



First United Methodist Church  
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***Job Openings—Three (3) Available***  
**Part-Time Musicians for Blended Worship Service**  
**(Vocalist, Guitar, Piano)**

Position Type: Part-time, 2-3 hours/week  
Salary: \$75.00 weekly/paid bi-weekly

**Applications Accepted By:**

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Attention: Matthew Weber, Director of Music  
Subject Line: Part-Time Musician Position

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**About First UMC Elgin:**

First UMC Elgin is a historic downtown congregation within the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church. The congregation has elected to be an inclusive, open, and affirming church, where people of all faiths, backgrounds, and sexual identities are welcomed and embraced. The congregation base is majority over the age of 50, though efforts to diversify and broaden the scope of ministry and congregation makeup are underway.

**Job Description:**

First UMC Elgin is seeking to move from a fully traditional worship service to a blended, traditional/modern fusion worship service as part of our strategy for revitalizing our congregational makeup and worship experience. Elements of traditional worship services will continue to be included in our weekly services (pipe organ, choir, liturgy, handbells, etc.), with new, more contemporary offerings being included.

As such, we are seeking to hire a pianist, vocalist, and guitarist that will help to establish a culture and identity for our Sunday morning worship services. Experience with contemporary Christian music is essential and successful candidates will possess a strong musical background. First UMC Elgin has been known through the decades for its superb musical offerings and that tradition of excellence will continue through the successful candidates.

**Requirements:**

**Rehearsal and Preparedness**

- Early in the role, rehearsals will be highly important as the group develops comfort and familiarity with one another
- It is expected that the group rehearse together for a minimum of one (1) hour during the week, though more time is encouraged. Music should be rehearsed, alone or with the group, until it is coherent and ready to 'go live.' Rehearsals will be overseen initially by the Director of Music, with a gradual transition to ensemble-led rehearsal.
- While it will not be a hard requirement, it is strongly encouraged for members of the ensemble to also sing with the choir once regular activities resume in full (Fall 2021 at the earliest).

**Planning**

- There will be a regularly scheduled meeting to establish and plan for worship services. Music selections will ultimately be the responsibility of the Director of Music; however, input and recommendations for musical selections will be expected from the group.

**Worship Service**

- Worship services are held on Sunday morning at 9:00 am. Services are held in our historical, Gothic Revival Sanctuary and are broadcast via Facebook Live, YouTube, and radio station WRMN 1410AM/96.7FM.
- Musicians should plan to arrive and have all equipment set-up no later than 8:15 am. The Organist reserves the Sanctuary from 7:00 to 8:15 am. Sound checks must not interfere with her rehearsal.
- Tear-down and clean-up will be completed following the conclusion of the worship service.