

ALTAMONT REFORMED CHURCH
Organist (Part-Time)

The Organist will be responsible for playing the pipe organ for worship services and assist in worship service planning as requested by the pastor. The church's pipe organ was installed in the early 1900s and has been rebuilt twice. The most recent rebuild included a solid-state action, multiplex switching system, midi, and transposition keys.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Play the organ for all Sunday morning services and special services (Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday). Sunday services usually include a prelude, offertory, and postlude, and accompaniment for congregational singing.
- Accompany the Chancel Choir on organ or piano and attend choir rehearsals, as needed.
- Advise church staff when the organ or pianos need maintenance or tuning.
- Provide music for weddings and funerals held at the church for an additional fee negotiated by the Organist.
- Secure substitute organist/pianist for planned absences.
- Advise the ARC Worship Life Committee on preparation of the music ministry budget.

Skills and Qualifications

- At least five years of experience as a church organist is preferred.
- Knowledge of church music, preferably within the Reformed Church
- Familiarity with the pipe organ and its maintenance requirements
- Ability to sight-read hymns and simple anthem accompaniments

It is expected that the Organist will work an average of eight (8) hours per week and is entitled to take four (4) Sundays off per year.

Candidates for this position will be asked to interview with the Worship Life Committee and to play an audition on the ARC organ. Candidates will be given an opportunity to practice on the organ before the audition, if they request.

Please e-mail a cover letter and resume to nancymacarc@gmail.com or mail to Altamont Reformed Church, PO Box 671, Altamont, NY 12009.