



# The Greater Columbia Organist

June 2026

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**A BIG THANK YOU** to **Al Roberts** for serving on the board as Member at Large and for **Huger Caughman** for fulfilling Al's last remaining year as Member at Large.

# MAY PROGRAM RECAP

On Friday evening, May 8, chapter members gathered at Trinity Cathedral for an end-of-year dinner and Hymn Trivia game. The game, played in teams, challenged players to identify hymn tunes by viewing fragments of the melodic line, as well as of the rhythmic notation only. They also identified hymn titles from obscure phrases of the text. With careful collaboration, hymnody expertise, fierce competition, and much laughter, all teams were successful. The chapter is grateful to Trinity Cathedral, as well as to their staff musicians and chapter members Paul Thomas and Käthe Wright Kaufman, for graciously hosting this fun evening.

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SUMMER 2026  
MUSIC CLINICS  
*70th Anniversary Celebration!*

## AUGSBURG'S SUMMER MUSIC CLINIC 2026

July 24 & 25 in Columbia with Robert Hobby and Jeremy Bankson, clinicians.

[Click here for more information: Augsburgfortress.org/music-events](https://Augsburgfortress.org/music-events)

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DEADLINE  
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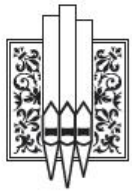
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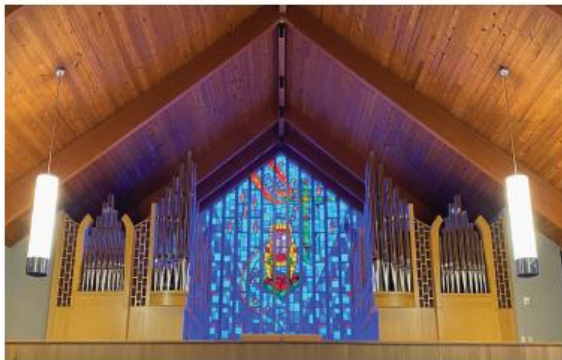




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**\*\* NEW LISTING OR CHANGES**

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.

**ATLANTA, GA**

***St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church***, 1790 Lavista Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30329, an active and inclusive parish in northeast Atlanta, seeks an organist/choirmaster.

The parish is known for its excellent Rosales organ (two-manual tracker, 38 ranks, Opus 29), superb acoustics, skilled choirs and collaboration with other musical groups in the metro area.

Benefits: Compensation for the 30 hours-per-week position is \$50,000 plus benefits, continuing education, and vacation time (4 weeks/5 Sundays).

To see a complete job description and for more information about St. Bartholomew's, visit [www.stbartsatlanta.org](http://www.stbartsatlanta.org); and find us on Facebook and YouTube.

To apply, send a Curriculum Vitae, sample recordings of the applicant's organ and choral performances, and a list of references to [applications@stbartsatlanta.org](mailto:applications@stbartsatlanta.org).

**AUGUSTA, GA**

***Covenant Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)***, 3131 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30909. Opening for Director of Music and Organist, 20 hours a week. Serve as primary musician for all Sunday worship services, funerals, weddings, and special worship. Professional-level musician. Bachelor's degree required. Graduate degree in music preferred. Prefer at least three years in leadership position of church music programs. Proficient in organ and conducting choral music. Prefer experience with handbell choirs. 31-rank Zimmer pipe organ, carillon and control unit, pianos, and handbells. The Director of Music and Organist is permitted to teach music lessons using the church's facilities and instruments.

Full job description may be seen at the church webpage <https://www.covenantaugusta.org/>.

Position inquiries should be directed to Search Committee Chair, Brock Daniels at [kcdjbd@gmail.com](mailto:kcdjbd@gmail.com).

**BEAUFORT, SC**

***MCAS Beaufort*** is currently seeking part-time Organist / Pianist / Choir Director roles to support both Catholic and Protestant chapel services. These positions involve providing organ and piano accompaniment, leading choir rehearsals, and supporting weekly Sunday services, as well as seasonal and special services throughout the year.

