

The Greater Columbia Organist

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January Chapter Program

Service Playing Repertoire: Go-to Gems

Thursday, January 13, 7:00 p.m.*

St. Andrews Lutheran Church

1416 Broad River Rd., Columbia, SC 29210.

The beginning of a new year is always a good time for new ideas. This program will be an opportunity to broaden our organ repertoire horizons, as members of our chapter play selections that have proven to be “winners” for them in their services. There will be some newer titles, some that have stood the test of time, and a variety of levels of difficulty. Members sharing their ideas in this informal setting will include some who have recently joined as well as more long-term members. It will be a great time to welcome some of our newer members.

***MUSIC SALE:** *Come at 6:00 p.m. to look through many boxes of organ and other music donated by Columbia area musicians. It will be on display for an hour before the program. You can “buy” all the music you are interested in for a donation of any amount. This money will go to the chapter for future programming.*

Save These Dates for Upcoming Chapter Programs

Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m. – Lecture/Recital by Nicholas Quardokus

The Old Made New: German Organ Chorales in the Baroque and Neoclassical Periods

Recently appointed Canon Organist and Director of Music at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston SC, Nicholas holds Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and Yale Institute of Sacred Music respectively. We're pleased that he will also serve as one of our 2022 YOC judges. This program will be at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, 6500 North Trenholm Rd., Columbia SC, 29206.

Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon – 2022 Young Organist Competition

Shandon United Methodist Church, 3407 Devine St., Columbia SC, 29205.

Plans are underway for an end-of-the-year event in May. More information will be coming.

Three Generations of Organists!

On Friday, November 19, the chapter hosted the winner of the 2021 Young Organist Competition in a recital at Trinity Cathedral in downtown Columbia.

Simon Templet, 17, from the New Orleans area, won First Prize and the Best Bach Performance award last March in the competition. His program featured works of J.S. Bach, Schumann, Dupré, Alain, and Duruflé. Simon studies organ with Steven Blackmon, organist and music



director at St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in New Orleans. Blackmon holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree from Winthrop University where he studied organ with David Lowry, Professor Emeritus of Organ and a member of the Columbia AGO Chapter. The evening afforded the rare opportunity to celebrate three generations of organists who are pictured here. (David Lowry, Simon Templet, Steven Blackmon)



W. Darr Wise, of Newberry, SC, passed away Monday, November 22, 2021. Born in 1929 in Newberry, Professor Wise was a graduate of Brevard College and earned the Bachelor of Music degree from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. At Florida State University, where he earned the Master of Music Degree, he was elected to the Phi Kapp Phi Honorary Scholastic Fraternity. Additional study was done at Columbia University in New York, where he studied with Thomas Richner. As a high school student, he had studied piano at Newberry College. In 2006, Newberry College awarded him the Honorary Doctor of Music degree. His first position was on the faculty of Andrew College, Cuthbert, GA, where he taught for two years. In 1956 he was called to the Newberry College by Dr. Chris Kauffman and Dr. Milton Moore, where he taught piano, organ, and music theory for forty-two years. He was a past president of the South Carolina Music Teachers Association and was a frequent adjudicator for piano competitions throughout South Carolina and Georgia. At his retirement in 1998, a rehearsal hall in the Alumni Music Center on the campus of Newberry College was named in his honor. In 2003, he was awarded THE ORDER OF THE PALMETTO for his contribution to the cultural life of South Carolina and the nation by Governor Mark Sanford. His tenure as Organist/Choirmaster at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Newberry lasted for more than fifty-two years.



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THE MUSIC MINISTRY of FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

First Presbyterian Church Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 5, 2021, 6:00pm

The Chancel Choir and Festival Orchestra present a concert of congregational carols and selections of Choral masterworks. Musical settings by Julian Wachner, Dan Forrest, Ralph Vaughan Williams, G. F. Handel, Barlow Bradford, and Philip Stopford.

