

St. James United Church

400 Burnhamthorpe Rd
(just east of Hwy 427)
Etobicoke ON

Choral Lead/Soloist Position Description

Updated 2022-04-12

Section/Voice Type: **Alto or Mezzo-soprano**

Adult Choirs: Chancel Choir (18-23 members, auditioned)

Senior Choir (29-35 members, non-auditioned, with Chancel Choir as its core)

Term: September through June, plus one Sunday during July/August

Employment Status: Contract Position

Reports to: Music Minister

Pay Structure: Contract amount, payable in 10 equal monthly installments during the term

Services:

1. Sing chorally in, and lead, designated section in all choral repertoire and congregational song
2. Sing solos within choral repertoire, as assigned by the Music Minister
3. Musically assist volunteer members of the SJUC adult choirs
4. Sing prelude or special music solos (currently once every six weeks September-June, plus once on one July/August Sunday), scheduled and repertoire selected in consultation with the Music Minister
5. Lead congregational song as cantor, as assigned by the Music Minister

Schedule:

1. Thursday choir rehearsals (currently 7:45-8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir and 8:30-9:45 p.m. Senior Choir)
2. Sunday morning Chancel Choir rehearsals (approximately bi-weekly, currently 9:25-9:55 a.m.)
3. Sunday morning worship (currently c10:00 a.m. choral warm-up, c10:20-11:45 Worship Service)
4. Special Services with choir
 - Candlelight Carol Service (currently third Sunday evening of December)
 - Christmas Eve early evening worship service
 - Good Friday morning worship service (every other year)
 - Choir Fundraising Concert (one per year)

Responsibilities:

1. Work under the supervision of, and report to, the Music Minister
2. Prepare applicable music in advance of all rehearsals
3. Perform duties in a professional manner and in a way that facilitates a cohesive ensemble
4. Attend rehearsals and services on time
5. Comply with the SJUC adult choirs' policies

During the current pandemic, duties are modified, including remote and recorded performance of duties, as may be required for virtual worship and rehearsals.

To apply for this position, or for additional information or questions, please contact J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister, at (905) 683-5757 or jccoolen@sympatico.ca