



**St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Virginia** is seeking a Youth Music Minister to develop a spirited and inviting music ministry for children within the congregation. The intent of the program will be to create a lifelong love of music, a connection through that music to the Church, and to provide the foundation to continue pursuing music with excellence. St. Paul's is a vibrant and growing church, and the spiritual home to a diverse and active congregation of over 3000 baptized members, many of whom are children and youth. As our community continues to grow, we hope to find a creative Youth Music Minister that will help the music program to grow with it.

**Responsibilities:** Currently, the principal responsibility of the Youth Music Minister is to direct the two children's choirs at St. Paul's: the Angel Choir, with members starting at age 4, and the St. Cecilia Choir, with members starting in third grade.

- Work with the Director of Music to develop a season calendar and outline of musical activities
- Select music to present as anthems that is age appropriate, challenging, attainable, and thematically related to days or seasons in which it is to be presented
- Lead Wednesday afternoon/evening rehearsals for both choirs, including musical fundamentals, skill building, and learning music for Sunday mornings and occasional special services
- Direct the choirs for weekly Sunday morning services during the 9-month program year. Sundays will include a rehearsal/warmup and participation in one of the morning services. Children will participate in leading some hymns and service music on a weekly basis, and will present anthems on a schedule to be determined in consultation with the Director of Music
- Oversee and assure maintenance, care, and tracking of all music, robes, and other youth music ministry property
- Serve as the principal point of contact for children's families
- Identify and recruit members for the children's choirs
- Help to promote youth music activities through announcements, newsletter items, emails, and church social media
- Be a patient, kind, supportive resource for both choristers and their families



**Qualifications:**

- Experience with and passion for working with children and youth
- Successful experience conducting and musically training children
- Enthusiasm for reaching out to and including newcomers, including non-traditional families
- Foundational knowledge of music theory and solfege and the ability to introduce these in an age appropriate way
- Keyboard skills sufficient to lead rehearsals alone. An accompanist (Director of Music or organist) will be present to play for all services
- Deep and thoughtful Christian faith, and an appreciation for the Episcopal tradition
- A bachelor's degree in music or music education is preferred, but not required
- Creativity, openness, and a collaborative spirit

This is a part time position requiring an average of approximately 10 hours/week, and will run approximately 40 weeks during the school year. This position is being offered initially as a one-year agreement, with the intent of beginning in the Fall of 2021. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and references via email to Eric Schnobrick, Director of Music, [music@stpaulsalexandria.com](mailto:music@stpaulsalexandria.com).