

Director of Providence Singers

Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031

Part-Time – Approximately 5 hours per week

Salary range: \$5,000 - \$7,000 per year

Overview

Providence Presbyterian Church (www.providencechurch.org) is looking for a person eager to leverage the power of music to share Christ's love with residents of assisted living and memory care communities across Fairfax County. This person will serve as accompanist, director, and master of ceremonies for monthly performances of the Providence Singers, a small, casual, no-barrier-to-entry performing group that brings joy to the elderly by leading sing-a-longs of beloved secular songs ("golden oldies," Broadway tunes, and seasonal favorites).

This group's success relies on their love of singing and service to bring joy to their audiences through music and its ability to reach people at all cognitive levels. The Providence Singers bring enthusiasm that facilitates genuine connection with the people they serve. (Excerpts from Providence Singers performances may be found [here](#).)

Responsibilities

- Conduct weekly rehearsals, September – June, that focus on teaching melody lines to a group with widely varied musical skill levels
- Contact and arrange monthly performances at local assisted living and memory care facilities
- Serve as Master of Ceremonies and Accompanist during monthly performances
- Select music for performances that is appropriate to the audience and occasion. The songs should be familiar to the audience, enabling widespread appreciation and participation
- Communicate orally and in writing with church leadership and the congregation, as needed and appropriate, about the activities of the group
- Assist the Mission Committee with developing an annual budget for the group

Required Qualifications

- Demonstrated ability to work with an all-volunteer group with enthusiasm for the mission but varied musical skill levels
- Demonstrated ability to teach songs through repetition – sight reading is not expected of Providence Singers members and sheet music is typically not used
- Flexibility to adapt to the musical needs of the group members, which can range from song selection to melody support in the piano accompaniment
- Demonstrated comfort speaking in front of and engaging a small crowd
- Demonstrated keyboarding skills accompanying a small group
- Flexibility to adapt to challenging performance spaces, subpar pianos in some performance spaces, and unexpected audience feedback
- Familiarity with and appreciation for music that is familiar to the elderly
- Strong interpersonal skills

Desired Qualifications

- A passion for service
- A sense of humor and showmanship
- Experience engaging with the elderly
- Collaborative spirit to engage with the group members to build the repertoire and their musical skills
- A passion for building a sense of community within groups

Ideal Candidate

An ideal candidate will have experience as an entertainer as well as keyboarding and vocal performance skills; be flexible, creative, collaborative, and friendly; see challenges and surprises as opportunities rather than problems or interruptions; and show a strong desire to serve the community by leveraging their interpersonal and musical gifts. They will strive to build a group where all feel valued and welcome, regardless of musical skill level or church membership, where the mission is paramount, and where the spirit of joy and connection to the audiences is a most highly valued skill.

Application Process

To apply, please submit your resume and links to music recordings that demonstrate your qualifications. Please submit your application and any questions about this opportunity to personnel@providencechurch.org