1324 Marion Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Live stream: www.firstprescolumbia.org/live

First Presbyterian Church Lunch and Organ Concert

Friday, December 10, 2021

12:00pm Lunch in Jackson Hall

12:30pm Concert in the Sanctuary

Thomas Russell plays music of the Christmas season in a recital of works by J. S. Bach, Alexandre Guilmant, and Mark Miller.


1324 Marion Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Live stream: www.firstprescolumbia.org/live

INCARNATION LUTHERAN ELCA


An Advent Organ Recital

December 15, 2021
3005 Devine Street, Columbia, SC
Recital to follow the Service of
Evening Prayer at 5:45 PM
Admission is free to the public



Music by:
Vincent Lübeck
Arnolt Schlick
Samuel Scheidt
and
J.S. Bach

Patrick Hawkins, organist





The Tenth Annual Christmas Benefit Concert

"Eddie Huss and Friends"

Shandon United Methodist Church

3407 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina

Sunday, December 19 at 4pm

Supporting Camp Kemo of the Midlands

Annette Matthews and Eddie Huss will be performing Maurice Ravel's "La Valse" for two pianos. Debbie Bauer, organist, will play the "Carillon de Westminster," by Louis Vierne, and the concert will conclude with the Camille Saint-Saëns, "Dance Macabre," and the "Grand Galop Chromatic" by Franz Liszt for eight hands, two pianos. Performers include Bradley Fuller, Debbie Bauer, Annette Matthews, and Eddie Huss.

An offering will be taken to support "Camp Kemo" of the Midlands through the Prisma Children's Hospital in Columbia.



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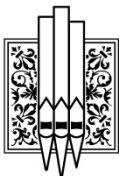
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The First Annual Religious Arts Festival

The Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary at Lenoir-Rhyne University

July 28-30, 2022

This three day event will feature guest clinicians Peter Sykes (organ and harpsichord instructor at the Juilliard School and at Boston University) and Eric Plutz (organist at Princeton University). Both will be heard in concert and will be teaching workshops / masterclasses on music by German Baroque composers as well as the French Symphonic organ school. Dr. Alicia Walker, Choral Professor at USC, will also be leading choral reading sessions and workshops for church choir directors.

**The 2022 Religious Arts Festival
at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
Columbia, South Carolina
July 28-30, 2022**

**Save the date for this three day Summer course
on the organ and choral music of
JS Bach, Louis Vierne and their contemporaries**



