

The Greater Columbia Organist

March 2022

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Young Organist Competition 2022
Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m.
Shandon United Methodist Church
3407 Devine Street
Columbia SC 29205



Hold on to your hats! This is going to be a phenomenal competition this year. Now in its twelfth year, the contest attracted nine high school candidates from all over the USA. The students submitted virtual performances for the preliminary round. The committee agonized over choosing the three finalists but we finally arrived at a decision. To ease our pain, we decided to award three honorable mentions and send them \$100 each, encouraging them to apply again next year. Thanks to committee members Tony Roof, Debbie Bauer, Dr. David Lowry, and Frances Webb for screening the candidates thoroughly and exercising wisdom in making the final choices.

Our three finalists hail from Connecticut, Ohio, and California. Two are juniors and one is a senior. They are performing incredible literature at the highest level. You will not want to miss this event on March 12, so mark your calendars now and be there at 10 a.m. to hear what inspired young people can do with talent, hard work, and excellent instruction. These students are the future of our profession and we need to support them, not just with money, but with our attendance at their performances.

****MUSIC SALE***

Come to Shandon UMC at 9:30 a.m. on March 12 to look through many boxes of organ and other music donated to AGO by Columbia area musicians. It will also be available during breaks between contestants and while we await the results. You can "buy" all the music you are interested in for a donation of any amount.

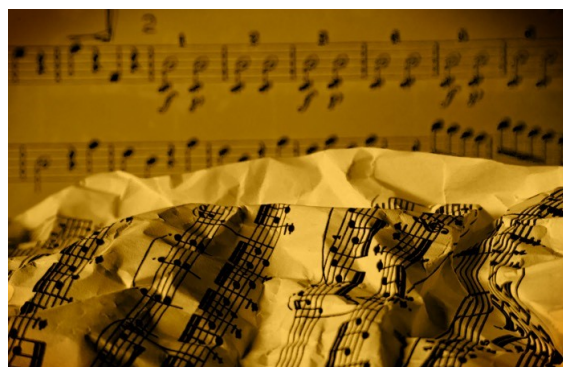
Final Chapter Event for the 2021-22 Program Year

With hopes that the Covid-19 statistics will continue to decline, our Executive Board is in the process of planning an end-of-the year social event to be held during the month of May. More information will be coming in the April chapter newsletter.

Are you published?

We would like to compile a list of published works composed by 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.



You may send this information to sloopystur@aol.com.

We extend our sympathies

*With
Sympathy*

*to AGO member Sharon McCroskey Witherell
at the passing of her mother.*

*Sharon's new address in Virginia is 313 Saddleback Trail,
Hardy, VA 24101.*



**FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022
8:00 P.M. KING OF INSTRUMENTS:
AN ORGAN SPECTACULAR
PAUL JACOBS, ORGANIST AND
U OF SC SYMPHONY**

St. John's United Methodist Church
104 Newberry Street NW
Aiken, SC

Tickets \$50; Students FREE with ID
Capacity limited for social distancing; masks
required. Available online or contact the

Etherredge Center Box Office (803-641-3305)

A photograph of a large, dark wooden cross in a church. The cross is the central focus, with a bright light source behind it, creating a halo effect. The background is dark and slightly blurred.

BACH
MASS IN B MINOR

Sunday, March 13, 2022
4:00PM

Cathedral Singers
The North Carolina Baroque Orchestra

 Trinity Episcopal Cathedral • 1100 Sumter St. Columbia 29201

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Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Musical Offerings Lent 2022

COMPLINE

The service is offered in-person in the
Cathedral and is also livestreamed
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each Thursday in Lent, 8:00 P.M.

March 3, 10, 17, 24*, April 7

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THE CATHEDRAL SINGERS

THE NORTH CAROLINA BAROQUE ORCHESTRA

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BACH ORGAN MEDITATIONS

Organists: Jared Johnson,
William Douglas, Laura Rosier

Wednesdays in Lent, 12:15 P.M.

Prelude to Lenten Speaker Series, 12:30 P.M.

March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6



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VIA CRUCIS

10:00 P.M., April 14

Prayers by Eric Milner-White

Music by Philip Moore

William Douglas, Organist

The meditation contains a selection of prayers by Eric Milner-White, interspersed with descriptive organ pieces by Philip Moore, which act as musical responses to the words. The prayers and music combine to provide a fresh perspective on Lenten themes.

