

# The Greater Columbia Organist



**March 2023**

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## Young Organist Competition 2023 Cancelled

The annual Young Organist Competition scheduled for Saturday, March 11, has unfortunately been cancelled. After a bumper crop of nine contestants in 2022, this year produced only two entries. Rules require that we have at least three students competing in person. In this our unlucky 13<sup>th</sup> year, we had only two contestants. While the committee had no choice but to cancel the in-person event, it was decided to reward the students who presented well-prepared programs for the screening portion of the selection process.

Joseph Franklin, 18 years old, a 12<sup>th</sup> grader from Morganton, N.C., was a finalist in both the 2021 and 2022 competitions and, while not declaring a “winner” this year, we are delighted that he has accepted our invitation to perform a recital in Columbia in November 2023. Layla Joshi, 14 years old, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader from New Jersey, demonstrated amazing potential in her audition and she promises to apply again next year. Monetary awards were sent to both students.

To all YOC donors and AGO members, the chapter will continue to promote this outstanding opportunity for young organists. We look forward to receiving a bumper crop of student organists next year.

For AGO members who wish to hear the performances of these two applicants, please contact Frances Webb at [franceswebb@sc.rr.com](mailto:franceswebb@sc.rr.com) and you will be sent the links for their performances.



**Greater Columbia AGO Chapter Event**  
**APRIL ORGAN CRAWL: FLORENCE, SC**  
**Saturday, April 29, 2023**

Meet at the Two Notch Rd. Lowe's at 8:30 a.m. to caravan/carpool\*\*  
 10106 Two Notch Road (at I-20)  
 Columbia, SC 29223  
 (Meet in the area in front of the Garden Center.)

On Saturday, April 29, The Greater Columbia AGO Chapter will sponsor an organ crawl to Florence, SC, to see pipe organs at four churches (see below). We're grateful to Board member Don Grice for making the arrangements. The first visit is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., with expected departure from Florence by 3:00 p.m. We'll have lunch at noon at Victor's, a highly recommended restaurant conveniently located in the revitalized downtown area at 126 West Evans Street. Restaurant information/menu can be found at <https://www.victorsflorence.com/>. Reservations will need to be made in advance.\*\*

**\*\*Please email Susan Sturkie at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) by Sunday, April 16, if you plan to attend**, so that travel plans and restaurant reservations can be made. Please indicate whether or not you will eat lunch at Victor's. If you'd like to carpool, please indicate if you're willing to drive or if you would like to ride with someone. If you can drive, please indicate how many passengers you can carry. We'll meet at 8:30 sharp at the Two Notch Road / I-20 Lowe's.



**St. Luke Lutheran Church (Joyce Shaw)**  
 1201 Cherokee Rd.  
 1987 Schantz; 2 manuals/  
 20 ranks. Relocated to current location; expanded in 2003.



**First Baptist Church (Ann Dowling)**  
 300 South Irby St.  
 1951 Reuter (Schantz console)  
 Opus 935; 4 manuals /51 ranks.



**Central United Methodist Church (Don Grice)**  
 167 South Irby St.  
 1988 Schantz; 4 manuals / 68 ranks; 2022 new console and revoicing by Orgues Letourneau.



(Artist's rendering: work in progress.)  
**St. John's Anglican Church (Jim Hepler)** – 252 South Dargan St.  
 2023 Lincoln; 3 manuals / 37 pipe ranks, 22 digital. French Terraced Console. Built around Aeolian-Skinner Op. 1338. (Swell almost exclusively Aeolian-Skinner, with additional ranks in the Great.)

## Save The Date for Final Chapter Program

**Thursday, May 18, 6:00 p.m. – Progressive Dinner: *The World of Weddings***

We'll enjoy good food and hear organ selections for weddings with a tour of three neighboring churches: Good Shepherd Lutheran, Trenholm Road United Methodist, and Forest Lake Presbyterian. We'll begin at the first location with appetizers and preludes, progress to the second for the main course, and end with desserts and recessional at the final location. Look for more details on itinerary and menus in upcoming newsletters. In the meantime, if you're willing to be one of the performers, please contact Joy Ackerman at [jpackerman@att.net](mailto:jpackerman@att.net).

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February 16 AGO Program - The First Century of B-A-C-H presented by Williams Bates.

(Back Row) William Bates, Thomas Russell, Louis Shirer, Lenora Jeffcoat, Deborah Bauer  
(Front Row) Susan Sturkie, Don Grice, Christopher Nash, Jeff Maddox, Matt McCall, Gregory Stone.



