Grace Okafor

Church Musician

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SUMMARY

Church musician with 6 years of service playing on organ and piano and choral conducting for adult and youth choirs. Plans music for about 140 services a year with clergy, runs weekly choir rehearsal for 40 singers and holds the AGO Service Playing Certificate.

EXPERIENCE

Church Musician

09/2022 - Present

Cedar Hollow Presbyterian Church

Charlotte, NC

Congregation of 650 members with two Sunday services and a weekday preschool.

- Perform on organ and piano for 2 Sunday services, weddings and funerals, about **140** services a year.
- Lead choir rehearsal each week for a 28-voice adult choir and a 12-member youth choir.
- Coordinate liturgical planning with the pastor 8 weeks ahead, posting hymns and anthems in Planning Center.
- Recruit singers and instrumentalists for holiday services, growing the Christmas Eve ensemble from 18 to 34.

Assistant Organist

08/2020 - 08/2022

Sardis Oaks United Methodist Church

Charlotte, NC

Part-time role at a 1,200-member congregation with a day school.

- Played organ for the early Sunday service and handled hymn playing at **3** weekly school chapels.
- Provided accompanying for the chancel choir and 4 handbell and youth ensembles.
- Prepared new anthems through sight-reading and music theory study, often with one week of notice.
- Directed the 16-voice children's choir for 2 seasons, preparing 6 anthems a year for Sunday worship.

SKILLS

- Organ
- Piano
- Choral Conducting
- Choir Rehearsal
- Hymn Playing
- Liturgical Planning
- Accompanying
- Sight-Reading
- Music Theory
- Planning Center

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Music

05/2020

Appalachian State University

Boone, NC

Organ Performance

CERTIFICATES

Service Playing Certificate

06/2021

American Guild of Organists