Alicia W. Walker

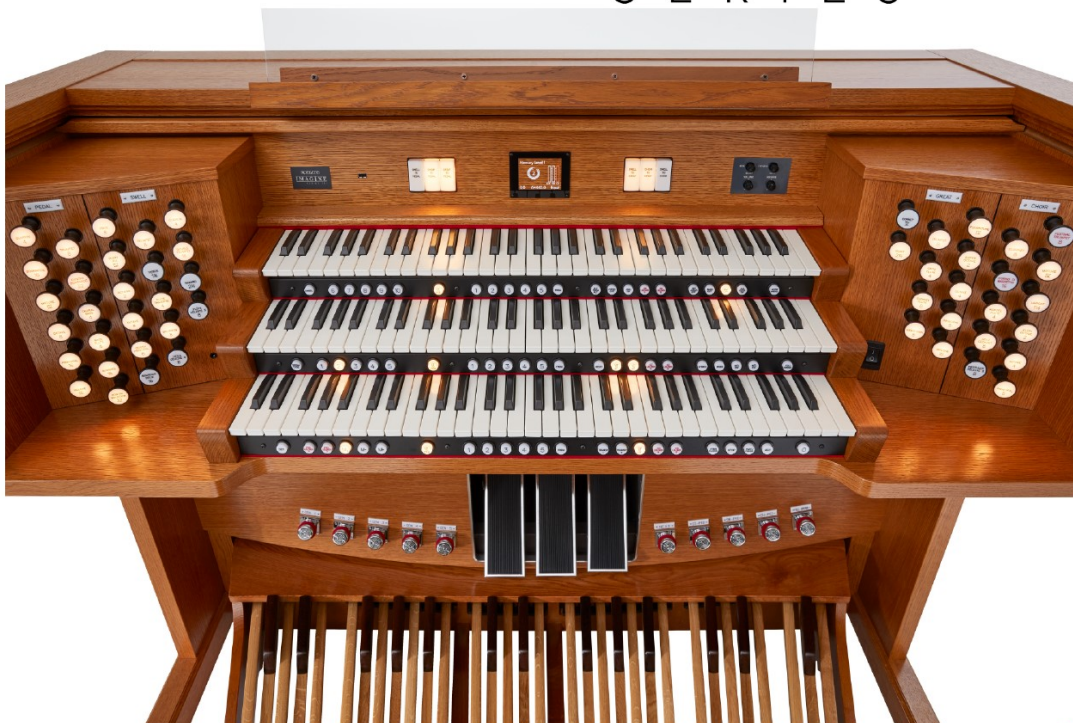


Peter Sykes

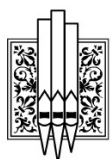


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The 20th of every month is the deadline for the following month's AGO newsletter. Information received after that time may not appear in that month's newsletter.



12/26 PATRICIA BLACKWELL
12/26 HUGER CAUGHMAN
12/27 BILL JOHNS
12/27 ROBERT JONES
12/30 GINNY HOLT

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**** NEW LISTING OR CHANGES**

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

AIKEN

First Baptist Church, Aiken, SC - Accompanist

Principal Function- The Accompanist is a position with responsibilities for assisting the Director of Music & Worship in all phases of Aiken's First Baptist Church music ministry and for providing piano leadership. Salary Range ~ \$11,000/year Application Closing Date: June 23, 2021

Greater Columbia AGO members may contact Susan at sloopystur@aol.com for complete job description.

COLUMBIA

****Fort Jackson Chapels**

Please find listed below a brief description of the part-time positions, Veritas Management Group are seeking to fill. Our goal is to fill the positions, as well as create a Substitute Listing for musicians/worship leaders.

- *Worship Leader*: Responsible for singing while playing an instrument (piano, keyboard or guitar) in a Contemporary Protestant service. The Worship Leader provides appropriate musical support during the Designated Worship Service, Rehearsals and Special Services.
- *Church Musicians*: The *Pianist/Keyboardist* is responsible for sight reading hymns and praise/worship songs and is proficient in playing a standard 88-key keyboard/piano. Pianist/Keyboardist performs music for Catholic/Protestant chapel services, to include prelude, postlude, accompaniment for all hymns and when needed, music sung by the choir. provides background music during periods of the service when requested.

Contact: Nadine Felton at nadine@veritasmanagementgroup.com.

Grace United Methodist Church, Columbia, SC, is in search of a Part-Time Church Accompanist. Position Purpose: Accompany the Adult Choir rehearsals and provide keyboard accompaniment and solo keyboard music during weekly worship services and other worship services throughout the liturgical year.

Position Requirements:

- Availability on Sundays
- Superior keyboard sightreading skills
- Experience in accompanying choral ensembles and service playing
- Ability to play choral parts in both "open" and "closed score formats
- Bachelor's degree in Music, with a keyboard emphasis, or equivalent experience (AGO Certification in service playing, for example.) -preferred, not required

Position Compensation:

- Part-Time – 1/8 time
- Salary determined by education and experience in negotiation with the Staff Parish Relations Committee

To Apply: Please send cover letter and resume, as well as a video recording demonstrating keyboard proficiency to Mark Merritt 336-830-5383 or music@gracecolumbia.org. Job Description available upon request.

