

The Greater Columbia Organist

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YOUNG ORGANIST COMPETITION 2020 WINNER'S RECITAL

**A Virtual Concert by
Laura Smith**

**Friday, March 5, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

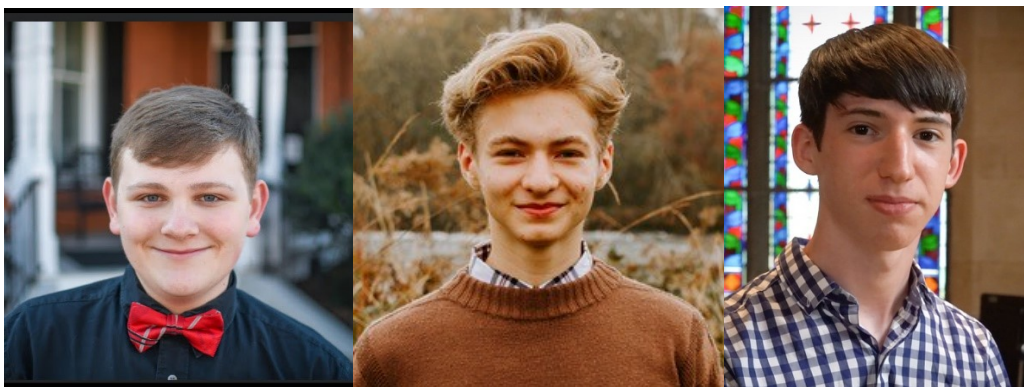
**Please join the Zoom meeting
between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m.**

A Zoom link will be emailed prior to the event

Born and raised in Wichita, Kansas, Laura began piano lessons in kindergarten and organ lessons at nine years old. Presently she studies organ with Anna Jeter at Eastminster Presbyterian Church and piano with Dr. James Knight at Friends University. A student member of AGO, Laura was twice awarded scholarships from the Wichita Chapter. These awards afforded her the opportunity to attend the 2015 Pipe Organ Encounter at Wichita State University and the 2019 Pipe Organ Encounter Advanced at Rice University. In 2019, she won first prize in the senior organ division of the Hesston Keyboard Festival and, in 2020, she garnered the first prize here in Columbia.

Laura is currently a senior in the International Baccalaureate program at Wichita High School East. She plans to pursue a Bachelor of Music degree in performance with studies in an outside field at either Baylor University, St. Olaf College, or Wheaton College.

Her recital will include works by J.S. Bach, Maurice Duruflé, Richard Purvis, Charles-Marie Widor, and a surprise piece arranged by the performer. Please join us on Friday, March 5, 2021, at 7 p.m. for Laura's performance and then get to know the artist with a question-and-answer period following.



WINNERS of the 2021 YOUNG ORGANIST COMPETITION

Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Performances via Zoom

Join us to hear the performances of the winners of this year's Young Organist Competition. The competition was held virtually in January-February and you can now hear these young men performing their solo repertoire and their assigned hymns. Judges for the event were Matthew Brown (Atlanta, GA), Jane Dimmock Cain (Davidson, NC), and Edie Johnson (Nashville, TN). Winners received monetary awards as follows:

\$1500 First Place Award: Simon Templet (New Orleans, LA)
Student of Steven Blackmon

\$1000 Second Place Award: Ezra Blackwell (Columbia, SC)
Student of Thomas Russell

\$750 Third Place Award: Joseph Franklin (Morganton, NC)
Student of Robert Smith

\$300 Best Bach Performance: Simon Templet

\$300 Best Hymn Performance: Joseph Franklin

Watch for a link to join the meeting. You will not want to miss these performances by the winners of the 2021 Young Organist Competition.

END-OF-YEAR PROGRAM

Plans are underway for our final event of the 2020-21 program year, to be held in May. Given the continued issues with safety, this will likely be a virtual event. Details will be coming soon.

FREE CDs AND OHS PUBLICATIONS



Daniel Birdsong, retired area organist, is downsizing and has 64 CDs of organ music and also OHS Publications that he would like to give to someone. For more information contact Susan at sloopystur@aol.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

The Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO has a scholarship fund for students interested in studying organ privately or at the college level. If you know of any students who are proficient in playing the piano and are interested in studying organ, the administrative board would like to encourage them to apply for the scholarship. There are limited funds available for those individuals who will be studying with chapter members. Interested students should contact the dean, [Greg Stone](#), for application forms and any other information.

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.



