

The Greater Columbia Organist



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Upcoming Chapter Event



Epiphany Dinner*

followed by

Pipe Organ Trivia

Tuesday, January 10, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Zorba's Greek Restaurant

6169 St Andrews Rd. Columbia, SC 29212



With the demands of the Advent/Christmas season behind us, we'll gather to celebrate in a private dining room at Zorba's Greek Restaurant. Everyone can order separately from the menu and pay on their own. We'll enjoy a time of fellowship throughout the meal. After dinner, we'll have some fun playing a game of Pipe Organ Trivia, with questions from the local pipe organ scene and beyond. Prizes will be awarded. Members are welcome to bring a guest.

***Reservations Required**

Please email Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com by Monday, January 2, 2023.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to play the fairly simple B-A-C-H works for the **February** meeting. Please contact Bill Bates at wbates@sc.com as soon as possible, and he will arrange for you to acquire the score. The program will also include projections of the original sources of the pieces.



The organ is the 2018 Lewtak instrument of 3 manuals and 47 stops.

<http://www.columbiaago.org/ColumbiaOrgans/Organs/SHANDON%20PRESB.pdf>



Save These Dates for Upcoming Chapter Programs

Winter-Spring Programs – 2023

Here's a peek at our programs for the remainder of the program year

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.- An All B-A-C-H Program — “The First Century of B-A-C-H: Keyboard Works Based on the B-A-C-H Motive” Presented by William Bates — Shandon Presbyterian Church

Works by Johann Sebastian Bach, C. P. E. Bach (son of J. S. Bach), Johann C. F. Bach (son of J. S. Bach), Johann Christian Bach (son of J. S. Bach), Johann Philipp Kirnberger (pupil of J. S. Bach), Johann Georg Albrechtsberger, Justin Heinrich Knecht, Adam Valentin Volckmar, Robert Schumann, and Franz Liszt.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to Noon – 2023 Young Organist Competition
Finalists will perform their selections and compete for cash prizes. You don't want to miss the performances of these highly accomplished high school organ students from across the US.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023, Organ Crawl to Florence, SC (83 miles from Columbia)
We'll begin with a visit to Central Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m., where board member Don Grice serves as Director of Music / Organist (Schantz organ). Other churches include St. John's Anglican (Jim Hepler, Aeolian Skinner), St. Luke Lutheran (Joyce Shaw, Schantz), and First Baptist (Ann Dowling, 4-manual Reuter). Between visits, we'll meet for lunch at a local restaurant. The estimated time for departing Florence is 3:00 p.m.

MAY PROGRAM – PROGRESSIVE DINNER: *The World of Weddings*
(Date/locations TBA.)

We'll enjoy good food and hear functional music for weddings with a tour of three neighboring churches: church 1 - appetizers and preludes; church 2 - catered main course and processional; church 3 - desserts and recessional. Members are invited to bring an appetizer or dessert.



Second Annual Religious Arts Festival

February 2-3, 2023

Columbia, SC



This two-day event is designed for both part-time and full-time church musicians seeking to broaden their knowledge and practical skills. An organ recital and masterclass will be given by James O'Donnell (Yale University and former director of music at Westminster Abbey).

Additional workshops in aspects of church music will be led by Michael Burkhardt (Artist-Professor of Organ at Eastern Michigan University and Founder-Artistic Director of hearts, hands and voices Worship and Fine Arts Program for Children in Southeast Michigan).

The event is co-sponsored by Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (Fisher Endowment), the South Carolina Chapter of the Fellowship of Worship Artists and the Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

- \$75 includes recitals, all classes and reception following the recital, Saturday continental breakfast and catered lunch.
- Registration deadline in January 30, 2023

For more information and to register, click [here](#).



Featured Organs

- [Christ Chapel, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary](#)
- [Shandon United Methodist Church](#)

Hearts · Hands · Voices

Local workshops for church musicians

sponsored by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

February 25, 2023

Pisgah Lutheran Church

1350 Pisgah Church Road

Lexington, SC 29072

Dr. Chris Sheppard is the chair of the music department and Director of Choral Activities at Newberry College. Dr. Sheppard conducts the choirs and teaches conducting and private voice. He also assists with musical productions at the college and with Newberry Community Players. In Spring 2018, Dr. Sheppard was awarded the *College's Carter Professorship Award* for selfless giving and service.



Dr. Al Roberts is Director of Music and Organist at St. David Lutheran in West Columbia, SC. His hymn arrangements are used for worship, and his compositions for organ, piano, choir, and instruments have been published by Augsburg Fortress and Shawnee Press. Dr. Roberts is a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Music.

Practical workshops on
choral and organ topics.

More information to
come soon!



A FESTIVAL OF
Nine Lessons and Carols

December 18, 2022 • 4:00 PM

Pre-Service Organ Recital at 3:40 PM



Free Admission
Reception to Follow



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Corner of Cheves and Irby Streets in Downtown Florence

Do you recognize the beginning of this piece? By whom? This copy is from a manuscript (ca. 1728) prepared by the composer's teacher that predates the publication of the piece around 1752."

