

The Greater Columbia Organist



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CELEBRATING
10
years

Mark your calendars for two very important events in March 2020. On Friday, March 6, at Trinity Cathedral, the winner of the first Young Organist Competition will perform a solo recital in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the competition. Since winning the Young Organist Competition in 2011, Jacob Reed distinguished himself by completing

a BA/MA in music history/theory with a double major in mathematics at Yale University. In 2019, as a student of Martin Jean at Yale, he was awarded the Master of Music degree in performance. In the fall of 2019, he relocated to Chicago where he is pursuing a doctorate in music history and theory on a Neubauer Family Distinguished Doctoral Fellowship. On Saturday, March 7, 2020, Columbia AGO will host the Young Organist Competition at Shandon United Methodist Church. Be sure to save both dates for this special tenth anniversary celebration.

Organ Recital by Jacob Reed
Friday, March 6, 2020
Trinity Cathedral
1100 Sumter Street
Columbia SC 29201

Young Organist Competition
Saturday, March 7, 2020
Shandon United Methodist Church
3407 Devine Street
Columbia SC 29205

Save These Dates for more Winter/Spring, 2020 Chapter Events

Friday, April 24, 7:00 pm - Silent Film Event with Ron Carter at Shandon UMC. Bring family and friends for a wonderful evening of fun! (Free and open to the public.)

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30pm - Dinner & Installation of Officers at Ascension Lutheran Church, 827 Wildwood Ave., Cola., SC 29203. Pastor Jackie Utley will present a fun "Women of the Bible" skit. Members are welcome to bring a guest. (Reservations required.)



February Birthdays

2/02	<i>Ed Brown</i>
2/11	<i>Janet R Schmidt</i>
2/11	<i>Karen F Shevenell</i>
2/14	<i>Valarie Valois</i>
2/15	<i>Don Alcorn</i>
2/20	<i>Frank Ballard</i>
2/21	<i>David Lowry</i>
2/22	<i>Chuck Wilson</i>
2/26	<i>James Johnson</i>

Epiphany Dinner Recap

Our January 7th Epiphany Dinner at Grecian Gardens was well attended, and offered a great opportunity to get to know each other better in an informal social setting. We were able to laugh together as members shared their humorous accounts of their actual experiences when playing weddings and funerals. We proved the theory that truth is stranger than fiction!



Matthew Dickerson – “The Dulcimer Guy”

Sunday, Feb 9, 2020 at 4:00 PM
Ebenezer Lutheran Church
1301 Richland St., Columbia, 29201

Matthew Dickerson is the 2012 National Hammered Dulcimer Champion. For the past twelve years, Matthew has been delighting audiences with his sweet and cheerful style of playing the hammered dulcimer. His performances offer a delightful compilation of crowd

favorites from traditional, to classical, to 100% original tunes. This concert is free and open to the public.

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SPRING 2020

CONCERTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020, 6:00 PM

225TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020, 7:00 PM

SPRING CONCERT - BACH, BATES, AND RUTTER

LUNCH AT 12:00, CONCERT AT 12:30

FIRST FRIDAYS ORGAN CONCERTS

FEBRUARY 7, 2020

MUSIC OF J.S. BACH

MAY 1, 2020

ORGAN SCHOLARS

MARCH 6, 2020

IN CELEBRATION OF 225 YEARS

JUNE 5, 2020

MUSIC FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

APRIL 3, 2020

LENORA JEFFCOAT

All events are free and open to the public and take place in the Sanctuary. Offerings may be accepted on behalf of the Africa Reformation Theological Seminary.

First Presbyterian Church
1324 Marion Street
Columbia, SC 29201
firstprescolumbia.org



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

NOAH'S FLOOD

A setting of the Chester Miracle Play
Benjamin Britten

Sunday, February 9, 2020
4:00 PM

Trinity Cathedral Choirs
Members of the South Carolina Philharmonic
Directed by Ellen Schlaefter

Tickets: www.trinitysc.org/concerts

BACH VESPERS AT TRINITY

select Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
Cathedral Singers and NC Baroque orchestra,
premiering a new series of music by Bach and his contemporaries
Vespers lasts about 45 minutes
Free and open to all

FEB. 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
"God's time is the best of all times"
J.S. Bach, BWV 106
Cathedral Singers
Andrew & Mary Waldo, recorder
James Waldo & Patty Halverson,
Viola da Gamba
Barbara Krumdieck Blaker, cello

**MAR. 19, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. (followed by
Compline)**
Pergolesi, "Stabat mater"
Choir of Girls



CHORAL EVENSONG

Every Sunday at 4:00, sung by the Cathedral Choirs A
reception follows on the Cathedral lawn.

