

# The Greater Columbia Organist



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## 2019-2020 Will be an Exciting Year for AGO! More information in upcoming newsletters!



- Tues., Sept. 17, 7:00 p.m. - Jordan DeRouen in recital; Basilica of St. Peter; dinner for members and a guest at 5:45.
- Sat., Oct. 19, (Morning) - Pipe Organ Discovery Day with Stephen Spake; Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Come build a small pipe organ.
- Fri., Nov. 22, 7:00 p.m. - 2019 YOC Winner's Recital by Nhat Tong; Shandon UMC; reception following.
- January - Epiphany Dinner
- February - Choral Workshop
- March - Young Organist Competition 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recital with Jacob Reed, 2011 YOC Winner; 2019 Young Organist Competition
- April - Silent Film Event
- May - Installation of Officers Dinner

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### ***Yours for the Taking!***



I was contacted this summer by a friend of the Young Organist Competition (non-AGO member) who has generously supported the contest since its inception. An avid listener to organ music, Peter Stewart has through the years recorded many of the *PipeDreams* programs on public radio. His project resulted in 214 beautifully produced and packaged CDs of the programs. Now in their retirement, he and his wife have decided to downsize and he needs to find a home (or homes) for his collection.

Beginning with the September 17<sup>th</sup> AGO program, I will have two boxes full of the CDs at each meeting for your perusal. I hope you will adopt some of these musical gifts from a dear friend of the AGO chapter. These are **FREE** to AGO members. ~ *Frances Webb*

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Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO presents

**Jordan DeRouen, Organist**  
**In Recital\***



**Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

7:00 p.m.

**Basilica of St. Peter**

1529 Assembly Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Jordan DeRouen serves as Organist and Choirmaster for the historic Basilica of St. Peter in Columbia SC. He earned the Bachelor of Sacred Music at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches LA, where he studied organ with Mary de Ville, and the Master of Music in Organ Performance from Southern Methodist University in Dallas TX, studying with renowned concert artist Stefan Engels. Jordan has also participated in the French Organ Music Seminar (FOMS), where he has been able to receive instruction from some of the most influential organists in the world. Additionally, he has received numerous scholarship awards from the seminar in both composition and improvisation. Mr. DeRouen has performed throughout the USA and Europe, including the Vatican Basilica of St. Peter in Rome, and the Cathedral of St. Patrick in New York City.

\*The recital will include works by Bach, Marchand, Vierne, and Dupré.

# Standard of Excellence



## Catawba College - Salisbury, North Carolina



Catawba College is a small, faith-based (UCC), liberal arts college located about 45 miles north of Charlotte in the quaint town of Salisbury, NC. The 1000-seat Omwake-Dearborn Chapel, named for two former college presidents, is now 55 years old. At the time of the dedication, an electronic organ was in place but was later replaced by a 42 rank 3 manual Casavant pipe organ. Over the years, the pipe organ fell into disrepair and its baroque tonality fell out of favor. Several attempts were made to either repair the Casavant or replace it. Al Murrell, Vice President of R. A. Daffer Church Organs, Inc., built a strong relationship with Professor Paul Oakley and his successor Dr. Phillip Burgess by providing Rodgers Organs for their annual service of lessons and carols. Because of the relationship Al built over the years with college personnel, R.A.Daffer Church Organs, Inc was chosen to build and install the new four manual 84 stop Rodgers Organ. In addition, 17 ranks of the existing Casavant Organ were incorporated into the new instrument. The project which includes new wind chests will be completed in April of 2019. We wish to thank Dr. Phillip Burgess, Associate Chair of Music and

Mr. Bill Graham, Chair of Trustees for putting their trust in our company for this project. The new instrument will enrich the weddings and services that are held in this exquisite chapel for many year



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# 10 YEAR *Anniversary*

In March of 2020, the Young Organist Competition will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The winner from 2011, the first year of the competition, will return to Columbia and perform a recital. Jacob Reed, whose biography appears below, will present a concert at Trinity Cathedral on Friday evening, March 6. The competition will take place on Saturday, March 7 at Shandon United Methodist Church.

