

The Greater Columbia Organist



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YOC Winner Garners Accolades

Katherine Johnson, winner of the 2016 Young Organist Competition in Columbia is a graduating senior at Oberlin College and Conservatory with a double degree in English and organ performance. While at Oberlin, she studied with Christa Rakich. She has been appointed the 2023-2024 Organ Scholar at Duke University in Durham N.C. Our YOC alumni continue to amaze us with their accomplishments. Congratulations, Katherine!

AGO Southeast Region Convention

June 18-21, 2023

Augusta, Georgia

www.ago23augusta.org

The Augusta Georgia Chapter is hosting this June's Southeast Region Convention. Due to significant grants and gifts, the convention is able to present some of the most celebrated organists of our time and at a reasonable cost. The instruments being featured are in live rooms with visible consoles. Convention headquarters is Augusta's Marriott Riverfront Hotel. There is complete information on the convention website www.ago23augusta.org. There are opportunities to advertise in the convention brochure and all printed ads are also being provided on the website. Questions? Contact Keith Shafer, Convention Coordinator, kshafer@saintpauls.org, 706-339-7208. Celebrate the wonderful world of the organ in Augusta this June!



On Saturday, April 29, The Greater Columbia AGO Chapter sponsored an organ crawl to Florence, SC, to learn about and play pipe organs at four churches.

- St. Luke Lutheran Church (1987 Schantz, expanded 2003)
- First Baptist Church (1951 Reuter / Schantz console)
- St. John's Anglican Church (2023 Lincoln expansion of op. 1338 Aeolian-Skinner) -- sanctuary and pipe chambers are being renovated for the upcoming installation of the completed new instrument
- Central United Methodist Church (1988 Schantz, 2022 Orgues Létourneau console)



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| 6/02 | Tucker Smith |
| 6/04 | William Douglas |
| 6/05 | Lenora Jeffcoat |
| 6/06 | Hamilton Stoddard |
| 6/08 | William Bullock |
| 6/11 | Al Murrell |
| 6/16 | Matthew Whitehouse |
| 6/20 | Jordan DeRouen |



A big thank you to **Greg Stone** for serving as our Dean since 2018!

Also thank you, **Lenora Jeffcoat** for serving on the board for three years as member-at-large!

Augsburg Fortress Free Summer Music Clinic

JULY 28-29
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!

Anne Krentz Organ (choral clinician) and **Karen Black** (organ clinician) are the featured clinicians this year along with Karl Zinsmeister for handbells. Learn more and sign up [HERE](#). Shop the music display, even if you can't attend the sessions. **Friday night Hymn Festival.**