This is part of Dr. William Bates continuing research into the original sources of organ music written by 18th-century composers.

Answer is on last page past openings.



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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.



We send our condolences to Frank Ballard upon the death of his mother, Maxine Ballard Sellers, last week.

*With
Deepest
Sympathy*

Mrs. Maxine Ballard Sellers, 98, passed away Saturday, November 26, 2022, at Arbor Ridge in Kernersville, NC. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday, December 1, 2022, at Shady Grove Wesleyan Church, 119 N. Bunker Hill Rd., Colfax, NC 27235.

A visitation will be held at 1:15 PM prior to the service at the church. Burial and committal service will follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Trellis Supportive Care, 101 Hospice Ln., Winston-Salem, NC 27103. Online condolences may be made at www.hayworth-miller.com.

We send our condolences to Barbara Taylor upon the death of her mother-in-law, Mary Herbert Taylor, on November 14. A lifelong and devoted member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia, her service was held there on November 21. Memorials may be made to Trinity Cathedral, the Congaree Land Trust, or a charity of one's choice. Memories and condolences may be shared at ShivesFuneralHome.com



- 12/26 Pat Blackwell
- 12/26 Huger Caughman
- 12/27 Robert Jones
- 12/30 Ginny Holt



Concordia Publishing House just announced that it will be publishing Chapter member **William H. (Bill) Bates** newest set of Christmas hymn settings for organ—in the 2023 release set.



OCTOBER CHAPTER PROGRAM Choral Workshop with Kevin Crowe

On Saturday, October 29, Kevin Crowe presented an engaging and informative choral workshop. The focus was on working with aging voices. Kevin highlighted some of the vocal and physical challenges older singers may be facing. He shared many strategies that would be helpful for all singers. Following the directors' session, he illustrated the concepts taught by directing a demonstration choir of volunteers. Currently, Kevin is a doctoral student in choral conducting at USC and serves as Choir Director at Kathwood Baptist Church. He developed a passion for working with older singers while directing church and community choirs in the Denver area.



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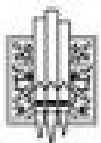
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Sunday, January 15, 2023 - 3:00pm

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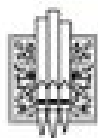


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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

** 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.

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 (two manuals and 26 ranks) was built by Gabriel Kney and Associates of London, Ontario, in 1986, and is designed to lead the congregation in glorious singing, accompany the choir and perform in recitals. It is tracker action but has combination action to make it accessible for different periods of music. One service, choir rehearsal on Wednesday evening at 6:30, which is flexible. Accompany soloists and small instrumental ensembles, play for weddings and funerals. (Additional income for weddings and funerals.) The organist will collaborate with the choir director and pastor to plan for services. Special services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. The organist may accompany the children's choir as they sing in a worship service (with a short rehearsal before they sing). Education Requirements: Have excellent hymn playing skills, able to provide appropriate organ music for all services
The position is open Sunday, August 28, 2022.

For more information, contact Christie McLeod at acmcLeod1995@roadrunner.com or 843-910-4538. The organ can be seen on the church's website www.cherawfpc.org.

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.
- Contact: Nadine Felton at nadine@veritasmanagementgroup.com.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3909 Forest Drive, Columbia 29204. **UPDATED JOB DESCRIPTION** – Person experienced in liturgical worship, preferably Lutheran worship, is sought to serve as Part-time Director of Music Ministry (directing adult and children's choirs). Plan and administer the entire music program in consultation with the pastor, staff, and lay worship committee, including weekly selection of hymns, choir anthems, and service music and music for special services during Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Minimum of Bachelor's degree in Music or other related degree. Experience in directing church choirs and proficiency in playing the piano and singing is necessary. Send contact information and attached resume to gslcemployment2@gmail.com.

St. John's Episcopal Church in Shandon is seeking an *Interim* Organist to fill in for the regular organist for 6-12 weeks starting in April 2023 (Lincoln pipe organ). Responsibilities include two Sunday services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and accompanying the Chancel Choir in rehearsal on Wednesday evenings. Other duties will include seasonal services for Holy Week and Easter. Salary is negotiable. Applicants may contact the Director of Music (Dr. Michael T. Brown) at mtb@stjohnscolumbia.org

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. 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

DARLINGTON

Darlington Presbyterian Church, EPC, 311 Pearl Street, Darlington, SC, 29532. Church Organist / Choir Accompanist (PT). Darlington Presbyterian Church, EPC is located in the lovely county seat of Darlington. Founded in 1827, Darlington Presbyterian Church has 400 plus members who enjoy a rich history of worship, ministry, and missions. Our worship services are centered on the Word of God as we celebrate our Savior through a meaningful liturgy in the Reformed Tradition. DPC offers a live-stream 11am morning worship that is musically led by the Chancel Choir, is accompanied by a 1988, 3 manual, Schantz Pipe Organ, and is supported with an occasional soloist, Handbell Choir, and other instrumental groups. The Chancel Choir presents each year two seasonal offerings, a Maundy Thursday service and a Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols. Additionally, DPC continues its annual tradition of holding two Christmas Eve services for the community.