(Continued)

Living Springs Lutheran Church (ELCA), 4224 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223,
Missional Worship & Music Leader

Are you looking to connect with a vibrant congregation and share your gifts for inspiring God's people to grow in worship & outreach in creative ways? Living Springs is an ELCA congregation of active missional disciples, with a heart for breaking through barriers to share God's unconditional love in the community and partner with God's ongoing work of hope & justice. Located in the growing, racially diverse, highly mobile area of NE Columbia (state capital with cultural events, university/colleges/seminary, military bases), we have a staff-leadership team with enthusiasm for being a church of Word & Sacrament in innovative ways for a post-Christendom, post-millennial world.

We are seeking to share the Spirit's call with a vibrant, innovative partner who has vision, passion, and energy for the ever-evolving worship-music ministry of Christ's church. With your own unique set of worship/musical gifts, you would help lead us in:

- 1) planning meaningful in-person worship & growing our virtual worship-music ministry;
- 2) further developing creative ministries to engage various musical gifts of all ages (such as adult choir, ensembles, and children/youth);
- 3) further enhancing Word & Sacrament worship with a variety of styles that speak to all; and,
- 4) creatively pursuing God's inclusive missional outreach in our diverse community.

Flexible range of hours, with commensurate salary to be determined - based on qualifications and extent/type of call. Go to <http://bit.ly/LSworshipposition> for a tool to help share your areas of passion & giftedness. Send resume and letter of interest to music@livingspringscolumbia.org by Dec. 1, 2021.

****St. Luke's Episcopal Church**, an Anglo-Catholic leaning parish, is seeking a ¼ time - part-time Organist and/or Organist and Choirmaster for its 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning service. Organ: 2-manual Allen Renaissance Quantum, Acoustic Portrait, 58 stops. Choir Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 2PM-3:30PM (the day and time can be adjusted by the new organist). Job duties include leading congregational singing, accompanies and directs anthems, ensembles, and soloists at organ/piano. Also accompanies Cantor in singing the psalms, plays prelude, postlude, offertory anthem, and service music. St. Luke's also has Youth choristers who sing the anthem on the 5th Sundays. Special services include Lenten Wednesdays, Holy Week, Christmas Eve Mass, etc. The organist also plays for weddings and funerals per church policy. We seek someone with vision, imagination, creativity, flexibility, and the ability to teach and inspire our six-member choir (five of whom are paid professional singers). The ability to work well independently and in conjunction with the priest as well as an openness to versatility is a must. Hymns used come from *The Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing, II, Wonder, Love, and Praise*. Knowledge of the Anglican/Episcopal liturgy, classical solo and/or choral vocal pieces/works, and the literature and works of African American composers is highly desired. Salary negotiable depending on experience and ability. We are looking for someone who can begin on Sunday, January 2nd or soon after. There is also the option to just serve only as the organist and the Choir Administrator/Librarian does the administrative aspects of the job. Please submit Cover Letter and Resumé along with two or three references to fr.raphiell@gmail.com with subject line: Organist/Choirmaster. You may also call the church office (803) 254-2327 to speak with the priest, Fr. Raphiell Ashford, for more information. 1300 Pine Street, Columbia, SC 29204

St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Columbia (Irmo-Lake Murray). Cantor/Music Director/Organist

Looking for a musician to lead the congregation and a small choir, along with a number of volunteer instrumentalists, in support of Sunday worship, with occasional opportunities to do other services during the week as negotiated. Centered in traditional, but vibrant worship using piano, organ, choir, and innovative congregational involvement in worship is encouraged and celebrated. One worship service each Sunday with weekly Holy Communion, preceded by a choir rehearsal during the Sunday Church School hour is the current pattern. Good communication and collaborative worship planning with lay leaders and the pastor is expected and appreciated. Salary \$10-12,000. Please contact Pastor Frank W. Anderson at pastorfwanderson@gmail.com (new email address) or 803-730-4075 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 with subject line Organist or Music Ministry.

