

# The Greater Columbia Organist

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## January Chapter Program

### *Service Playing Repertoire: Go-to Gems*

Thursday, January 13, 2022  
7:00 p.m.

**Due to the current surge in Covid cases, this program has been changed to a virtual presentation. A Zoom link will be sent prior to the program.**

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. Please join us via Zoom for our first program in the new year of 2022.

**\*MUSIC SALE: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MUSIC SALE PLANNED FOR 6:00 PM HAS BEEN POSTPONED.**

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## 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.

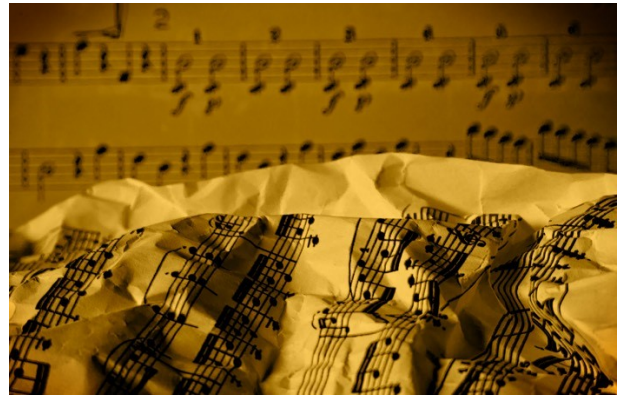
**Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon – 2022 Young Organist Competition**

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.

## Are you published?

We are looking to compile a list of published works from our chapter members. Please submit the name of the piece, type of music (anthem, prelude, orchestral, etc.), publisher, product number, and whether it is still in print.



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**Registration is now open** for THE WELL-TEMPERED FUTURE, the American Guild of Organists National Convention, July 3–7, 2022, in Seattle, Washington.

Proof of the COVID-19 vaccination will be required to complete your registration. Have your COVID-19 vaccination card in an electronic format available to upload.

Visit the [convention website registration page](#) for more information and be sure to explore the [convention website](#) to discover concerts, new music, workshops, worship, and more.

**Supersaver registration rates are available through January 31, 2022.** Rates go up February 1, with additional increases March 1 and June 1. Register now and lock in the lowest rate!

**The convention hotel** is the brand-new Hyatt Regency Seattle, located in the heart of downtown. We've arranged a fantastic rate from July 1–9, 2022! [Visit this page](#) to book your guestroom now. The [hotel](#) is your hub for convention programming, including exhibitors and most convention workshops.

**Discounted airfare** is available from Alaska Airlines for travel from June 26 - July 12, 2022. Use code ECMD864 for a special 5% AGO discount when you [book online](#).



# 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.

### **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](mailto: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.
- Contact: Nadine Felton at [nadine@veritasmanagementgroup.com](mailto: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](mailto:music@gracecolumbia.org). Job Description available upon request.

**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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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

### **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**

**\*\*Our Shepherd Lutheran Church**, 1410 W Bobo Newsom Hwy., Hartsville SC 29550  
Yamaha Clavinova. \$85 per service. For more information, contact [oslc1410@gmail.com](mailto:oslc1410@gmail.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:wmsbpresby@ftc-i.net) for a complete job description and to apply.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:priest@stalbanschurch.net)) for more information.

#### **NEWBERRY**

**Newberry ARP Church**, Organist for Sunday morning worship service. Contact Pastor Seth Yi, [sethyi1969@gmail.com](mailto:sethyi1969@gmail.com) , Church 803-276-1485, Cell 318-680-4375, [www.newberryarp.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:psumc@sc.rr.com). Please contact the church for complete job description.