For the Catholic service, responsibilities include supporting Sunday Mass (9:00 AM), coordinating with the Priest on liturgical music planning, and leading music in accordance with Catholic worship traditions.

For the Protestant service, responsibilities include supporting Sunday worship (11:00 AM), coordinating with the Chaplain, leading choir rehearsals, and providing music for special observances and services.

Qualified candidates should demonstrate proficiency in both organ and piano, strong choral directing skills, and the ability to perform and lead both traditional and contemporary worship music. Prior experience in church or military music ministry is preferred, along with the ability to sight-read and collaborate effectively with chapel staff and volunteers. Please submit a resume to [jobs@s1recruiting.com](mailto:jobs@s1recruiting.com), or contact us at (407) 602-7780 for more information and complete job descriptions.

## **BENNETTSVILLE**

***First Methodist Church***, Bennettsville seeks a Music Director to lead the music program of the church. Primary duties include providing appropriate weekly service music on the 43-rank Casavant organ and leading the adult, handbell, and children's choirs. Flexibility in job structure. Salary commensurate with training and experience. Optional opportunity to earn additional income providing music classes for church day care program. Please send cover letter and resume to the church office at [info@fmc Bennettsville.com](mailto:info@fmc Bennettsville.com). For additional information, contact Rev. Taylor Coates (843-479-3231) or Virginia Fowler, PPRC Chairman ([heyva2@yahoo.com](mailto:heyva2@yahoo.com)).

**\*\**First Presbyterian Church***, 130 Broad St., Bennettsville, SC. Part-Time Organist/Adult Choir Director (1 or 2 people). First Presbyterian Church-Bennettsville seeks a skilled part-time organist/adult choir director (role may be split between two people). Our worship features a traditional, Reformed style supported by a 2-manual, 28-stop Schantz pipe organ (1974) and a restored 1913 Everett grand piano.

Responsibilities include: Leading and coordinating the church's music program; Playing for weekly services, hymns, and special occasions (extra compensation for weddings, funerals, etc.); Directing the adult Chancel Choir (weekly rehearsals/services); Optional: directing adult handbell choir (additional compensation); Accompanying children's choir and soloists; Overseeing the music budget, library, and instrument maintenance

View the full job descriptions on Indeed: [FPC Bennettsville Part-time Organist/Adult Choir Director](#) and [FPC Bennettsville Part-time Chancel Choir Director](#)

Submit a cover letter, résumé, and three references (with contact information) to the Musician Search Committee at [musicfpcbville@gmail.com](mailto:musicfpcbville@gmail.com). For additional information, contact [musicfpcbville@gmail.com](mailto:musicfpcbville@gmail.com) or 843-479-3961.

## **BLYTHEWOOD**

**\*\**St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Blythewood, S.C.***, seeking organist for 11:00 a.m. Sunday Services. Traditional Lutheran service. No choir work involved. If interested, please email Robyn Gibson at [BMike33@earthlink.net](mailto:BMike33@earthlink.net).

## **CAMDEN**

***Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church***, 1206 Lyttleton Street, Camden, SC, seeks a part-time organist and/or pianist. Responsibilities include one Sunday morning worship service (9:00 a.m.) and Wednesday evening choir rehearsals, plus seasonal services. There is potential to add accompanying services for the 11:15 contemporary service. For additional information please e-mail Patty Bellus at [admin@lsumc.net](mailto:admin@lsumc.net) or see our website, <https://lsumc.net/about-us/employment>. Organ specifications may be found here: <https://www.columbiaago.org/ColumbiaOrgans/Organs/LYTTLETONUMCSumter.pdf>.

***Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church***, 1206 Lyttleton Street, Camden, SC, seeks a full-time Music Director. Responsibilities include one Sunday morning worship service (9:00 a.m.) and Wednesday evening choir and handbell rehearsals, plus seasonal services. The job also includes supervision of both paid and volunteer musicians for the 11:15 a.m. Contemporary service, organist/accompanist, youth bells, youth praise team, children's choirs and bells, management of the music budget, and maintenance of all instruments. The job interacts daily with the Senior minister, youth and children's directors as well as other church staff. For additional information please e-mail Patty Bellus at [admin@lsumc.net](mailto:admin@lsumc.net) or see our website, <https://lsumc.net/about-us/employment>.