Jacob Reed is the first student ever to receive a simultaneous BA/MA in musicology from Yale University (double major in mathematics) where he studied organ first with Thomas Murray and then with Martin Jean and harpsichord with Arthur Haas. Born in Oxford, England, and raised in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Jacob was a 2013 U.S. Presidential Scholar, and was selected as a 2013 YoungArts National Finalist by the National YoungArts Foundation – one of 152 finalists out of nearly 10,000 applicants, and the only organist among the 19 classical musicians. Over the past several years, he has given recitals across the United States, Europe, and Canada. In addition to his solo, ensemble and church service playing as an organist, Jacob has also performed frequently as a soloist, accompanist, and chamber musician on piano, harpsichord, and viola da gamba. At Yale, he was a member of the Yale Temperament Viol Consort, instrumentalist and vocalist for the Yale Collegium Musicum, and first harpsichordist for the Yale Baroque Opera Project. Jacob was artist-in-residence as organist and pianist at the 2016 and 2017 iterations of the Uncommon Music Festival in Sitka, Alaska. Appointed in the fall of 2017, Jacob has been the Organ Scholar at Grace Episcopal Church in New York City for the past two years. Jacob was the winner of the first Young Organist Competition (2011) and will perform a recital at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia SC on March 6, 2020.



Stay tuned for more exciting news about the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in upcoming newsletters.



## August Birthdays

**8/04**      **William Scobee**  
**8/06**      **Norman McCorkle**



**The 20<sup>th</sup> of every month is the deadline for the following month's AGO newsletter. Information received after that time may not appear in that month's newsletter.**

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# POSITIONS AVAILABLE

## **\*\* NEW LISTING - OR CHANGES**

Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com)) to update this information or for more information on these openings.

### **CAMDEN**

***Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church*** (LSUMC) in Camden, SC is looking for a Worship Leader for our elevate! worship service. This Praise/Contemporary service currently meets twice/month. We are actively working to transition to a weekly service and need/want a Worship Leader to assist us with the transition. Initially the position is part-time. Greater Columbia AGO members contact Susan for copy of flyer with more information. Others, please contact the church or Joan McCulley, Chair elevate! Steering and Search Committees 610-513-7855 (cell)

### **CHARLESTON**

***Martin Luther Lutheran Church*** is seeking a part-time Music Director to lead our music on Sunday morning and for other services. We need someone who plays organ and piano, can direct our choir, and can start a handbell choir. Directing a children's choir could be a possibility as we are slowly gaining children.

Profile:

- One service: 9:00a.m., and weekly Adult Choir rehearsal
- Other services as needed (Christmas Eve, Advent and Lenten Wednesday evenings, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, funerals and weddings as needed)
- An organ and a grand piano are in the sanctuary. Pianos in the choir room and fellowship hall.

Contact the congregation for details outlining qualifications, responsibilities, etc. Persons interested in applying should provide a complete resume and professional references. Send resume and references to Martin Luther Lutheran Church at [MLLC@knology.net](mailto:MLLC@knology.net)

Church Office phone: (843) 795-4855 1605 Harborview Rd. Charleston (James Island), SC 29412

### **CHERAW**

***First Presbyterian Church*** (PCUSA), 300 Market Street, Cheraw, SC 29520, is a vibrant and happy congregation looking for a part-time organist. The organ, which can be seen on the church's website [www.cherawfpc.org](http://www.cherawfpc.org), was built by Gabriel Kney and Associates of London, Ontario, in 1986, and is designed to lead the congregation in glorious singing, to accompany the choir and to perform in recitals. It is tracker action but has combination action to make it accessible for different periods of music. It has two manuals and 26 ranks of pipes. There is one service a week with one choir rehearsal. Occasionally, the organist will be expected to accompany soloists and small instrumental ensembles. This individual will serve as organist at weddings and funerals, which are a source of additional income for the organist. The organist will collaborate with the choir director and pastor to plan for services. Special services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The organist may accompany the children's choir as they sing in a worship service (with a short rehearsal before they sing). The position is open Sunday, April 23, 2017. For the complete job description and more information, contact Christie McLeod at [acmcleod1995@roadrunner.com](mailto:acmcleod1995@roadrunner.com) or 843-910-4538.

### **CHESTER**

***Purity Presbyterian Church*** 135 Wylie Street, P.O. Box 278 Chester, SC 803-377-8176

Director of Music/Organist. Austin Pipe Organ, 1976, .38 ranks and a movable, two manual console, designed for worship service and for concert use.