SUNDAY 6:00 P.M. KEENAN CHAPEL SERVICE

Monthly Taizé Service
will be held on the last Sunday of each month.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
1100 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
803-771-7300 www.trinitysc.org

Joby Bell
Festival re-inauguration organ concert
February 9, 2020, at 3:00 pm

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1715 Bull Street, Columbia 29201



Please join us for a festival re-inauguration organ concert on February 9, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. Appalachian State University organist Joby Bell will perform masterworks by J.S. Bach, Alexandre Guilmant, Felix Mendelssohn, Edward Elgar, and others.

Since 2004, Joby Bell, one of America's most recognized concert and recording artists and teachers, has served on the faculty of the Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State University, where he teaches organ and church music studies.

Dr. Bell brings to his performances a contagious affability and a keen sensitivity toward increasing an audience's appreciation for organ

music. His recital programming demonstrates a varied and interesting repertoire, always enhanced by illuminating program notes designed to embrace all audiences.

Dr. Bell is featured on several recordings. In 2019 Volume 1 of *American Classic Widor*, a recording series of the complete solo organ works of French organist Charles-Marie Widor, appeared on the Centaur label. Six more volumes will appear in the coming months. *American Classic English* is an all-British program recorded on the landmark Aeolian-Skinner instrument at First Baptist Church, Longview, Texas, available on the Centaur label. *Sonatas and Variations* features large works by Jongen, Brahms, and Reubke, recorded on the Fritts organ at St. Philip Presbyterian, Houston, and available on the Centaur label. *Music City Mixture* is recorded on mechanical-action organs of Nashville. *Live Performances* is a compilation of works played live at Appalachian State University, Rice University, Houston Baptist University, and the Washington National Cathedral.

Born in 1968, Dr. Bell attended high school at the North Carolina School of the Arts, where he studied piano with Marian Hahn and Robert McDonald. He earned the Bachelor of Music degree in organ and piano from Appalachian State University and the Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in organ from Rice University. His teachers include H. Max Smith and Clyde Holloway, organ, and Rodney Reynerson and Allen Kindt, piano. His church posts have been served in Houston and throughout North Carolina.

The organ in the sanctuary at St. Paul's was built by the American firm of M.P. Möller in 1964 (opus 9906) and was tonally and mechanically refurbished in 2018 by Cornel Zimmer Organ Builders (opus 154) and Walker Technologies.

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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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.

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

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, 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 or 843-910-4538.

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.

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, or at 803-414-0479.

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 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 or call Wayne Hall at (803) 252-7297 for more information.

DARLINGTON

Trinity United Methodist Church of Darlington, SC is in the process of filling the position of Organist and Choir Director (one person). This is a part time position. Duties include one Sunday service at 11am and one choir rehearsal. Possibility of one children's choir. The instrument is a 22-rank Casavant sitting in a beautiful acoustical atmosphere. For further information, please contact either Dr. Keith F. Taylor (843-610-3319) or Ernie Shuler (843-307-0389).

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@sainttimothylutheran.org with subject line Organist or Music Ministry.

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.lr.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

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

LEXINGTON

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1273 Calks Ferry Road, Lexington, is searching for a Parish Musician. Responsibilities include playing for one Sunday morning service and directing/rehearsing adult and youth choirs. The applicant needs to have experience playing a variety of hymn styles on the organ and piano as well as seeking out and encouraging congregation members to share their music skills during worship.

Resumes should be emailed to pastorhawk958@gmail.com. For more information, please call Pastor Karen Hawkins at 803.957.9345.

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 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. Resumes may be sent to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 637, Orangeburg, South Carolina, 29116 or emailed to jane@fbcorangeburg.org.

First Presbyterian Church of Orangeburg is seeking a choir director/organist.

Responsibilities include playing for a traditional service at 11:00 each Sunday morning and directing an adult choir rehearsal at 7:15 each Wednesday night. The church has a two manual, 23-rank Schantz organ and a Steinway baby grand piano. For more information, please contact musicsearch@1stpresbyterian.org or dseymore@1stpresbyterian.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

****Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church**, 1000 "B" Avenue, West Columbia. Director of Music Ministry (Organist/Choir Director, other). Please see this **full-time** job description and more information at agohq.org (Positions available.).