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## **CHAPIN**

**Mt. Horeb Lutheran ELCA Church**, Chapin SC is in search of an **Interim Parish Musician**. Duties include Sunday morning services, funerals, special services, and Sunday morning adult choir practice. Mt. Horeb has a Schantz pipe organ and Yamaha grand piano in the church sanctuary. The organist reports to the Church Pastor. A more detailed Interim Organist Job Description can be viewed at [www.mthoreb.net/content/jobs/interim-parish-musician](http://www.mthoreb.net/content/jobs/interim-parish-musician). For information and to apply, please send cover letter, resume, including two professional references to: [frontdesk@mthoreb.net](mailto:frontdesk@mthoreb.net) or FAX 803 681-0091.

**Mt. Horeb Lutheran ELCA Church**, Chapin SC is in search of a part time *Parish Musician*. This position is a permanent Church Staff member and reports to the Church Pastor. The part time Parish Musician is expected to rehearse and direct the adult choir and coordinate with the Church Pastor on worship and music selections. Duties include Sunday morning Services, funerals, and other special services during the Church calendar year. Mt. Horeb ELCA has a Schantz pipe organ and Yamaha grand piano in the Church sanctuary. More detailed job responsibilities for this position can be viewed at [www.mthoreb.net/content/jobs/parish-musician](http://www.mthoreb.net/content/jobs/parish-musician). For more information and to apply, please send cover letter, resume including two (2) professional references to: [frontdesk@mthoreb.net](mailto:frontdesk@mthoreb.net) or FAX 803 681-0091

## **COLUMBIA**

**Forest Lake Presbyterian Church**, 6500 Trenholm Road, seeks a part-time organist-accompanist. The applicant should also be well-versed as a pianist/accompanist. Responsibilities include one Sunday morning worship service at 10:00 (preceded by choir rehearsal at 9:15); Wednesday evening choir rehearsals at 7:00 pm; seasonal services; and wedding and funerals (additional compensation). Instruments: Casavant pipe organ (installed 2017) with 2 manuals and 25 ranks, and Yamaha baby grand piano. Interested persons can access the Job Description and church application at [flpc.org/newsevents/organist](http://flpc.org/newsevents/organist). Questions can be directed to Beth Mears, Director of Music via email: [bethmears@flpc.org](mailto:bethmears@flpc.org)

**Rehoboth Global Methodist Church, located at 6911 Two Notch Road, Columbia, SC**, is seeking a part-time pianist/choir director for weekly choir practice and Sunday morning worship and special seasonal services. Email resume to [office@rehobothchurchsc.com](mailto:office@rehobothchurchsc.com) and for more information.

**\*\*St. Joseph Catholic Church** in Columbia, South Carolina is seeking a highly skilled and collaborative Organist to support the liturgical and musical life of our parish. This position comes at an exciting and historic moment for St. Joseph, as the parish prepares for the installation of a new three-manual Mascioni pipe organ with approximately 52 ranks and 2,744 pipes, the first Mascioni organ ever installed in North America. The Organist will serve as principal organist for weekend Masses, Holy Days, major liturgies, weekly rehearsals, weddings, funerals, and other parish celebrations. The position may be structured according to the candidate's experience, qualifications, and desired level of involvement in the music ministry. For a candidate interested in a broader role, additional hours and compensation may be available, including the possibility of conducting one of the parish's children's choirs, if qualified. Candidates whose primary interest is serving as weekend organist are also encouraged to apply, with hours and compensation adjusted accordingly. Depending on the final scope of responsibilities, the position may range up to approximately 30–35 hours per week.

Salary is \$45,000–\$66,000, commensurate with experience and final scope of responsibilities, with an hourly option available. Additional compensation opportunities are offered for weddings and funerals. Benefits include health, dental, and vision insurance with 50% employer-paid premiums, a 403(b)-retirement plan with employer match, paid vacation including five weekends off annually, and \$2,000 annually for continuing education, professional development, conferences, memberships, and workshops.

