

**Milford First United Methodist Church**  
**Ministry Position Description**

**Praise Band Leader**

(Part-time, salaried position, 10-15 hours/week)

Milford First United Methodist Church is actively seeking a talented musician to support the mission and vision of Milford First by leading the praise band (“Quarter to Nine”) and musical elements for our 9 a.m. Sunday morning contemporary worship service, and other special services, as needed. This is a part-time, salaried position requiring approximately 15 hours of work per week.

**Accountable To:** Lead Pastor

**General Requirements of Milford First Staff:**

- Must have a Christian faith and a call to serve God through their position with the ability to articulate both
- Aligns with and supports the key DNA of Milford First United Methodist Church, including mission, vision, strategy, core values, and beliefs (visit [milfordfirstumc.org/who-we-are](http://milfordfirstumc.org/who-we-are) to review this information)
- Commitment to supporting the United Methodist Church and a church that is inclusive of all people
- Commitment to a lifestyle of personal spiritual growth
- Approaches their position as a ministry, not just a job
- Operates with a ministry philosophy where staff not only fulfill specific ministry functions, but also develop, equip and mobilize others
- Participates fully in the essential life of the church through regular worship attendance, committed prayer, spiritual formation, servant ministry, generous giving and community outreach

**Primary Responsibilities:**

- Works with the lead pastor and staff to design, develop and plan weekly worship experiences
- Selects relevant and message-appropriate music for the contemporary worship experience at Milford First, outdoor worship events, and all other services and events, as needed
- Coordinates selected music and lyrics with the director of digital and community engagement
- Recruits, trains and leads a team of worship musicians
- Coordinates all scheduling of praise band members (including sound team)
- Ensures leadership coverage for weekly praise band rehearsals and services
- Maintains awareness of status of church-owned musical equipment and makes recommendations to church leadership on additional or changing needs

**Specific Skills and Abilities Required:**

- Maturity of Christian character and gifts for ministry
- Excellent ability to lead music ministry teams
- Very reliable and trustworthy
- Spiritual discernment and commitment to prayer
- Willingness and passion for sharing Jesus' message and God's love with others
- Displays a humble heart and leads music with the intent to help others worship, not from a personal performance mentality
- Commitment to team-based ministry
- Recruits, trains and develops additional and/or replacement musicians and singers on an ongoing basis
- Ability to delegate and multiply leadership by equipping and releasing others to serve
- Ability to be flexible and adapt to ministry needs and changes
- Ability to prepare and organize necessary music for singers and instrumentalists
- Proficient understanding of sound technology and musical equipment is preferred

**Read to apply?** Please send your resume and cover letter to [jobs@milfordfirstumc.org](mailto:jobs@milfordfirstumc.org) for consideration.