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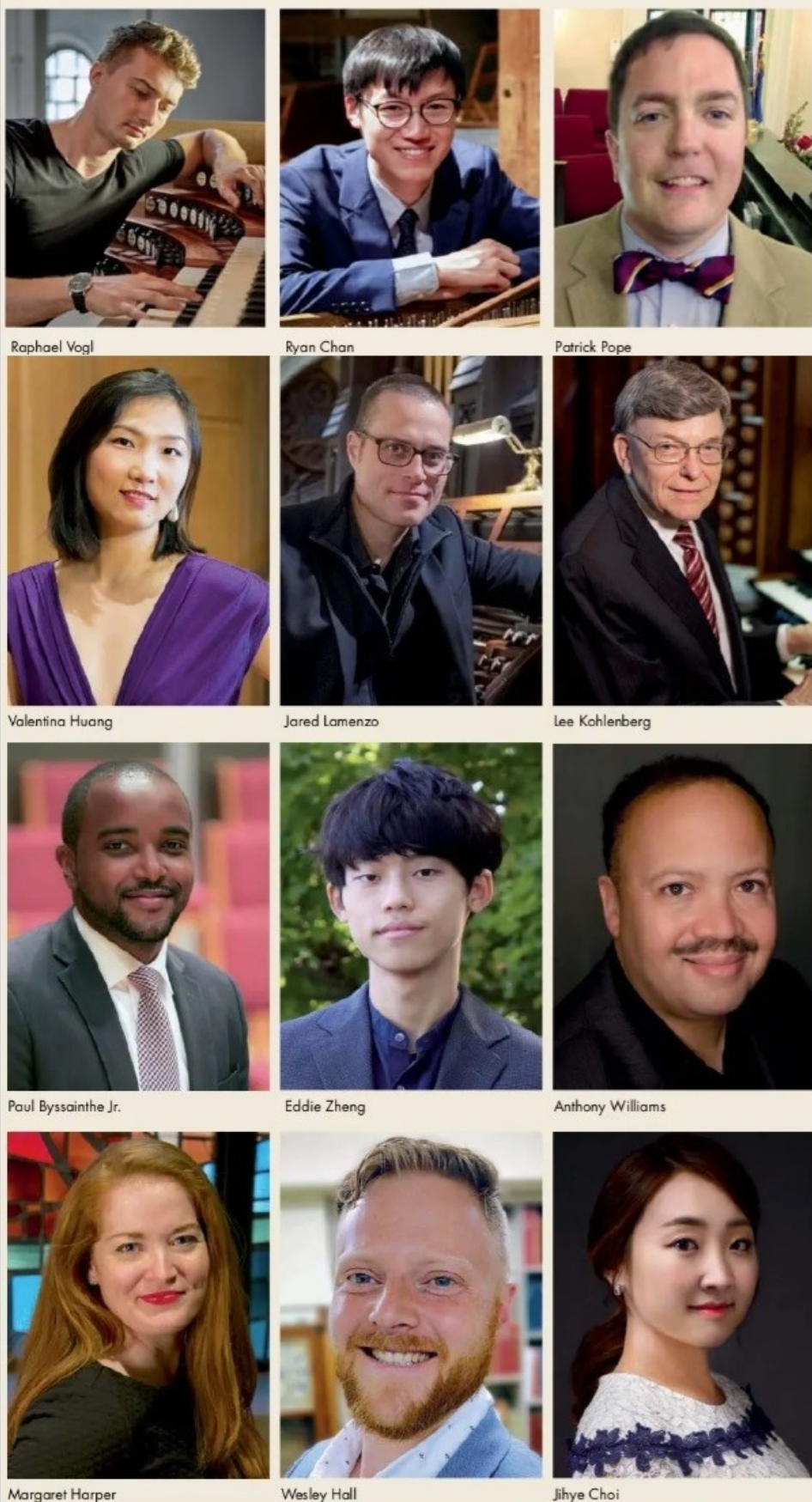
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The 20th of every month is the deadline for the following month's AGO newsletter. Information received after that time may not appear in that month's newsletter.



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

**** NEW LISTING OR CHANGES IN JOB DESCRIPTION OR AD**

ARDEN, NC

Nativity Lutheran Church, Arden, NC, Full-time (35 hour) position for Director of Worship and Music open for excellent candidates at Lutheran Church of the Nativity in Arden, NC. Located in the beautiful Blue Ridge mountains and next to Lutheridge, the position has a competitive salary and outstanding benefits as part of a dynamic team. The ideal candidate will have 5 or more years of experience leading multiple musical groups and ages in a congregation familiar with ELCA liturgy and hymns. Please see the job description at <https://nativityarden.org/join-our-team> and submit resume and any other applicable information to worshipandmusic@nativityarden.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. 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. \$25,000-\$28,000. Send contact information and attached resume to gslcemployment2@gmail.com.

*****Sherwood Forest Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Columbia SC***, has an opening for a part time (20 hours/month) church organist/pianist. We are a small traditional hymn singing congregation. Duties include regular Sunday worship as well as special services. To apply, email resume/ letter to Pastor Russ Harless at russell_bh@yahoo.com or call 803-727-8431.

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, Organist Position (PT) Darlington Presbyterian Church, EPC, is currently looking to hire an organist who is a committed Christian desiring to use his/her talents for the Lord. In addition to having skill in organ performance as a soloist, the position requires expertise in accompanying choir rehearsals, soloists, and congregational singing on both the organ and piano. The ability to sight-read and to play choral parts are needed skills as well. DPC has one worship service each week (Sunday 11:00 a.m.) and preparation for that service includes accompanying the Children's Choir rehearsal and Chancel Choir rehearsal on Wednesday nights. We also enjoy several seasonal special worship services during the year: Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunrise, Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols, 2 Christmas Eve Services.

Interested candidates are welcome to send a cover letter and resume to Dr. Irwin, the Dir. of Music Ministries at tirwin1685@gmail.com.

IRMO

****The Episcopal Church of St. Simon & St. Jude**, 1110 Kinley Rd., Irmo, SC 29063. Part-time Director of Music. Pay \$20,000-\$30,000. The Episcopal Church of St. Simon and St. Jude is an inclusive, medium-sized worship community that has a long tradition of innovative worship and excellent music. We are looking for a creative musician who is willing to be a minister to God's people and uplift the arts ministries at SSSJ. A typical week of worship services includes a 9:00 a.m. with piano, and a traditional 10:30 a.m. service with organ as the primary instrument.

For the complete job description, please contact Rev. Jill Williams at 413 531 3263 or by email at revjillwilliams@gmail.com

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.