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, résumé or curriculum vitae, and three professional references to Worth Lewallen, Director of Music, at [worth@stjosephcolumbia.org](mailto:worth@stjosephcolumbia.org).

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**, Columbia, a predominantly African American Anglo-Catholic parish, is seeking a ¼ time - part-time Organist and/or Organist and Choirmaster for its 10:00 a.m. Sunday masses. The Organ is a 2-manual Allen Renaissance Quantum, Acoustic Portrait, 58 stops. Choir Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm (the day and time can be adjusted by the new organist). Job duties include leading congregational singing, accompanying and directing anthems, ensembles, and soloists at organ/piano. Also accompanies the Cantor in singing the psalms, and the Gospel Acclamation.

Special services include Epiphany Lenten Wednesdays, Holy Week, Ascension Day, Christmas Eve Mass, etc. The organist also plays for weddings and funerals per church policy. We seek someone with vision, imagination, creativity, flexibility; a self-motivator with the ability to teach and inspire our eight-member choir (four of whom are paid professional staff singers). The ability to work independently and in conjunction with the priest as well as an openness to versatility during special times of the Church year is a must. Hymns used come from *The Hymnal 1982*, *Lift Every Voice and Sing, II*, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*, and other liturgical resources that lend themselves to the appropriateness of the liturgy. 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, but not required. Salary negotiable depending on experience and ability. Please submit Cover Letter and Resumé along with two or three references to [fr.raphiell@gmail.com](mailto:fr.raphiell@gmail.com) with the word Organist/Choirmaster in the subject line: You may also call the church office (803) 254-2327 to speak with the priest, Fr. Raphiell Ashford, for more information, or email me directly at the email address above if you have any questions regarding the position.

**St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church**, 5220 Clemson Avenue • Columbia, SC 29206.

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields is currently seeking a part-time organist, to start as soon as possible. Responsibilities include providing music for Sunday worship, seasonal services, and funerals, as well as directing weekly choir practice. Those interested in the position should contact Rev. Mitch Smith at [mitch.smith@smifsc.com](mailto:mitch.smith@smifsc.com).

**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. Tyler Proctor, at [fathertylep@gmail.com](mailto:fathertylep@gmail.com).

Website: <https://www.sainttimothyscolumbia.com/>

Recorded Services: <https://www.youtube.com/@St.TimothysColumbiaSC>

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**, 1715 Broad River Rd, Columbia, SC seeks a part-time pianist/accompanist and/or organist/accompanist. Responsibilities include one Sunday morning worship service (10:30 am) and Wednesday evening choir rehearsals (7:00 pm) plus seasonal services. Instruments: Zimmer pipe organ with 12 ranks of pipes and 12 general programmable pistons, and Yamaha baby grand piano. Interested persons please submit resume and questions to: [music@westminsterpres.org](mailto:music@westminsterpres.org)

## **GASTONIA, NC**

**First UMC**, 190 East Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, NC 28052. Part-time organist [15-20 hrs. week] for 1,500-member church in metro Charlotte area with a tradition of excellence in music ministry and mission to the community. Two Sunday morning services, weekly choir rehearsals, festival services, concerts, weddings/funerals. Accompany Chancel Choir, soloists and ensembles. Bachelor's degree required (organ major preferred, graduate degree optional), with additional study in sacred music a plus. 5-7 years' experience as an organist preferred. 73-rank, three manual Möller organ (1956/renovated 1997) and antiphonal organ in sanctuary; Cornell Zimmer organ (2006) in chapel. The applicant should demonstrate knowledge and commitment to traditional and contemporary music of the Church within a liturgical, United Methodist context. Come and join an outstanding ministry team. Salary commensurate with experience. Please e-mail cover letter, resume and references to James C. Smith, Search Committee Chair, at [beanman@vnet.net](mailto:beanman@vnet.net). Recordings/videos optional but encouraged.

## **GILBERT**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 246 St. Paul's Church Rd., Gilbert, SC 29054 is seeking a part-time Music Director for its Sunday worship services.