March Birthdays

3/02	Barbara Taylor
3/12	Sharon Witherell
3/16	Floride McKoy
3/28	Debbie Bauer

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**What is seen in the
middle of March and
April that can't be seen
at the beginning or end
of either month?**



The letter "R"



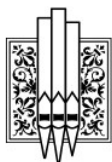
CEDAR FALLS BAPTIST CHURCH

Fayetteville, North Carolina

For 27 years, Don Williams has served as organist at Cedar Falls Baptist Church. In 2011 he contacted R. A. Daffer Church Organs for information regarding a new Rodgers organ to replace the aging 1980s Allen ADC-3100. An organ fund had been started and was growing. Fundraising moved slowly for a number of years until May of 2020, when the church was beginning renovation of the Sanctuary. The church signed a contract at that time for a new Rodgers Imagine 351 with 8 channels of audio, and the new organ was installed late November 2020.

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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.

ANDERSON

Grace Episcopal Church is seeking to fill its part-time position of Organist/Choirmaster. Grace is a traditional Eucharistic Episcopal Church living out our deep liturgical tradition with flair and joy.

See <https://gracechurchanderson.com/job-openings/> for complete job description.

CAMDEN

Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church is seeking a full-time Director of Music to join our community of God's people on a sacred journey together.

Function: Develop and lead a thriving music ministry to provide the members of Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church (LSUMC) with opportunities to grow in faith and use their talents to glorify God.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Assist clergy and musicians in planning:

1. weekly worship for traditional services-selecting hymns, cantors, anthems, and all other music
2. weekly music for the LSUMC *e/evate!* contemporary worship service

Direct, lead, and manage the adult Chancel Choir and Chancel Bell Choirs

Direct, lead, and manage the LSUMC *e/evate!* contemporary worship musicians and band

For complete job description see: <https://lsumc.net/about-us/employment>

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

COLUMBIA

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.

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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 11 a.m. 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. 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 traveling expenses) Responsibilities include playing for the weekly 11a.m. 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; 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.lc.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

LEXINGTON

Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lexington, SC, is seeking a committed Christian to provide organ/piano music and accompaniment for scheduled worship services 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 as a full partner with the ministerial staff and the Director of Traditional Music at Pilgrim Lutheran. Please submit a letter of recommendation and resumé to Susan Cafferty at susan@wearepilgrim.com.

St. James Lutheran Church (Red Bank, SC) is seeking a part-time Organist/Pianist to lead our music on Sunday morning and for other services. We need someone who plays piano (ability to play organ is a plus) and can accompany our choir (suspended during pandemic). The congregation has one Sunday service: 10:30 a.m., and weekly Adult Choir rehearsal (suspended during pandemic) • Other services as needed (Christmas Eve, Advent and Lenten Wednesday evenings, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, funerals and weddings as needed) • A pipe organ and a piano are in the sanctuary. Pianos in the choir room and fellowship hall. Contact the congregation for details outlining qualifications, responsibilities, etc. A job description can be found on the congregation's website (<https://www.stjameslex.com/>). Persons interested in applying should provide a complete resume and professional references. Send resume and references to St. James Lutheran Church at office@stjameslex.com. Church Office phone: (803) 359-2122
Address: 1358 S. Lake Drive, Lexington, SC 29073

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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 sml.sec.lex@gmail.com . For more information, please call Pastor Seth Gibson 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.

MOUNT PLEASANT

All Saints Lutheran Church, Mount Pleasant, is seeking a Part-Time Music Ministry Associate to partner with the Music Director to support and enhance our multi-generational music program, with an emphasis on children and youth music. The position is 15 hrs/week, with the possibility of increasing to 25 hrs with additional Communications responsibilities. Please send a cover letter, resumé, and the names and contact information of three professional references to Rev. Litman-Koon at pastor.glk@gmail.com.

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. 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. Pastor: Rev. Sara Relaford, Church Secretary: Lori Worsencroft

SENECA

Saint Mark United Methodist Church, 616 Quincy Road, Seneca, SC 29678. Director of Choral and Music Ministries, Half Time (20-25 hours/week) Organist/ Accompanist for Traditional Worship, Part time, 3-4 Hours per week with occasional special rehearsals and services. Church Contact: 864-882-2603, www.smumcsc.org, Fb and Twitter, 616 Quincy Road, Seneca, SC 29678. Contact/How to Apply: Send resumé to Lynn Dobson, lynndobson64@gmail.com, Chair of Staff Parish Relationship Committee- SPRC, per the discipline of the United Methodist Church. For more information: <http://smumcsc.org/we-are-hiring-music/>