

We are pleased to announce to you the hiring of an Interim Director of Music for SJTL, beginning immediately.

Ellen G. Johnston holds Masters of Music in Music and in Music History from SMU. She holds a BA in piano from Centenary College of Louisiana. She is consulted at the national level, and serves as conference leader at a number of Episcopal dioceses across the nation. She is concluding work at VTS on a book for clergy, choirs, directors, and church musicians.

Ellen, the wife of our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, is a consummate musician with a wide variety of experiences in a wide range of musical areas. From planning liturgies for numerous diocesan events to rehearsing and directing choirs, both children's and adults; to establishing music programs for church plants to mentoring an EfM seminar, Ellen will bring a rich variety of musical knowledge to St. James the Less.

She is excited about our vision for the future of SJTL being a sacred center for Ashland and the surrounding region, for expanding the music selections we use in worship, for including musicians of all ages and talents in the life of the parish music, and for establishing relationships with the music community surrounding us, such as at R-MC, VCU, and the "musicians' world" of the area.

Please join in welcoming Ellen into the SJTL community!