Church Organist / Choir Accompanist (PT)

Darlington Presbyterian Church, EPC is seeking a committed Christian whose desire it is to use his/her God given talents in service to the Lord and His people. This position requires skill in organ performance as a soloist, and in piano and organ performance as an accompanist to choirs, instrumentalists, soloists, and congregational singing. The ability to sight read and to play choral parts are needed skills as well. Salary: \$15,000 (plus \$2,000 for traveling expenses).

Responsibilities include playing for the weekly 11am Sunday morning worship service which includes pre-worship rehearsals with the Chancel Choir and other musicians as needed; accompanying Wednesday evening choir rehearsals with the Children's and Chancel Choirs; playing for seasonal worship services and their respective rehearsals; and being available to play for the weddings, funerals and memorial services of church members and their families, for which additional compensation is given.

Interested candidates should email a cover letter and resume to Dr. Teresa Irwin, the Director of Music Ministries, at tirwin1685@gmail.com.

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; views 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@sainttimothy Lutheran.org with subject line Organist or Music Ministry.

GREENWOOD

Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Greenwood, South Carolina, has a job opening for a Choir Director and Organist. There is one 10:00 am Sunday service and a choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings. The Music Director will also be in charge of additional worship services (Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc) at the direction of the worship committee. Weddings and funerals are paid extra and the organist has first right of refusal. The Organ is a 14-rank 1974 Zimmer pipe organ which was recently refurbished. Greenwood is a very short 1-hour drive from Columbia. Immanuel has a long-standing reputation for quality, traditional Lutheran worship. There are additional funds available in the budget for guest instrumentalists and choral scholars throughout the year. The director of music will also oversee the handbell choir and an opportunity to build a children's choir. Salary range is \$25-30k depending on experience and ability. The music director may work from home on days that physical presence is not necessary. Please email Christopherknash@gmail.com for any questions or to send a resume.

Main Street United Methodist Church, Greenwood.

ORGANIST, PART-TIME POSITION. RESPONSIBILITIES: Accompanies the chancel choir at weekly rehearsals, additional rehearsals and during the worship service either on the piano or pipe organ. Prepares and performs a variety of preludes, offertories, and postludes appropriate to the church year. Assists in the planning, performing, and implementation of service music for festival services. Accompanies church weddings when requested and oversees other organist's use of the organ for weddings and/or funerals. Oversees the maintenance of the organ by a reputable firm. Performs additional tasks as directed by Senior Minister and Director of Music. QUALIFICATIONS: Education: College Degree in Music preferred, or equivalent in private training. Experience: Service as organist in a church with a pipe organ with similar specifications and service requirements. INSTRUMENTS: Three Manual Moller/ Schleuter pipe and digital combination. Yamaha Grand piano. Contact Gina Jolly at Gina.jolly@mainstreetgreenwood.org with questions or a resume.

LEXINGTON

Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Lexington, is seeking a committed Christian to provide organ/piano music and accompaniment for scheduled worship services, rehearsals 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 with the ministerial staff as needed and with the Director of Music at Pilgrim Lutheran. Please submit a letter of recommendation and resumé to Susan Cafferty at susan@wearepilgrim.com.

MARION

Marion Presbyterian Church, 208 S Main St. PO Box 186 Marion, SC 29571, Organist/pianist/choir director. Flentrop organ installed 1988, Schimmel piano. Position will become vacant mid August 2022. Contact the church at 843-423-2272 for more information.

MOUNT PLEASANT

Hibben United Methodist Church, 690 Coleman Blvd, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

Organist and Choirmaster Part Time: Responsible for planning, leading and coordination for the overall music ministries of Hibben UMC Church. Principal duties are Sunday morning worship, special services such as Christmas and Easter, weekly Choir rehearsals, ensemble and volunteer coordination, and planning with worship committee, staff and other volunteers to create worship that is energetic and true to the value system of a congregation that strives to serve and grow in discipleship and mission. Principle report is to the Lead Pastor and administrative accountability is to Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Salary and hours will be determined based on experience and other qualifications. A successful background check is required for this position. To apply, please submit a resume with a cover letter and three professional references to srprice@comcast.net. Please contact Mr. Price or Rev. Sara White (revsara@hibbenumc.org) to request a complete job description.

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

SAVANNAH, GA

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Parish on Wilmington Island in Savannah, Georgia, is seeking a parish musician/music director. Our parish has approximately 750 registered households and our school 250 students. A well-qualified candidate will have experience in providing accompaniment for congregational singing on the organ and/or the piano. This position includes, but is not limited to, participation in four weekend liturgies, Holy Day masses, school masses, weddings, funerals, Holy Hour on First Fridays, and other liturgies during the year. Re-forming an adult choir and practices with a student choir and teaching music in our school (1-2 classes per day) are also expected. To apply please send your resume to Fr. Michael J. Kavanaugh at frkavanaugh@spacsav.net.

The answer is: John Stanley, Opus 6, No. 5, mvt. 2