

ORGANIST – FULL-TIME. First Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

First Pres Colorado Springs, located downtown in a historic city located at the foot of Pikes Peak Mountain, is a church with a thriving music ministry within a 3,100-member, 5-generation congregation that is growing in the Lord. First Pres is known nationally for its long-standing tradition of fine music in worship. Our music ministry includes a 150+ voice adult choir, children's choral program, hand bell and brass ensembles. Every summer, First Pres hosts hundreds of local kids in summer camps focused on strings, art, musical theatre, hand bells and keyboard development among other musical offerings that change from time-to-time. Every December, our *Christmas Joy* concert brings the best musicians in our area together to offer a sacred Christmas Concert to our community. Excellence, thoughtfulness, creativity and innovation are key values for this congregation within its worship context.

Our 850-seat Sanctuary houses a Reuter Organ, Opus 1234 1958 (III/48) updated in 2000 with a new console and Allen Midi. First Pres currently offers four worship services on a Sunday. Two services, attended by on average 1400 congregants, are in our Sanctuary blending elements of the traditional organ, choir literature and hymns along with contemporary praise songs and choir literature. Two services, attended by on average 750 congregants, are offered in our Worship Center featuring band-led musical literature. We invite you to watch online to experience First Pres Sunday services. <http://www.first-pres.org/media>.

The Organist, in partnership with the Minister of Worship and Music, gives leadership through selecting organ literature that supports the liturgy, musical selections and sermon themes. The organist plays for Memorial Services and Weddings. Our congregation experiences and values a wide-variety of musical expression and we regularly combine the modern and traditional music literature in special worship offerings.

This organist position might be one of the most unique positions of its kind in a church setting. If you have a love for Jesus, love music of all kinds, appreciate a culture that embraces creativity and innovation in the arts, we invite you to apply.

Education Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Music preferred.
- Advanced training in Organ performance.
- Continuing education with specialized knowledge in liturgical worship and creative leadership.

Personal Characteristics:

- Professes Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
- Demonstrates ongoing, prayerful and personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Desire and passion for Liturgical Worship and Music Ministry.
- Demonstrates loyalty and commitment to team building with staff.
- Professionally organized with ability to prioritize.
- Ability to ensure confidentiality, discretion, and loyalty.

This is a full-time position and includes generous health and welfare benefits, leave and retirement planning. We are looking for a well-rounded individual who will invest in the life of our church. We welcome individuals with demonstrated experience in multiple musical genres. International candidates welcome. Qualified college students welcome.

Send your letter of interest along with audio or video samples and three references to James DeJarnette, Minister of Worship and Music, jdejarnette@first-pres.org or call with questions to (719) 884-6172.