

The Greater Columbia Organist



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A Note From the Dean

The last event of our chapter's program year was held at Grecian Gardens. What a nice evening it was! A formal program was not planned intentionally so that we might have an opportunity to visit together with both old and new friends. I believe all who attended had a great time being able to visit with one another.

As summer begins to emerge from spring, many of us will be utilizing the time to plan for the rehearsals, worship service music and programs that will resume in the fall.

What a better way to get rejuvenated than by participating in the Religious Arts Festival that will be held at Columbia's Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary July 28-30. This festival has been posted in our chapter newsletter for the past two months. If you have not registered, please do not miss this chance to be truly inspired. Peter Sykes and Eric Plutz will be here to teach and perform for the festival. In addition, Wayne Leupold will be here from North Carolina to speak about his latest publications. Our own Alicia Walker will lead a choral session. You will not want to miss this wonderful opportunity for inspiration, learning and growth in all areas of our musical endeavors.

(Register at <https://www.lr.edu/campuses/ltss/lifelong-learning/religious-arts-festival> by **July 15.**)

The chapter board will be planning our program year this summer. In fact, at the time that you read this, we will have met to discuss potential programs for the upcoming programming year. We appreciate the suggestions sent to us by members who responded to our newsletter request for ideas and have included those in the discussions. Please make sure that you mark your calendar as soon as you receive your programming card. Our board works hard to make sure that our programming is both relevant and enjoyable for our members.

I hope each of you have an enjoyable summer. Take some time to relax, but also use the time to prepare. Mark your calendar for the Religious Arts Festival in July and make it a priority to join your chapter in all events this upcoming year.

Most Sincerely,

Greg

Center for Lifelong Learning Presents

The 2022 Religious
Arts Festival at
Lutheran Theological
Southern Seminary
Columbia, SC



Peter Sykes
The Juilliard School



Eric Plutz
Princeton University



Alicia W. Walker
University of South
Carolina

July 28-30

\$105 Includes two recitals
and boxed lunch

Join us for masterclasses and recitals on
the organ and choral music of JS Bach,
Louis Vierne and their contemporaries.



Registration and more information: [https:// www.lr.edu/religious-arts-festival](https://www.lr.edu/religious-arts-festival)

RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL

FREE Organ Recitals

and

Worship Service



Peter Sykes (organ and harpsichord faculty member at Julliard and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor) will perform at Christ Chapel at LTSS on Thursday, July 28th, at 7:30 p.m.

Christ Chapel, LTSS, 4201 N Main St, Columbia, SC 29203

Eric Plutz (organist at Princeton University) will perform at Trinity Cathedral on Friday, July 29th, at 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 1100 Sumter St, Columbia, SC 29201



Multi-denominational Service of Morning Prayer at Incarnation Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 30th, at 9:30 am. **Patrick Hawkins** (organist at LTSS and Incarnation Lutheran Church) will begin the prelude at 9:20 a.m.

Incarnation Lutheran, 3005 Devine St, Columbia, SC 29205

Augsburg Fortress Free Summer Music Clinic

AUGUST 5–6
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1715 Bull St.
Columbia, SC 29201

Read through new seasonal music, participate in a hymn festival, attend handbell workshops, and enjoy other activities at the Augsburg Fortress summer music clinics! Jan Kraybill and Tom Trenney are the featured clinicians this year. Learn more and sign up at go.augsburgfortress.org/summer-music-clinics.



7/01	Greg Stone
7/02	Joan Marco
7/10	Sunjoo Lee
7/12	Polly Watts
7/13	Toni Hollingsworth
7/14	Sylvia Trimmier
7/29	John Lineberger
7/30	Dan McGehee

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.



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2023 Regional Conventions



Augusta, Georgia
June 18-21, 2023
**Keith Shafer, Convention
Coordinator**

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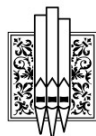
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Greenville AGO Chapter's Powell Scholarship Fund and Competition



The Greenville SC Chapter of AGO has recently created the Powell Scholarship Fund and Competition to honor the legacy of Robert Powell, FAGO, organist and composer, along with his wife, Nancy Powell, AAGO, also an organist. The Powells have lived in the Greenville area for decades. Neighboring AGO chapters were invited to contribute toward the fund. In response, Greater Columbia AGO made a one-time gift of \$300.00. Should you wish to donate to this fund individually, contributions can be sent to

Greenville AGO Chapter – Powell Scholarship
c/o John Polo, Program Director/Treasurer
26 Appian Circle
Simpsonville, SC 29681.

Further information may be found at the Greenville Chapter's website <http://www.greenvilleago.org/> or by contacting John Polo at John.polo@strategicdirectives.com.

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church is seeking a full-time Director of Sacred Music and Organist to develop and maintain a sacred music program that will support and enable the people of the parish to encounter more deeply the sacred mysteries of the liturgy. Our Lady of Perpetual Help is a suburban parish of approximately 400 families. The parish choral program consists of a parish schola and a Spanish language choir. The Director of Sacred Music/Organist will collaborate with the pastor in the search for a new organ, which will be the first goal upon hiring. Must have a Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred) in music (choral conducting, organ performance, or sacred music) and possess 3-5 years relevant experience in a Catholic parish as the director of the music. Candidates must have a passion and working knowledge of the Church's teachings on sacred music and liturgy. 30 hours per week salary. Diocese of Charleston Benefits. Flexible office hours. Full job description is available to GCAGO members by contacting sloopystur@aol.com. Others, please contact the church. To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, (3) professional references, to: Jzimmerman@CharlestonDiocese.org. Finalists will be asked to submit additional materials and may be invited to the parish for an on-site interview/audition.

