Congregational Music Leader

City Gates Church
Hudsonville, Michigan
Part-Time | Approximately 6–8 hours per week

About City Gates Church

City Gates Church is a young, Christ-centered church serving the Hudsonville, Grandville, and Byron Center communities. We are committed to the authority of Scripture, the centrality of the gospel, meaningful life together in the local church, and simple, biblically faithful worship.

Beginning **November 1, 2026**, City Gates will gather on Sunday mornings at **10am** at:

The Sanctuary Place
3233 Greenly St
Hudsonville, MI 49426

We are seeking a part-time **Congregational Music Leader** to help lead our church in thoughtful, Christ-centered congregational singing.

The Role

Our philosophy of music ministry is intentionally simple. We are not seeking to build a performance-oriented worship program. We want to help the congregation sing together with confidence, understanding, and joy.

The Congregational Music Leader will work closely with the pastor to select and lead approximately four to five songs each Sunday. Our music includes historic hymns, modern hymns, and other doctrinally rich congregational songs chosen for biblical faithfulness, singability, and suitability for our church.

The ideal candidate will be able to lead vocally while accompanying the congregation on either piano/keyboard (provided) or acoustic guitar.

This position may be filled by an experienced part-time ministry leader or structured as a **paid ministry internship for a qualified college student**. We would also be open to discussing a shared arrangement involving two students who could alternate responsibilities while gaining experience in congregational music ministry.

Responsibilities

The Congregational Music Leader will:

- Lead congregational singing during the weekly Sunday worship service.
- Accompany the congregation competently on piano/keyboard or acoustic guitar
- Work with the pastor to select approximately four to five songs each week.
- Select songs consistent with church doctrine and musical guidelines.

- Choose keys and simple arrangements that encourage congregational participation.
- Prepare during the week so that Sunday leadership is confident and well organized.
- Communicate song selections, lyrics, and other information in a timely manner.
- Assist with music for special services such as Christmas and Easter.
- Help incorporate and encourage other musicians as opportunities arise.

A regular midweek rehearsal is not currently anticipated. Preparation may generally be completed independently, with communication and planning occurring throughout the week.

Qualifications

We are primarily looking for Christian character, theological alignment, good musical judgment, and a desire to serve the local church.

The ideal candidate:

- Is a committed Christian who demonstrates a growing love for Christ, Scripture, and the local church.
- Is able to affirm and serve comfortably within the theological convictions and ministry philosophy of City Gates Church.
- Understands music ministry primarily as helping God's people sing rather than performing for an audience.
- Has a clear and confident singing voice.
- Can competently accompany congregational singing on piano/keyboard or guitar.
- Demonstrates reliability, humility, preparation, and a willingness to receive pastoral direction.
- Has good judgment regarding songs, keys, arrangements, and congregational accessibility.
- Appreciates historic hymns, modern hymns, and doctrinally rich contemporary congregational music.

Formal musical training, ministry experience, or a degree in music or ministry is welcome but is not required.

Participation in Church Life

Because we understand music ministry as an expression of life together in the local church, we are looking for more than someone who simply arrives on Sunday to provide musical services.

We hope to find someone who desires to know the people of City Gates Church, worship regularly with us, and participate meaningfully in the life of the congregation.

Church membership is not required at the outset, particularly for a student or intern, but the candidate should be comfortable becoming genuinely connected to the church community during his or her time of service.

Student / Internship Opportunity

For a college student pursuing music, worship ministry, pastoral ministry, biblical studies, or a related field, this position can be structured as a paid ministry internship.

In addition to leading congregational music, an internship could include:

- Regular mentoring and feedback from the pastor.
- Participation in service and song planning.
- Discussion of the biblical and theological foundations of gathered worship.
- Development in evaluating congregational songs for theology and usefulness.
- Practical experience leading a local congregation.
- Opportunities to grow in ministry responsibility over the course of the internship.

We are willing to work with the college and the student to accommodate appropriate internship or experiential-learning requirements.

Schedule and Time Commitment

The position will generally require approximately **6–8 hours per week**, including:

- Weekly song selection and communication;
- Personal musical preparation;
- Preparation of necessary song information or materials; and
- Sunday morning preparation and worship.

Beginning November 1, 2026, Sunday worship begins at 10am. Candidates should expect to arrive sufficiently early for setup, soundcheck, and preparation before the service.

Compensation

Compensation will depend on experience and the structure of the position.

For an experienced part-time leader, anticipated compensation is approximately **$25–$30 per hour**.

For a student ministry internship, compensation would generally be approximately **$18–$22 per hour**, depending on experience and responsibilities.

We want the position to provide fair compensation while remaining first and foremost a meaningful opportunity to serve and participate in the ministry of a local church.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should provide:

- A résumé or brief summary of relevant musical, ministry, and church experience.
- A short introduction describing their Christian faith and involvement in a local church.

- A brief description of their understanding of the role of music in gathered Christian worship.
- If available, a simple audio or video recording demonstrating their ability to sing and accompany themselves on piano or guitar.

A highly produced recording is not necessary. We are primarily interested in whether a candidate can confidently and naturally help a congregation sing.

Contact

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To learn more about City Gates Church, including our beliefs, philosophy of ministry, and church life, visit **citygateschurch.com**.