

Christ Chapel  
Director of Contemporary Worship  
Job Description

### **CHURCH MUSIC SUMMARY**

Christ Chapel is an evangelical church in Ithaca, New York, with a bible-centered ministry in an intergenerational, international, and intentional context. Submitting to the authority of Scripture, we seek to be disciples and make disciples in Tompkins County and across the globe. Founded in 1984, Christ Chapel began as a small church practicing in a traditional worship style, with hymns and choral anthems being the primary musical style. While some components of contemporization were added over the years, it wasn't until the COVID-19 pandemic that contemporary worship became a central part of the church's style of worship. Christ Chapel was one of the only churches in the area that was able to accommodate the COVID regulations implemented by Cornell University and Ithaca College, which led to a massive influx of students into our congregation. What was once an average attendance of 75 has doubled and resulted in the addition of a second service on Sunday mornings. The pandemic also required us to reconsider how we worship. Congregational singing and choral music were not allowed by local regulations, so a contemporary praise team was implemented to continue to be able to worship in song with fewer people involved. As we've relaxed back into congregational singing, contemporary worship has continued to be a staple of our weekly services, creating a beautiful blend of the modern and traditional styles.

### **JOB DESCRIPTION: Part-Time Director of Contemporary Worship (10 hrs/wk)**

The primary responsibilities of the part-time worship leader will be to lead a thoroughly blended worship service, and grow the music ministry at Christ Chapel. This person is directly accountable to the Senior Pastor. The candidate will possess an adaptable skill set and leadership capabilities, which will enable a worship ministry to grow with us as our church continues to engage in campus and community outreach.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Continue to grow and mature in Christ as a godly person of integrity. Strong sense of calling and identity in Christ. Demonstrate leadership in being able to disciple those in his/her sphere of influence. Receive and embrace discipleship from pastoral staff and elders.
2. Provide leadership, vision, and passion for Christ Chapel in the area of music worship ministries that is in line with the overall vision, purpose and mission of our church. This role may expand to include

leading in creating and implementing new worship opportunities, which align with the mission and vision at Christ Chapel.

3. Coordinate with the Senior/Associate Pastor to create and lead a well-planned and engaging Sunday morning worship service. This includes leading the worship team during the Sunday Worship services and recruiting, developing, and scheduling the worship team. Responsibilities include preparation for and leading rehearsals, as well as consulting with the Senior/Associate Pastor to coordinate the music for the Sunday services.

4. Weekly planning, arranging, and distributing of lead sheets. This includes selecting appropriate keys for lead singers and congregation as well as distributing links to reference recordings.

5. Planning, implementing and leading worship for special events outside of Sunday worship services.

6. Either currently is an active member of, or willing and qualified to join the membership of Christ Chapel upon hiring in full agreement of our statement of faith and membership covenant.

7. It is anticipated that the duties associated with this position will take no more than 10 hours per week.

8. Additional minor duties as assigned.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Publicly profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Savior.

2. Background in contemporary worship style and form.

3. Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Arts in Music or equivalent experience preferred but not required.

4. Professional training in a chordal instrument (piano or guitar) preferred but not required. A basic understanding of music theory is a plus. Candidate should be able to teach vocal harmonies to other members of the team.

## **INTERESTED CANDIDATES**

Please submit your resume and a cover letter in PDF form, including 3 references, to the following email address. Please use "Attention Worship Leader Search Committee" as the subject line of your

email. Also, please include links to any social media platforms to which you post, blog, or post photos. Links to any videos of you leading worship are welcome but not required. Expect an in-person “audition” to be part of the hiring process. More information will be given upon the receipt of your application. Thank you.

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### **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

Christ Chapel is also hiring for a teen-focused family ministry position. These positions could be combined for the right applicant.