GREENWOOD

First Presbyterian Church - Organist,

Approved job description:

- Provide Preludes, Postludes, anthem accompaniments, with particular emphasis on hymn accompaniments
- Familiarity with organ literature, especially pertaining to the liturgical seasons
- Advanced keyboard and sight-reading skills
- Two Sunday services (9 & 11 am, currently one at 10 am); Wednesday evening choir rehearsal (no rehearsal until further notice)
- Flexibility for time off
- Possible additional opportunities in Children's Music (presently Wednesday evenings)
- Compensation range \$18k-24k+ determined by job scope and experience

Instruments:

- 2002 Goulding & Wood 3/58 pipe organ (<https://pipeorgandatabase.org/organ/28441>)
- Steinway and Yamaha grand pianos

Please send resumes to office@firstgreenwood.com

HARTSVILLE

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1410 W Bobo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville SC 29550

Yamaha Clavinova. \$85 per service. For more information, contact Vicar Mike Lang at Michael.lang@my.lc.edu

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 stbartchurch@gmail.com-Church Office: (843) 332-8765

KINGSTREE

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church in Kingstree, SC is looking for a part-time organist/choir director. The choir meets during the school year and is off during the summer. Kingstree is a colorful small town on the Black River, midway between Charleston and Myrtle Beach and inland from Georgetown about 40 miles. Worship at Williamsburg Church is traditional and family oriented.

The church's organ was originally installed in 1957 with modifications and enlargement of the organ being completed in January 2006 which included an additional 9 ranks of pipes and 7 digital stops. The Great was moved out of the chamber into the sanctuary with all pipes in Great displayed with voicing completed by Daniel Angerstein. The organ is regularly maintained by Lincoln Pipe Organs, Inc.

Interested candidates may contact Williamsburg church at wmsbpresby@ftc-i.net for a complete job description and to apply.

LEXINGTON

Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC, is seeking a committed Christian to provide organ/piano music and accompaniment for scheduled worship services and other activities in support of the music ministry of the church. Having a pivotal role in the musical life of the church, this individual should be a strong team player as a full partner with the ministerial staff and the Director of Traditional Music at Pilgrim Lutheran. Please submit a letter of recommendation and resumé to Susan Cafferty at susan@wearepilgrim.com.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 403 Park Rd, Lexington SC 29072. St. Alban's is searching for an Organist/Choir Director. 2-manual Allen Renaissance organ, with speaker system upgrade in 2019. Interested candidates may contact Fr. Tom DiMarco (priest@stalbanschurch.net) for more information.

MOUNT PLEASANT

All Saints Lutheran Church, Mount Pleasant, is seeking a Part-Time Music Ministry Associate to partner with the Music Director to support and enhance our multi-generational music program, with an emphasis on children and youth music. The position is 15 hrs/week, with the possibility of increasing to 25 hrs with additional Communications responsibilities. Please send a cover letter, resumé, and the names and contact information of three professional references to Rev. Litman-Koon at pastor.glk@gmail.com.

NEWBERRY

Newberry ARP Church, Organist for Sunday morning worship service. Contact Pastor Seth Yi, sethyi1969@gmail.com , Church 803-276-1485, Cell 318-680-4375, www.newberryarp.org . Organ specifications: <http://www.columbiaago.org/ColumbiaOrgans/Organs/NewberryARP.pdf>

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.

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 for more details. Pastor: Rev. Sara Relaford, Church Secretary: Lori Worsencroft

WEST COLUMBIA

Platt Springs United Methodist Church, 3215 Platt Springs Rd., West Columbia, SC 29170
Part-time Director of Music Ministries. Plan, develop, lead, and coordinate music for all aspects of the music ministry at Platt Springs United Methodist Church. Leads the choir in regular weekly practice and in worship, Sunday mornings and special services such as Christmas and Easter. Prepares and consults with the pastor and church organist on all worship services including Sunday mornings and special celebrations/services. Prepares musical staff and volunteers for special music at least 4 weeks in advance. Other duties as assigned. Salary and hours will be determined based on experience and other qualifications. A successful background check is required for this position prior to hire. To apply, please submit a resume with a cover letter and three professional references to psumc@sc.rr.com. Please contact the church for complete job description.