

First United Methodist Church  
1032 Maple Avenue  
Downers Grove, Illinois 60515

**Open position: Organist/accompanist**

The First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove, Illinois, is accepting resumes for the position of Organist and accompanist to our 65-member adult choir. We are a vibrant congregation welcoming people of all orientations including the LGBTQ community. We enjoy a rich musical tradition supporting musicians of varying skill levels and ages. Candidates should have considerable experience in Christian church music, selecting and playing appropriate solo pieces as well as accompanying hymns, choral anthems, instrumentalists and vocal soloists on both organ and piano.

The candidate will be responsible for playing the organ for 8:30 and 10:00 o'clock weekly Sunday worship services and other seasonal services (e.g., Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday), accompanying on the piano at Thursday evening choir rehearsals (September — May) and playing or finding substitute players for funerals and memorial services. A typical week might require 18-20 hours of preparation and performance. During summer break—June to August—the organist recruits and schedules church members and local musicians to perform for the 10:00 o'clock services.

The sanctuary organ is a Phelps 39 rank, 2 manual instrument installed in 1975. The piano is a seven-foot Steinway studio grand.

The salary will be commensurate with experience. Please submit your resume and a letter of interest to [bchalberg@att.net](mailto:bchalberg@att.net).

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