

# **Christ Episcopal Church New Bern, NC**

## **Position Description Director of Music**

### **Background New Bern, NC**

New Bern, located in Eastern NC, is considered one of the fastest growing regions in the US. The city is a picturesque and progressive community of 30,000+ residents situated at the confluence of the Neuse and Trent Rivers. New Bern is North Carolina's premier historic city offering a high quality of life to citizens while boasting a culture steeped in over 300 years of history and tradition. Founded in 1710, it is the second oldest town in North Carolina and was the first state capital. The city comprises four National Register Historic Districts, a stellar North Carolina History Center, a completely revitalized waterfront and downtown city center with a prosperous business base. New Bern's vibrant community supports various aspects of the arts including galleries and art studios, live music, active local theatres, festivals and other special events throughout the year. The city is also home to churches of nearly every denomination, many of which are historic structures in which congregations have worshipped for hundreds of years.

## **Christ Episcopal Church**

Christ Church has served as a place of worship for over 300 years. Consecrated in 1875, the present church is the third building to occupy the church grounds. It is individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The church sanctuary remains preserved as an historic structure. In 2008, the parish completed a \$6.4 million renovation of meeting spaces, education wings, administrative offices and church-owned properties adjacent to the church. In 2020, the interior of the sanctuary was freshly painted, pews were refurbished, the ceiling cleaned and the wood floors restored to their original beauty. Today, nearly 600 active church families support dozens of ministries, educational programs and outreach efforts. Among these is a vibrant music program. Music is an integral part of the services conducted throughout the church year. Special sacred concerts include Evensongs, an All Saints Day requiem, Advent Lessons and Carols and Taize services. Christ Church has often been the host location for the East Carolina Diocesan convention.

A wealth of information about Christ Church may be found on the church website: [www.christchurchnewbern.com](http://www.christchurchnewbern.com). The Music at Christ Church tab provides more information about choirs, hand bells, pipe organ and carillon.