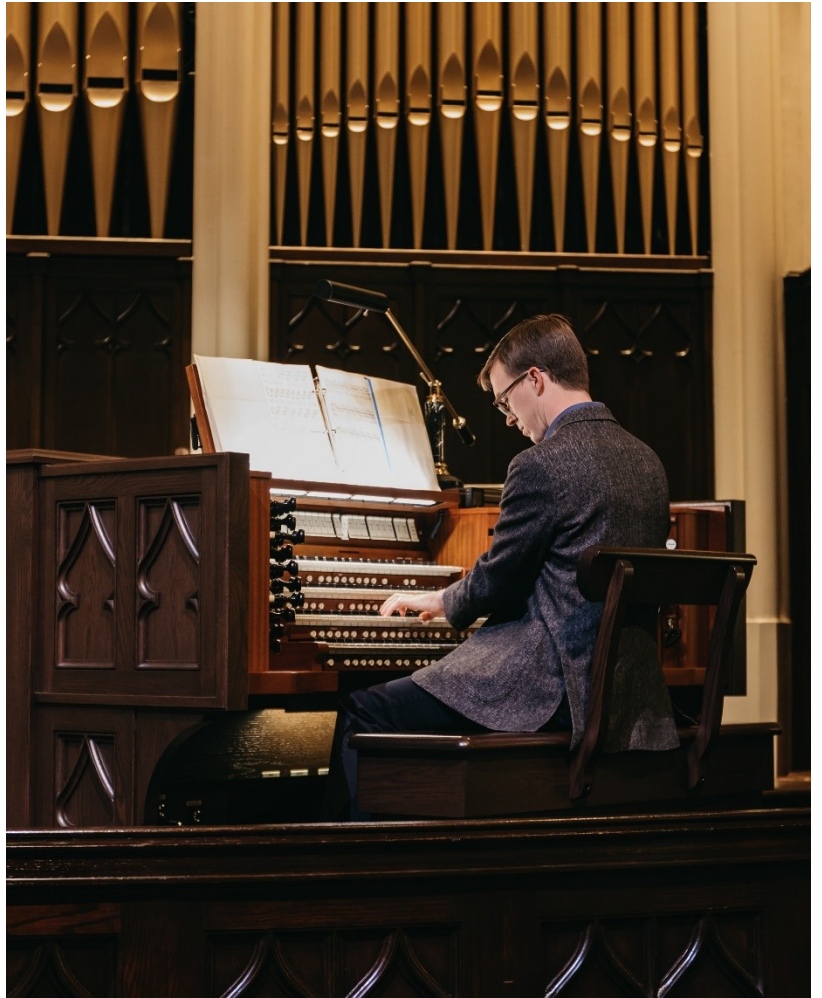
## First Friday Lunch & Organ Concert

Friday, March 3

Lunch 12:00  
Concert 12:30

First Presbyterian Church  
324 Marion St, Columbia

Join the Music Ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC, on Friday, February 3 for the First Friday Lunch & Organ Concert. **Thomas Russell** of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, SC, will perform the music of J.S. Bach. Lunch will be served at 12:00 PM in Jackson Hall with the concert to follow at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary. For more information, visit [www.firstprescolumbia.org](http://www.firstprescolumbia.org).



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



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Laura Rosier 803.461.7326



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
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[www.trinitysc.org](http://www.trinitysc.org)



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

# Compline

Thursdays in Lent

February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

8:00 PM



Sung by The Cathedral Singers  
Compline is free and open to all

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
1100 Sumter St.  
Columbia SC 29201  
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## Congratulations!



Congratulations to Joyce Shaw for 54 years at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Florence!





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***The 20<sup>th</sup> 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

## \*\* 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.

### CHERAW

**First Presbyterian Church, (PCUSA)** 300 Market Street, Cheraw, SC 29520, is a vibrant and happy congregation looking for a **part-time organist**. The organ (two manuals and 26 ranks) was built by Gabriel Kney and Associates of London, Ontario, in 1986, and is designed to lead the congregation in glorious singing, accompany the choir and perform in recitals. It is tracker action but has combination action to make it accessible for different periods of music. One service, choir rehearsal on Wednesday evening at 6:30, which is flexible. Accompany soloists and small instrumental ensembles, play for weddings and funerals. (Additional income for weddings and funerals.) The organist will collaborate with the choir director and pastor to plan for services. Special services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. The organist may accompany the children's choir as they sing in a worship service (with a short rehearsal before they sing). Education Requirements: Have excellent hymn playing skills, able to provide appropriate organ music for all services

The position is open Sunday, August 28, 2022.

For more information, contact Christie McLeod at [acmcLeod1995@roadrunner.com](mailto:acmcLeod1995@roadrunner.com) or 843-910-4538.

The organ can be seen on the church's website [www.cherawfpc.org](http://www.cherawfpc.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](mailto: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.

Send contact information and attached resume to [gslcemployment2@gmail.com](mailto:gslcemployment2@gmail.com).

**St. John's Episcopal Church in Shandon** is seeking an *Interim* Organist to fill in for the regular organist for 6-12 weeks starting in April 2023 (Lincoln pipe organ). Responsibilities include two Sunday services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and accompanying the Chancel Choir in rehearsal on Wednesday evenings. Other duties will include seasonal services for Holy Week and Easter. Salary is negotiable. Applicants may contact the Director of Music (Dr. Michael T. Brown) at [mtb@stjohnscolumbia.org](mailto:mtb@stjohnscolumbia.org)



**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:srprice@comcast.net). Please contact Mr. Price or Rev. Sara White ([revsara@hibbenumc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stpaulsmumc@gmail.com) for more details.