



HOUSE OF HOPE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Position Description

Job Title:	Choir School Instructor- Orff
Reports To:	The House of Hope Choir School Director
FLSA Status:	Exempt
	Part Time (approximately 3 hours per week)
Date of Last Revision:	April 2022

PURPOSE

Provide musical instruction (Orff and general) to the choristers of The House of Hope Choir School in the form of Orff class and general music activities/ games for the St Cecilia Choir (grades 1-3).

THE HOUSE OF HOPE CHOIR SCHOOL

We believe that all children can sing! The House of Hope Choir School offers choral music training to children ages 4-18. Choristers are invited to express themselves through music, learn high quality and challenging repertoire, participate actively in worship, and grow in friendships and faith. Choristers enter with varying degrees of music experience and prior musical training is not required. Through music, The Choir School aims to engage all students in creativity, wonder, and beauty. All choristers receive a well-rounded musical education with note reading, sight-singing and voice technique incorporated into classes and rehearsals. In addition to musical skills, Choir School choristers build character through dedication, discipline, focus, and perseverance.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide music instruction using Orff instruments and Orff pedagogy to the St Cecilia Choir grades 1-3.
- Select and prepare teaching materials and other musical activities appropriate to the age and skill level of choristers.
- Lead a games/musical activities time with choristers as they arrive.
- Work closely with the Choir School Director to ensure the goals are met.
- Work with the Choir School Director to repair and maintain instruments.
- Work with the Choir School Director to ensure that needs and concerns of the choristers, parents and other staff are addressed.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of and experience in Orff pedagogy.
- Ability to lead and instruct children in an engaging and energetic manner.
- Use teaching techniques that inspire students and problem solve in the classroom in an effective manner.
- Work collaboratively with the Choir School Director and other instructors.
- Deal with various kinds of people in a friendly, professional manner.
- The ability to work independently, as well as in a team setting.
- Time management and organizational skills.
- Creative problem solving.
- Oral & written communication skills.
- Maintain a supportive relationship with children, youth and their families, informing the Choir School Director of any care needs.
- Promote The House of Hope Choir School using diverse communications as needed.
- A willingness to operate within the Presbyterian Church (USA) tradition is required.

TIME COMMITMENT

- Wednesdays, September-May 3-6 p.m. (actual teaching time is between 4-6 p.m.)
- Performance opportunities (December and May) encouraged but not required.
- Additional duties and preparation as assigned by the Choir School Director and/or Director of Music.

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- Certification or working towards certification in Orff pedagogy required.
- Associate Degree/BA/BM in with emphasis in music education or early childhood education or working towards degree preferred.
- Previous teaching experience preferred.