

Rev. Dr. Audrey Schindler

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First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF PORTLAND

Greg Homza

Director of Music Ministries

Madeline Ross

Music Assistant

Joseph Ostrand

Handbell Choir Director

Daniel Nyounai-Herrera

Children's Music Director

First Presbyterian Church of Portland, Oregon is seeking a:

Tenor Section Leader

Founded in 1854, FPC is an urban congregation of approximately 500 members, worshipping in its historic 1890 Sanctuary at 12th and Alder in downtown Portland. The congregation is extremely appreciative of music, and proud of its musical heritage. Hymns are sung lustily and with good courage, choral and solo offerings are varied and stimulating, and all of the music serves to enhance the majestic worship that is at the very heart of what FPC does as a church. More information can be found at www.firstpresportland.org.

The Music Ministry at FPC employs eight professional singers who provide leadership for the volunteer Chancel Choir (approximately 30 singers). We are seeking an exceptional ensemble singer who is an excellent reader, has superb pitch, and demonstrates the flexibility to perform in a variety of musical styles, both within the ensemble and as a soloist. Choral conducting and/or organ/piano skills are also highly desirable (additional stipends are generally available for conducting or playing), as is church choir experience. But the most basic requirements are a “team player” mentality, and the ability to provide musical support by singing with confidence, accuracy, and beauty of tone.

The choir sings for approximately 46 weeks (September through June), including 2 Christmas Eve services, evening services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, 2 Easter Sunday services, and occasional other services, all of which are compensated. Some or all staff singers are asked (but not expected) to sing on Sundays during July and August. (There are generally no Thursday rehearsals in July and August.) Currently, rehearsals are on **Thursday** evenings from **7:30pm to 9:30pm**, and the **Sunday** worship service is at **10:30am** (with warm-up at **9:30am**), usually lasting about an hour. (Each “call” actually comprises 2.5 hours, but they are ordinarily closer to 2 hours.)

Preference will be given to candidates who can commit to the regular Thursday/Sunday schedule with very few conflicts. (A reasonable number of absences are expected, but it is essential that they be communicated as soon as possible, ideally at least a month in advance, but no later than a week in advance.) Additionally, availability for Christmas Eve and Holy Week/Easter is highly desirable.

Starting pay range is \$40-\$45 per call, negotiable depending on education and experience.

To request an interview/audition, please send a letter of interest/introduction, current resume, and preferably at least one video/audio file (or link) to Greg Homza at ghomza@firstpresportland.org. Auditions/interviews will start immediately and continue until the position is filled. Thank you for your consideration.