



**Job Posting: Contemporary Worship Musician
(Vocalist, Pianist or Guitarist)**

Posted: July 3, 2024.

Closing date: August 11, 2024.

Christ Church Deer Park is a growing and diverse Anglican community of people learning to follow Jesus and to love our neighbours. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us. Young and old, from all walks of life, we gather in this historic and beautiful place in the heart of midtown Toronto to worship the living God. We are committed to nurturing the spiritual lives of all our people—from our kids to our seniors. We believe that music is an integral part of worship and embrace a wide variety of styles and genres.

We are currently seeking a musician to take a lead role at the Sunday 9:15am contemporary worship service. As development of the praise team is ongoing, we are accepting applications from vocalists, pianists, and guitarists. The ability to play multiple instruments or both sing and play are assets.

The successful candidate will work under the supervision of the Director of Music and alongside other musicians to provide music that encourages the congregation's singing and prayer at this intimate, relaxed, weekly celebration of the Eucharist.

Position Summary: Provides musical leadership for the Sunday 9:15am contemporary worship service at Christ Church Deer Park. This is an independent contractor position with a 1-year term.

Supervision and Support: Reports to the Director of Music, under the final authority of the Rector/Priest-in-Charge and churchwardens.

Role expectations:

- Lead contemporary worship musicians (instrumentalists and vocalists) at the weekly Sunday 9:15am service (typically under 1-hour)
- Coordinate weekly pre-service rehearsal and occasional additional rehearsals with other musicians, scheduled at a mutually convenient time, as needed
- Foster the congregation's participation in the liturgy
- Recruit, coach and inspire volunteer contemporary musicians from our community
- Comply with copyright regulations and church policies
- Recommend hiring guest musicians, within budget guidelines

Depending on the candidate's skills, experience and interest, duties (with commensurate pay) may also include:

- Selecting vocal and instrumental music appropriate to the liturgical day, and connected to the scripture readings, which help facilitate the congregation's active participation, prayer and spiritual growth.
- Submitting hymn texts and relevant information for the order of service and completing copyright usage reports in a timely manner

Skills and Experience:

The successful candidate will be:

- Passionate about sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through contemporary music
- Comfortable with the expression of faith as practiced in the Anglican Church of Canada
- Familiar with liturgical worship and the Revised Common Lectionary

The candidate will have:

- Excellent vocal, piano or guitar proficiency
- Strong musicianship, including the ability to perform from lead sheets and fully-notated arrangements
- Knowledge of contemporary praise music in a broad range of styles
- Willingness to encourage congregational singing
- Experience using microphones, audio systems, and other technology
- The ability to work collaboratively with both professional musicians and amateurs
- Strong organizational, time-management, and communication skills
- Initiative and creative-visioning abilities

Note: The successful applicant will also be required to complete a background and police check.

Remuneration: Begins at \$150 per service, with rates adjusted depending on skills, experience and assigned duties.

Please submit a cover letter and CV to Rev. Dr. Stephen Drakeford (spdrakeford@gmail.com) and Stefani Bedin (Director of Music) (sbedin@christchurchdeerpark.org) by **August 11, 2024**. You are also welcome (but not required) to include links to audio/video examples of your playing or singing. If you have questions about the position, please reach out for more information. Applications will be treated in strict confidence.

Candidates advancing to the next round of the selection process will be invited for an interview and audition in August 2024, with an ideal start date in September 2024.