with special attention to those hymns/songs that may be less familiar to the seminary community.
- In consultation with the Director of the Worship Program, develop and implement effective strategies for teaching new music to the congregation.
- Meet weekly with the Director of the Worship Program and Chapel Team students.
- In consultation with the Director of the Worship Program, form occasional choirs or instrumental ensembles and rehearse with them.
- Participate in worship planning meetings as needed, offering guidance for students in the selection of worship music.
- Support the Worship Program goals, including use of a wide variety of musical resources and encouragement of robust congregational singing.
- Supervise the maintenance of chapel instruments.

QUALIFICATIONS / REQUIREMENTS:

- Knowledge of, experience with, and appreciation for the practices of corporate worship.
- Ability to accompany and facilitate congregational singing by means of excellent piano skills. Preference will be given to those who are also proficient with organ.
- Capacity and willingness to engage a wide variety of worship music including traditional hymnody, contemporary Christian music, Gospel music, Spirituals, and global music.



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- Ability to read and play from chord charts and lead sheets, as well as full scores.
- Strong communication and organizational skills to work collegially and collaboratively with seminary students, faculty, staff, and the Director of the Worship Program.
- Vibrant Christian faith and support of the mission of the seminary.

TO APPLY:

Interested candidates should provide a cover letter, resume, and the names and contact information (phone and e-mail) for three references. Application materials should be submitted to the Chapel Musician Search at careers@pts.edu.

We will begin review of applications as they are received. Applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. Pittsburgh Theological Seminary will conduct a background check on all final candidates.

JOB LOCATION:

Hicks Memorial Chapel, 616 North Highland Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

PART TIME POSITION:

This position is part time and is anticipated to work 5 to 7 hours per week. There are no benefits associated with this position. Pay rate will be \$30.00/hour.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

The Seminary affirms the commitment of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to a diverse workplace and equal opportunity. It also conforms to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations relating to equal employment. No person shall be discriminated against in hiring, discharge, promotion, or benefits because of race, color, sex, cultural background, national origin, religion, veteran's status, non-job related disability, or any other classification protected under applicable law.

INSTITUTION SUMMARY:

Founded in 1794, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is a graduate theological school of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) offering masters and advanced degrees as well as certificate programs. Pittsburgh Seminary prepares students for ministries in established and emerging Christian communities around the world. Rooted in the Reformed tradition and with a centuries-old history of mission and scholarship in service of the church, the Seminary is committed to relationships of mutual learning and serving with Christ-followers from other traditions and theological viewpoints. Our faculty and educational resources cultivate theologically reflective and contextually engaged Christian leaders. Our programs nurture vocational formation for bearing witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our student body is denominationally diverse, consisting of Presbyterians, United Methodists, Baptists, Anglicans/Episcopalians, Orthodox,



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Lutherans, and representatives of a number of other traditions plus nondenominational students.

In 2015, the Seminary successfully completed a \$26 million capital campaign. These funds were used to introduce a reimagined master's-level curriculum, fully renovate the Clifford E. Barbour Library, make other improvements to the physical campus, endow resource programs in urban ministry and world mission, establish the Center for Writing and Learning Support, develop ecclesial partnerships, and invest in new key personnel. All these initiatives reinforced the Seminary's commitment to collaboration, access, resources, and diversity. The Seminary remains committed to key initiatives from the 2020 Strategic Plan, including becoming an antiracist institution, expanding program delivery, and increasing denominational partnerships and engagement, as well as advancing the institutional master plan.