

Interim Music Director (Parts 1 & 2)
University Baptist Church

After our Associate Minister for Music and Worship retires on May 31, 2021, University Baptist Church will need a person or people to direct the music until finding a new Associate Minister. Since the retiring minister has had such a long and fruitful tenure, the church will form a Ministry Transition Team. This group will examine the past, present, and future of the church's music ministry. They plan to complete their work by August 2021. At that time, a Search Committee will begin looking for the next Associate Minister for Music and Worship.

In the interim, the church will divide the responsibilities into three parts. We will look for a person or two people to take care of parts one and two, and the Associate Minister for Community will handle the third part (worship planning). All duties below are subject to easing of State and local COVID restrictions to enable safe performance of these duties as they relate to choral singing. The duties of both Parts One and Two may include modifying typical rehearsals and/or performance practices to be consistent with such restrictions (use of virtual rehearsals, creative performance styles – e.g., spread throughout sanctuary balcony rather than in choir loft, etc.).

Part One – Sanctuary Choir – 6-10 hours/week

- Plan and lead weekly rehearsal on Wednesday evenings
- Conduct the choir and participate in Sunday morning worship
- Conduct the choir and participate in special services (e.g., Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday)
- Optional: Plan, organize, and lead major works or special programs (e.g., a Summer Choir program or Handel's *Messiah*, etc.)

Part Two – Jubilate – 6-15 hours/week

- Jubilate is a collegiate auditioned choir comprised primarily of undergraduate and graduate students from the University of Virginia and is in its 48th year.
- Work with student steering committee and church staff to recruit new members
- Plan and lead 1-2 rehearsals per week
- Conduct Jubilate in Sunday morning worship 3 times over the academic year
- Plan and lead Jubilate Christmas Concert
- Plan and lead 3-4 other concerts over the academic year

Candidates should have a bachelors or graduate degree in musical performance, choral conducting or a related field, and/or equivalent experience. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

One person can apply for part one, part two, or both.

The interim position will end when the congregation votes to call a new Associate Minister for Music and Worship.

Email your cover letter, resume, and references to the Senior Minister, Dr. Matthew Tennant (matt@universitybaptist.org).