CHAPIN

*****Lake Murray Presbyterian Church*** is seeking to seeking an energetic, creative full-time Director of Music. (40 plus hours a week) This is a newly created position. The Director will be responsible for providing and/or coordinating music for two church services each Sunday morning as well as providing music for Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Thanksgiving, etc. The Director will consult with the Sr. Pastor regarding the theme of each service, and will work with other choir directors, assisting, when needed, with the Men's Chorus, Women's Contemporary, Youth, Cherub, and Children's choirs. The Director will be responsible for both the Chancel and Handbell Choirs. The candidate must have a Music Education Degree and/or music experience in conducting. Salary is negotiable based on education and experience. This position will remain posted for approximately one month (July 2022). A detailed description of the position is available upon request.

Contact Person: Pam Hutto, Chair of Director of Music Search Committee
Email Address: phd13304@gmail.com

COLUMBIA

Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 400 Harbison Blvd., Columbia, SC 29212.

Seeking part-time Organist/choir accompanist to play a 2 manual Schlicker pipe organ with 8 ranks and an Kawai piano. Two traditional Sunday services, Wednesday evening choir rehearsal, special services, weddings, and funerals. Qualified candidates will have demonstrated excellence in organ performance and accompanying skills. Knowledge of Lutheran liturgy desired. Salary commensurate with experience. Please contact Robert Arcovio at (412) 302-3829 or via email at rlarcovio@gmail.com if interested.

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. Experienced person sought to serve as Part-time Director of Music Ministry. Applicants should be comfortable with Lutheran liturgy, serving as part of a team, and working with adults, youth, and children. This person will be leader in planning and/or participating in worship and musical activities for all ages at Good Shepherd. Will provide accompaniment (piano and/or guitar) for the Contemporary service. Primary responsibilities include the weekly direction of the two Sunday morning choirs (traditional and contemporary) and the children's music program. Will partner with pastor, staff, and church leaders in planning relevant parish music of this active congregation

Please send contact information and attached resume to gslcemployment2@gmail.com.

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

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, in downtown Columbia, SC is seeking to fill its part time position of Organist/Choirmaster. Two Manual Wicks organ. <https://www.sainttimothyscolumbia.com/>

The ideal candidate will:

- Have a degree in music or equivalent experience and love of church music
- Have familiarity/experience with liturgical worship (service form, service music and practices throughout the liturgical year)

Responsibilities will include:

- Planning music for all worship services. Serving as organist and leading the adult choir for weekly Sunday service and additional services throughout year
- Occasionally working with children for special music
- Serving as organist for weddings and funerals (for additional fee)
- Coordinating occasional public music events

Cover letters and resumes will be accepted until the position is filled. Please send to the Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Alice Marie Mills, at revalicemarierey@gmail.com

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@sainttimothylutheran.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.

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (ELCA), Lexington, South Carolina

FULL TIME ORGANIST/DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY St. Stephen's Lutheran Church has an immediate opening for the primary position of ORGANIST with choral, instrumental, administrative and organizational responsibilities to enhance and develop our liturgical music program. A graduate degree(s) in organ (Performance or Sacred Music), a solid understanding of liturgical worship (preferably Lutheran), experience in conducting children, youth, adult choral groups, instrumentalist and handbells will be our selection criteria. Starting annual salary is \$60,000 with a benefits package negotiable. A detailed job description is readily available upon request via email to organist@SSLC.org. Resumes should be sent to organist@SSLC.org or 119 North Church Street, Lexington, SC 29072, arriving by June 1, 2022. Our 3-manual pipe organ was built by the MP Moeller Company in 1978 with Walker Technical digital additions in 2005 totaling 63 Ranks/64 Stops. St. Stephen's is an active historical congregation with southern charm located mid-state between the coast and mountains of South Carolina. Check out our website. The organ history and specification link download is on the *Ministries/Music* page <https://www.sslc.org/>.

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.

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. Resumes 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

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, in West Columbia, SC, is seeking a part-time organist/music director. The position would include one Sunday Service (10:30 am), one rehearsal, and the occasional mid-week services during Advent and Lent. In addition, this person will play for all weddings (with right of first refusal privilege) and funerals happening within the Church. Experience with leading liturgical worship services is preferred. In the sanctuary, there is a J.E. Lee pipe organ (see <http://www.columbiaago.org/ColumbiaOrgans/Organs/EMMANUEL%20LUTHERAN.pdf>) and a grand piano. Compensation will be commensurate with experience. Interested parties should contact Rev. Adam Carnell at carnelladam1@gmail.com, or (803) 354-1154.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1717 Platt Springs Road, West Columbia, seeks a part-time organist/ choir director for one traditional ELW service with choir rehearsal. Advent and Lenten Midweek services are also required. The church is located at 1717 Platt Springs Road in West Columbia, SC.29169. Please contact the Rev. Dr. Arthur Turfa, Interim Pastor, at aturfa@aol.com or 803-381-1468 for more information. Salary is based on experience.

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.

****Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community** in West Columbia, SC, is seeking a part-time organist to play our Allen organ at our 11:00 AM Sunday Chapel service. The service is an Episcopal service, typically including four hymns, a prelude, and a postlude. This is a paid, part-time position. Please contact Rev. Doug Gray, Chaplain, at 803-739-5033, or via email at dagray@stillhopes.org if interested.