Job Description Purpose: The Director of Music & Organist is foremost a disciple of Jesus Christ who seeks to give glory to God and enrich the congregation's encounter with God by utilizing musical talents to provide sacred music during scheduled worship services and other activities, supporting the music ministry and worship at Purity Presbyterian Church. The ideal candidate will be familiar with Presbyterian theology and traditions or demonstrate a willingness to learn to preserve a Christ-centered worship experience which glorifies God and honors our rich heritage. See full job description at <https://www.puritypc.org> under "Worship." Send resumes to: Rev. Jason W. Myers at [puritypcpastor@truvista.net](mailto:puritypcpastor@truvista.net)

## **COLUMBIA**

***Living Springs Lutheran Church***, 4224 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223. Part-time Organist/Accompanist. Living Springs is hiring a part-time organist/accompanist to work alongside our Worship and Music Team, and to enhance the worship services of our growing, diverse congregation. This person would be responsible for playing organ and/or piano on Sunday mornings for both services, attending Wednesday rehearsals with our choir (with summers off), and accompanying the choir at special concerts and events. Approximately 21-25 hours per Month. Contact Living Springs Minister of Worship, Deacon Justin Rimbo, 803-736-0661, [justin@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:justin@livingspringscolumbia.org).

***McGregor Presbyterian Church (USA)***, 6505 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia SC 29212 is seeking a Part-time Director of Children's Choirs for ages 4-year preschool through fifth grade. Duties include directing weekly Sunday evening rehearsals and preparing anthems for Sunday morning worship services. Preference will be given to candidates with a degree in music, elementary level choral directing experience, and proficiency in both piano and voice. The position is for the nine months of the school year, approximately 6 hours per week, with compensation based upon education and experience. This position could be expanded to include the position of Part-time Music Teacher in the McGregor Presbyterian Preschool. For more information, contact Joy Ackerman, Director of Music, at [jpackerman@att.net](mailto:jpackerman@att.net), or at 803-414-0479.

***McGregor Presbyterian Preschool***, 6505 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia SC 29212 is seeking a part-time Music Teacher in their week-day morning program serving children from 2 to 4 years old. Responsibilities include teaching one day a week, to equal 6 hours per month. Candidates must have a background in working with young children. Preference will be given to those with experience in teaching music to young children. The position is for the nine month school year. It is possible that this position could be expanded to include the position of Director of Children's Choirs for McGregor Presbyterian Church (USA). For more information, please contact Rhonda Marino, Preschool Director, at [rmarino@mcgpres.org](mailto:rmarino@mcgpres.org), or at (803)-781-2539.

Rehoboth United Methodist Church seeking part-time pianist/organist/choir director for weekly choir practice and services, including Sunday morning worship, special seasonal services, and revival. Send letter of interest and resume to SPRC-RUMC, 6911 Two Notch Rd, Columbia SC 29223.

***Sherwood Forest Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church***, Columbia SC, has opening for a part time (20 hours/month) church organist/pianist and choir accompanist. We are a small traditional hymn singing congregation. Duties include regular Sunday worship as well as special services. To apply, email resume/ letter to [Secretary@sherwoodforestchurch.com](mailto:Secretary@sherwoodforestchurch.com) or call 803-787-6370.

***St. Mark United Methodist Church***, 3200 Lyles St, 29201, an open and welcoming small congregation in Columbia, SC, is seeking a part-time organist or pianist. Duties include planning and playing for the 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship service and accompanying the chancel choir which practices at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Experience appropriate for a church keyboard musician is desired. The congregation enjoys a variety of music from classical to contemporary. Instruments include a two manual Allen digital organ, a new Yamaha digital piano, and a Schulmerich carillon. Please send resume with cover letter to [stmarkumccola@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkumccola@gmail.com) or call Wayne Hall at (803) 252-7297 for more information.

## **GOOSE CREEK**

***St. Timothy Lutheran Church***, PO Box 807, Goose Creek SC 29445, Part Time Organist Position. 2012 Allen Quantum Q265D, 37-stop 2-manual console. The ideal candidate has experience playing a traditional liturgical service and accompanying a choir; vies organ skills as a service to God and as a vital part of worship leadership; is open to and reliant on following God's Spirit in a team environment. Please submit resume to: [info@sainttimothythlutheran.org](mailto:info@sainttimothythlutheran.org) with subject line Organist or Music Ministry.

