

# First Baptist Church

## Organist Job Description

### Overview

First Baptist Church of Salt Lake City is a diverse and inclusive congregation that has been active in Salt Lake City since 1883.

First Baptist Church has a long and proud tradition of exceptional organ music within its beautiful sanctuary. Our magnificent instrument is a hybrid Rogers Trillium T967 and Casavant Pipes, 131 Ranks with 2200 pipe which at one time was the second largest organ in the state. Many within the congregation have great affinity with the organ and we have played host to many organ recitals and AOG events.

In addition, First Baptist Church also is very diverse in its makeup and there is a great appreciation for many kinds of music. In addition to the organ that accompanies the congregational singing, we have a band made up of volunteers from the congregation that accompanies contemporary music in the service. We have a small but mighty choir, also made up of volunteers. There are also members of the congregation that like to bring special music on occasion. So, the organist would be joining a broad and diverse musical setting. Accomplishing the right balance within the music ministry can be a challenge at times. The main objective with our music program is authentic worship.

In addition to the Organist, there is a Choir director on staff as well as the Band Lead.

An organist who appreciates this kind of diversity and challenges will thrive in this setting and will find a home here at First Baptist Church.

### General Understanding

1. The FBC Organist is under the direct supervision of the Pastor with a dotted-line responsibility to the Choir Director on matters involving the choir.
2. The Organist shall provide organ music at the religious service regularly scheduled for Sunday Mornings and shall select appropriate organ music for each service as directed by, and in conjunction with, the pastor.

3. The organist will also serve as the accompanist for the choir (under the direction of the choir director) and/or any vocalist providing special music for the worship service as needed.
4. The organist will play for the additional services held for Christmas Eve and one service during Holy Week.
5. The Organist will meet regularly with the Pastor and the Worship Planning Team to plan and promote collegiality.
6. The organist will inform the pastor if there is a need to purchase musical pieces, which will be owned by First Baptist Church.
7. The Organist will ensure that the organ and piano are maintained and in good working condition and arrange for regular tuning, cleaning and maintenance. The organist will supervise the use of the Organ and piano.
8. When taking leave or is unable to be at rehearsal or worship, the Organist will coordinate with the pastor to secure a substitute musician.
9. The Organist is given “first right of refusal” on all funerals or weddings. It is understood that a fee will be charged for these events and is not considered part of the regular salary. The Organist is solely responsible for all taxes as outlined by Federal and State laws.
10. The Organist is permitted to use the Organ and Piano for personal practice and for private teaching. The times for such practices and lessons will be coordinated with the Director of Ops.
11. The organist will receive \$150 per Sunday.

## Application

Please send a resume and references to [pastorcurtis@firstbaptist-slc.org](mailto:pastorcurtis@firstbaptist-slc.org) or drop them by the Church.

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