Our immediate need is for organist/pianist. This position includes Sunday morning services, Wednesday night rehearsals with the praise band, as well as any funerals/weddings, as scheduled. Music should be appropriate for use in the Lutheran service and follow the theme or the lessons appointed for the day. Hymns/Songs from the ELW and the Worship & Praise book should be used. Special programs are normally presented seasonally, i.e. Christmas Cantata/Children's Christmas Program, Easter, Lenten services and following special Lutheran celebration Sundays throughout the year.

St. Paul's would also like to resume the handbell choir and form a vocal choir for Sunday services. This will be discussed at the interview.

Compensation for this position is negotiable based on experience and merit. For more information and complete job description or to apply, contact Janet Boyd at [boyd5janet@gmail.com](mailto:boyd5janet@gmail.com) or 803-634-0018.

## **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](mailto:cumbeeelizabeth42@gmail.com)

## **LANCASTER**

**Lancaster First ARP Church**, 701 Norh Main St., Lancaster, SC 29720, Part-time Choir Director/Accompanist. Lead and accompany the congregation during Sunday morning Worship. Schedule, accompany, and conduct weekly choir practices. Coordinate music that reflects Reformed Presbyterian theology and practice. To apply, please send resume to: [OnAHill@comporium.net](mailto:OnAHill@comporium.net). [www.FirstARPLancaster.org](http://www.FirstARPLancaster.org).

## **LEXINGTON**

**Zion Lutheran Church** - Part-Time Music Director. The Music Director will be responsible for planning, coordinating and developing the worship and music program for Zion Lutheran Church and the position is viewed as a ministry to and for the congregation to the glory of God. The Music Director is called to serve through planning, coordinating and developing the worship and music opportunities for Zion Lutheran Church. This position is viewed as a ministry to and for the congregation to the glory of God. The Music Director shall be responsible for the presentation of music for routine and special worship services. Traditional and contemporary music styles are utilized. This part-time position includes Sunday services, holidays and some evenings. Interested applicants are invited to send resume and cover letter to [zionchurch@zionLexsc.com](mailto:zionchurch@zionLexsc.com) or Zion Lutheran Church, 226 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072

## **NEWBERRY**

***Newberry Reformed Presbyterian 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.newberryreformedpc.org](http://www.newberryreformedpc.org).

Organ specifications:

<http://www.columbiaago.org/ColumbiaOrgans/Organs/NewberryARP.pdf>

## **ROCK HILL**

***Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Associate Reformed***, 2132 Ebenezer Road, Rock Hill SC. Director of Music The link below will take those interested to the specifics on how to apply, the specifications of our pipe organ, and the new job description with salary included. <https://ebenezerarp.org/>

## **SUMTER**

***The Church of the Holy Comforter***, located at 213 North Main St., Sumter SC. is seeking a full-time, 40 hours per week, salaried Director of Music Ministries (Organist/Choir Director). The Director will develop and implement a music ministry, under the authority of the rector, that is consistent with Anglican theology and enhances the worship of God and the whole ministry of the church. The Director will also disciple the music teams under the Director's care (through theological reflection, prayer, and mentoring) grounded in the Great Commission. Ultimately, our desire is to worship the Lord in spirit and truth (John 4.24), that we might be filled, ever more fully, with His Holy Spirit (Eph. 5.18-19).

If you are interested in this position, please view the full job description, to include compensation range, & how to apply @ <https://www.holycomfortersc.org/copy-of-david-booman>

## **WEST COLUMBIA**

***Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church***, 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169.

Needed immediately – Director of Music / Organist. This permanent part-time position includes directing adult and children's choirs, handbell choir, organist for Sunday morning blended service (traditional with contemporary) at 9:00 a.m. Zimmer 3 manual pipe organ and Yamaha Grand Piano. For more information or submit resume with 3 references to Pastor Gina Metze at 803-794-6430, [PastorGina@wearemthermon.com](mailto:PastorGina@wearemthermon.com)

or [pastorginametze@gmail.com](mailto:pastorginametze@gmail.com) or to Charlene Corley at 803-636-5352

or [cholle1960@gmail.com](mailto:cholle1960@gmail.com).

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