## **HARTSVILLE**

***St Bartholomew's Church***, Hartsville, SC is in search of a part-time Organist. Duties include Sunday services, choir rehearsals, and any special services during the year. Vacation and continuing education included. Salary is \$180 per week and \$100 for additional services. Our instrument is a 32-rank, two manual, Casavant Freres Limitee. The organist reports to the Choir Director and the Rector. Send your resume to St. Bartholomew's at the address or via email.  
103 Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550 [stbarchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stbarchurch@gmail.com)-Church Office: (843) 332-8765

## **JOHNSTON**

***Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church*** is seeking a part-time Director of Music to support its worship and music ministry. The Director needs to be knowledgeable of traditional Lutheran worship, have good skills as an organist and pianist, be capable of conducting a volunteer choral choir and handbell choir, and supporting and encouraging the congregation's song. We have one Sunday service at 11:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. Applicants should send their resumes with two or three references to Lib Cumbee, Chair of the Worship and Music Committee, [cumbeeelizabeth42@gmail.com](mailto:cumbeeelizabeth42@gmail.com)

## **LAURENS**

***First Presbyterian Church Director of Music***

<https://www.firstpreslaurens.org/music-director-search>

The Director of Music is responsible for directing the Chancel Choir as well as developing and supporting all aspects of the music program including supervision of and/or directing (as necessary) the children's choirs. Encouraging, supporting and facilitating all musical talents present in the congregation are essential to this role.

This is a part-time position and salary is negotiable, depending on qualifications, experience and ability to perform as principal organist as well as Director of Music if required.

### **Responsibilities**

1. Chancel Choir - Conducting and leading the church's Chancel Choir is the primary responsibility of the Music Director. This includes music planning, recruiting members, oversight of regular rehearsals, the preparation of the choir for their participation in the church's Sunday morning worship, organization and leadership for special choral events and conducting the Chancel Choir during the Sunday morning worship. Selections of music for use during the Worship Services should be done in coordination with the Senior Pastor.
2. Oversight of the Church's Musician(s)
3. Special Events
4. Summer Choir Break: It is the responsibility of the Director of Music to provide suitable special music during the month by arranging solos, quartets, or other music during this time.
5. Music, Records and Instrument Maintenance and Budget - The Director of Music will be primarily responsible for the oversight and support of all musical endeavors of the church. This includes facilitating and coordinating the use of facilities and instruments when desired by sanctioned church organizations in accordance with Church Policy and Procedures. This may also include performing on the organ (if also serving as organist) or piano during weddings, funerals or other events held in the church if requested to do so or coordinating with other performers on behalf of the church if necessary.

Correspondence and questions may be sent to email address [fpclaurens@gmail.com](mailto:fpclaurens@gmail.com) or call the Church office at 864-984-6561 and someone will return your call.



## **LEXINGTON**

**\*\*Pilgrim Lutheran Church** is seeking to hire 1-2 part-time staff members to lead our music ministry. Responsibilities to include direction of chancel choir, bell choir, and contemporary praise band, as well as development of children's music ministry. Responsibilities could be filled by one part-time staff member or divided between two part-time staff members. Applicants should email their resume, along with the contact information for three references, [plc@wearepilgrim.com](mailto:plc@wearepilgrim.com).

**\*\*St. James Lutheran Church** (Red Bank, SC) is seeking a part-time Music Director to lead our music on Sunday morning and for other services. We need someone who plays piano (ability to play organ is a plus) and can direct our choir(s) – Adult, Handbell. The congregation has one Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., and weekly Adult Choir rehearsal • Other services as needed (Christmas Eve, Advent and Lenten Wednesday evenings, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, funerals and weddings as needed) • A pipe organ and a piano are in the sanctuary. Pianos in the choir room and fellowship hall. Contact the congregation for details outlining qualifications, responsibilities, etc. A job description can be found on the congregation's website (<https://www.stjameslex.com/>). Persons interested in applying should provide a complete resume and professional references. Send resume and references to St. James Lutheran Church at [office@stjameslex.com](mailto:office@stjameslex.com). Church Office phone: (803) 359-2122  
Address: 1358 S. Lake Drive, Lexington, SC 29073

**Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church** of Lexington, SC is seeking applications to fill the part time position of Organist/Music Associate. SGPC is a thriving ECO non-liturgical congregation in the heart of Lexington, SC, with an engaging music and arts ministry. The organist will serve on a team that includes the Director of Music and Arts, several audio/visual specialists and a staff pianist. Qualified candidates will possess at least an undergraduate degree in music and/or appropriate experience in a traditional worship setting. All interested candidates should contact Director of Music and Arts, Hal McIntosh at [hmcintosh@saxegotha.org](mailto:hmcintosh@saxegotha.org) or 803-359-7770, extension 13.

## **ORANGEBURG**

**First Baptist Church of Orangeburg** is seeking a part-time organist to provide service music for Sunday worship, as well as special occasions throughout the year. Regular duties include accompanying Wednesday night choir rehearsal (7:00 pm) and playing for Sunday worship services (11:00 a.m.). The organ is a Moller, 3 manual: swell; great; choir, with 31 ranks from the original installation. The pedal board was built to AGO standard. The organ was installed in 1968 and rebuilt by Schlueter Pipe Organ Company of Lithonia, Georgia in 2007, with additional Walker digital stops added. Resumés may be sent to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 637, Orangeburg, South Carolina, 29116 or emailed to [jane@fbcorangeburg.org](mailto:jane@fbcorangeburg.org).

**St. Andrew's United Methodist Church** is seeking a part-time organist/pianist/choir director. This position can be filled by one or two people. Our Möller organ was installed in 1980, has two 2 manuals, 18 ranks of pipes, and is further described on the Columbia AGO's website. Primary responsibilities include playing service music, congregational hymns, and preparing an anthem for one Sunday service each week, as well as leading choir rehearsal on Wednesday evening. In addition, the musician is expected to play for special seasonal services, funerals and weddings. Salary and vacation are commensurate with experience. For more information, please contact [standrews.orangeburg@umcsc.org](mailto:standrews.orangeburg@umcsc.org). Resumes may be emailed or sent to Musician Search Committee, St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 1980 Columbia Road, Orangeburg SC 29115.

## **SAVANNAH**

**First Presbyterian Church**, Savannah, GA is looking for a Director of Music and an Organist. **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Responsibilities include directing the Chancel Choir (20 current participants), directing or supervising a graded choir program for children and youth (50 current participants), and a potential for directing handbell choirs for adults and youth. Other duties include collaborative worship planning with clergy, managing a concert series of 4 concerts per year, and administrative tasks necessary to maintain a vibrant music ministry. 25-32 hours per week, depending on responsibilities assumed. For the right candidate, the position may be combined with the open organist position to create a full-time job. **ORGANIST:** The church has a 2005 3 manual, 47 rank Schleuter organ and a 9-foot Steinway piano. Responsibilities include accompanying the Chancel Choir and the Youth Choir, playing one service on Sunday mornings, plus special services during Advent and Lent. Depending on qualifications and interest, there is an opportunity for directing handbell choir(s). 20-25 hours per week, depending on responsibilities assumed. For the right candidate, the position may be combined with the open Director of Music position to create a full-time job. For more information, email Sherry McBeath, search committee chair: [musicsearch@savannahfpc.org](mailto:musicsearch@savannahfpc.org). Resumes must be submitted by June 15, 2019. EOE/AA.

## **SAINT MATTHEWS**

**St. Paul U.M.C.**, 1808 Bridge Street, Saint Matthews, SC 29135. We have an opening for an organist and choir director. Job requirements include choir practice at 9:30 a.m on Sunday mornings (or another time during the week) and worship service on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Some additional services throughout the year (Christmas Eve, funerals, etc.) may also be requested. The instrument is a 1937 Moeller Pipe Organ.

Please call (803) 874-2166 or email at [stpaulsmumc@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsmumc@gmail.com) for more details.

Pastor: Rev. Sara Relaford, Church Secretary: Lori Worsencroft

## **WEST COLUMBIA**

**Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church**, 1000 "B" Avenue. Organist/Choir Director, other. Please contact the church at (803) 796-5948. Job description coming soon.