



Sanctuary Worship Lead



Worship



Full-Time



First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs

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In the heart of downtown Colorado Springs sits a church that was born along with its city. Entering its 150th year of faithful ministry 3,000 members strong, **First Pres** is not a monument to the past but a thriving ministry for the future.

We invite you to join with us to lead 2,000 worshippers of five generations in a bold and dynamic experience to glorify God each week. If you are looking for a rich heritage of traditional worship with contemporary relevance, a choir that sings Brahms and Brooklyn Tabernacle in the same month, and an innovative young staff creatively returning praise to God each Sunday, this is the position for you! Watch online to experience First Pres Sunday services at firstprescos.org/watch. Be sure to scroll back to pre-COVID services.

The **Sanctuary Worship Lead (SWL)** carries the privilege of deepening and extending the rich heritage of traditional, choir-led worship at **First Pres**. The SWL serves on the highly spiritual, intensely collaborative Worship Lead Team comprised of the Creative Director, the SWL and the Contemporary Worship Leader, and led personally by our Lead Pastor. The Worship Lead Team develops passionate and energetic worship planning to support and amplify the message from the Word, series by series and week by week. At First Pres, two-mode worship is standard. Two traditional services in the Sanctuary feature a 100+ voice Sanctuary Choir affectionately named Big Blue, and two services in the Worship Center are contemporary praise. We are committed to an equally high standard of excellence in both settings. Our livestream every Sunday reaches thousands in Colorado Springs, nationally, and all over the world.

The SWL harnesses and develops the voice and instrumental talent of First Pres to produce vibrant traditional worship in the Sanctuary. He or she takes on a visible leadership and

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First Pres' Seven Values



Live for God



Hold Fast



Keep Growing



Love Like Jesus



Share Good News



Deploy Generosity



Make Beauty



conducting role in worship. A community builder who loves Christian fellowship will thrive leading our Sanctuary Choir, and leading others to build additional choirs and ensembles to support Sanctuary worship. First Pres accesses musicians from all over the Pikes Peak region to support both Sunday worship modes, but also to create special music offerings and concerts for our community. The SWL must be exceptionally competent and highly experienced in music leadership of large choirs, large orchestras, small choral ensembles, children's groups, and instrumentalists—yet humble, surrendered and outspokenly Christ-centered and message-focused. Talent, however, is not enough. Your abiding passion for our Lord and Savior is required for this position!

If the Lord has given you the gift of leading, high excellence in music performance, the ability to create and innovate, and every day you lay it all at the feet of our Lord in thanksgiving, please apply for this position. We look forward to hearing from you!

Requirements

EDUCATION: A Bachelor of Arts degree from an accredited institution in music composition, vocal arts, music education, or performance is required. A Master of Arts in music with a thorough understanding of choral conducting, ensemble sound and vocal techniques is highly preferred.

EXPERIENCE: A minimum 5-years experience of demonstrated excellence and proficiency as a conductor of large amateur choirs, large orchestras, small vocal ensembles, and small instrumental groups with evident giftedness in communication, articulation of message, and engaging rehearsal and worship leadership.

DESIRED TRAITS: Winsome and infectious individual with great ability to bring people into big ideas and produce results along with an enormous heart for the Lord, the ability to share the background stories, and a constant posture of humbleness before God.

This is a full-time position and includes competitive salary, generous health and welfare benefits, leave and retirement planning. Apply online at firstprescos.org/employment or send your resume and letter of interest to Garrett Prather at gprather@firstprescos.org. Call with questions to Garrett at (719) 884-6190.