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WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

AT 12:15 PM

PRELUDE TO LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

MARCH 9, 16, 23, 30 AND APRIL 6

12:15 pm Organ meditation

12:30pm Noonday Prayer with Sermon in the Cathedral

lunch served in Satterlee Hall at Noon and 1pm

to register for lunch: trinitysc.org/lentenmeals

March 9

Sermon: The Reverend Rapiell Ashford (Rector, St. Luke's)
Passacaglia in C Minor, BWV 582; Jared Johnson, Organist

March 16

Sermon: The Reverend Alice Marie Mills (Priest-in-Charge, St. Timothy's)
Fantasia and Fugue in C Minor, BWV 537; Laura Rosier, Organist

March 23

Sermon: The Reverend Scotty Brock (Rector, St. David's)
from Orgelbüchlein, BWV 618-624; William Douglas, Organist

March 30

Sermon: The Reverend Nicholas Beasley (Rector, St. John's)
from Clavierübung III, BWV 669-671; William Douglas, Organist

April 6

Sermon: The Reverend Anna Brawley (Rector, St. Mary's)
Prelude and Fugue in F Minor, BWV 534; Laura Rosier, Organist

***April 13**

Sermon: The Right Reverend Daniel Richards (Bishop, Diocese of Upper SC)
**No organ meditation this day*



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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.



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Via Crucis

Prayers by Eric Milner-White

Music by Philip Moore

William Douglas, Organist

10PM, April 14

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'Via Crucis' is a devotion for Passiontide and is structured similarly to the Stations of the Cross. Throughout the meditation, there will be opportunity for prayer and reflection before the Altar of Repose.

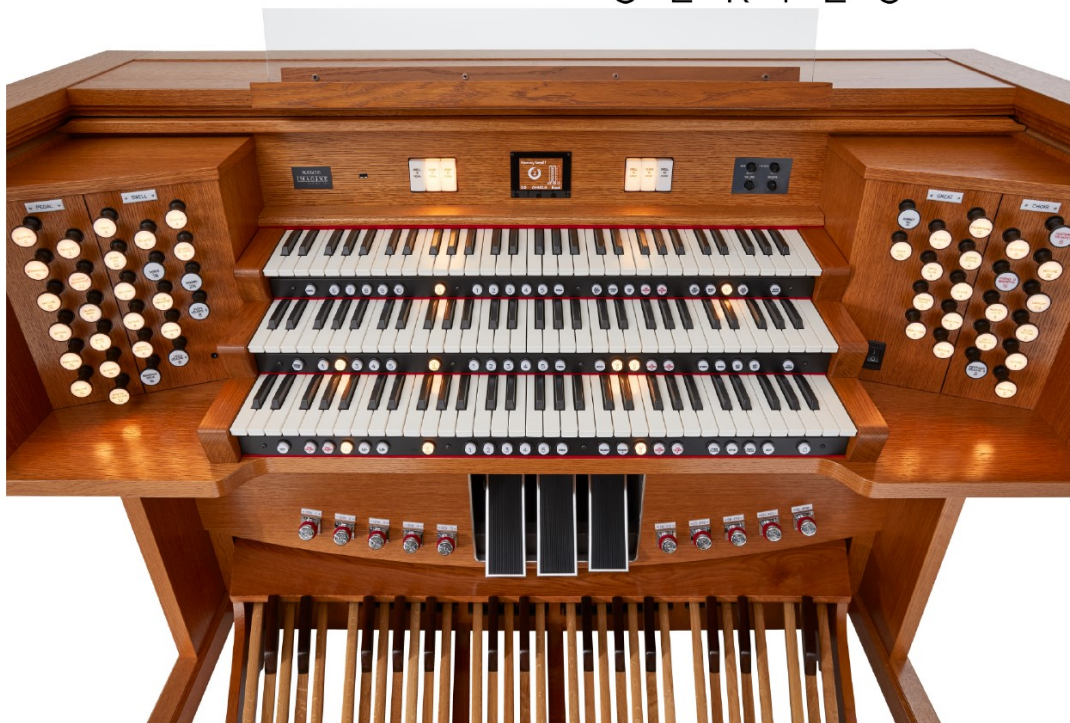
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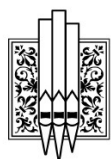
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**** NEW LISTING OR CHANGES**

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.

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.

Full job description is available to GCAGO members by contacting sloopystur@aol.com. Others, please contact the church.

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. 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. (15 hours a week) 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 A full job description will be available soon at www.gslc.com. 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. We are looking for someone who can begin immediately. 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 revalicemarieray@gmail.com

****Trenholm Road United Methodist Church**, located at 3401 Trenholm Road in Forest Acres, seeks a part-time organist/pianist (10-15 hours per week). Regular duties will include providing service music for two Sunday worship services (8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.), accompanying Wednesday night choir rehearsals (6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.), and playing for special seasonal services as needed. Sanctuary instruments are a three manual, 36-rank Austin pipe organ (1981), and a Steinway Grand (Model M) piano. Applicants should send a cover letter, resume and contact information for two references to sfletcher@trumc.org.

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.

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.

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

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. John's Lutheran Church**, 213 St. Johns Church Road, Lexington, 29072, is seeking a part-time organist/choir director to provide music and accompaniment for one Sunday traditional ELW service weekly as well as seasonal midweek and other occasional services. Duties will also include helping to plan worship services and revitalizing the music program post-COVID. Please send resume with reference to pastor@stjohnslexington.com or Organist Search Committee, 1583 Counts Ferry Rd., Lexington, SC 29072.

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

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.