

New Church Chorister / Choir Soloist

Leesburg United Methodist Church is seeking applications for a Church Chorister (SAT or B) / Choir Soloist position. Full job description below.

Applicants should email their resume and cover letter to office@leesburgumc.org.

Job Title: Church Chorister (SAT or B) / Choir Soloist

Position Type: Part-Time (Hourly), or contract base

Reports to: Choir Director

Position Summary:

The Chorister Position/Soloist (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and/or Bass) at Leesburg United Methodist Church will enhance the choir's ability to perform more challenging choral music and ensure section stability, particularly in cases of member absence. This role entails providing vocal leadership and performing solo parts during worship services, special events, and other church functions. The ideal candidate will possess a strong, versatile singing voice and a deep commitment to enhancing the worship experience through music.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide stability for a choral section and vocal support to the choir, through singing with the choir and reliable, punctual attendance.
- Run a sectional rehearsal as needed.
- Collaborate with the Choir Director to select appropriate choral/solo repertoire that aligns with the liturgical calendar and service themes.
- Perform solo pieces during Sunday worship services, holiday services, and other special events as needed.
- Attend weekly choir rehearsals (Wednesdays at 7pm and Sundays at 10am) and additional rehearsals as required for special services.
- Take detailed notes during rehearsal, such as breathing, phrasing, diction, etc., in the event you lead a sectional or a member of your section needs the markings.
- Be available for additional performances, such as weddings, funerals, and special church events, as needed.
- Maintain a high level of professionalism and preparedness for all rehearsals and performances.
- Attend the 11am Sunday service from the end of September to May.

Qualifications:

- Strong vocal talent with the ability to sing in a variety of styles, including classical, gospel, and contemporary worship music.
- Ability to sightread and learn new repertoire quickly.
- Ability to read music well, and a commitment to practicing independently and coming to rehearsal prepared.
- Previous experience as a soloist in a church or similar setting is preferred.
- Strong understanding of vocal technique and the ability to sing both solo and ensemble pieces.
- Good interpersonal skills and the ability to work collaboratively with the Choir Director, other musicians, and choir members.
- A deep commitment to the mission and values of Leesburg United Methodist

Additional Requirements:

- Availability for all Sunday services, holiday services, and additional rehearsals as required.
- A willingness to be an active participant in the worship life of the church.
- Willingness to foster a positive, energetic, and prayerful working environment.
- Punctuality
- Adherence to dress code
- Be available on special events such as Christmas, Holy Week, Easter
- Other events such as weddings and funerals will be compensated separately as required

Audition Procedure:

- Prepare two contrasting pieces (include one sacred)
- Sightreading
- Vocal range demonstration

Compensation:

\$25 per hour

4 hours total per week

- 3.5 hours per week (Wednesday and Sunday rehearsals and service)
- 0.5 hours per week (own rehearsal time)