

# The Greater Columbia Organist

**March 2026**

Upcoming AGO Chapter Event - Free and Open to the Public

## Young Organist Competition 2026

Saturday, March 7, 2026

10 a.m. until noon

Shandon United Methodist Church

3407 Devine Street

Columbia S.C. 29205

In March, the chapter will celebrate the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Young Organist Competition. Open to students in Grades 9 through 12, this competition has produced winners from across the United States who have become concert organists, teachers, and church musicians. Having been screened through an audition process, finalists will present a program of concert literature and a hymn selection for a panel of outstanding judges.

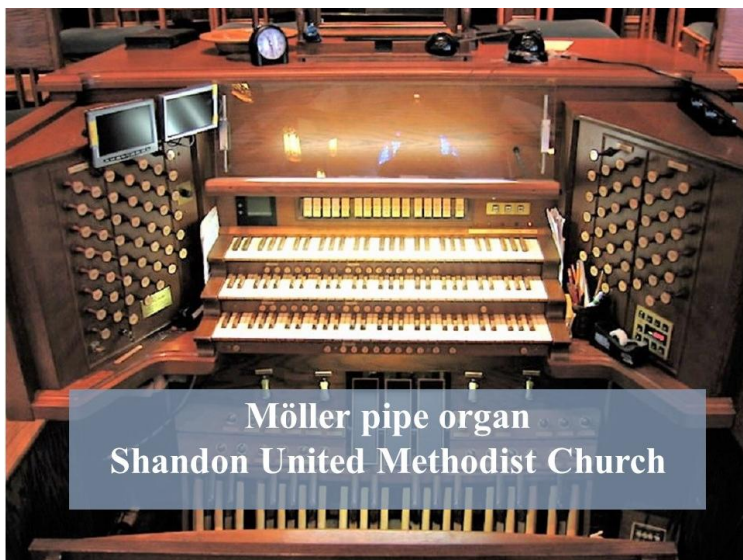
**First Place - \$3000**

**Third Place - \$1500**

**Second Place - \$2000**

**Hymn Award - \$1000**

**Join us as we support these budding young organists.**



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## SAVE THE DATES

### **APRIL PROGRAM: Saturday, April 18 - Organ Crawl to the Augusta / Aiken area\***

Aiken Churches: St. John's Methodist Church and Saint Paul Lutheran Church  
(Lunch in Aiken)

Augusta Churches: First Presbyterian Church and Church of the Good Shepherd  
(Episcopal)

\*Watch upcoming newsletters for schedule, carpooling information, and other details.



### **MAY PROGRAM: End-of-year Dinner (Plans underway!)**

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## **2026 AGO Convention**

**July 6-10, 2026**

**Hyatt Regency St Louis at the Arch**

“Meet Us in St. Louis”! Multiple days with an abundance of events have been planned. Be a part of this great convention in a grand and historic American city! As part of the convention, you will enjoy an opening barbecue (BBQ); and a spectacular opening concert celebrating America's 250th Birthday. After that, on the days that follow, you will be able to experience more than seventeen performances at seventeen different venues that will include eight newly commissioned works. You will get to choose from over thirty workshop sessions. You will have the opportunity to participate in a glorious Hymn Festival and five other worship experiences. You will also want to spend time exploring all the various exhibits in the roomy Exhibit Hall. [Click here for more information.](#)



# Catching UP with YOC Alumni

## Ted Babbitt

Ted Babbitt won second prize, Best Bach performance, and the Hymn Award in the 2022 Young Organist Competition. He majored in Music Education at Mercer University in Macon GA where he studied with Dr. Jack Mitchener. There he received the Jo Phelps Fabian Distinguished Music Scholarship. Currently he serves as Music Director / Organist at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Warner Robins, GA. Previously he served as organist at Christ Church Episcopal in Macon GA, organ scholar at Saint John's Episcopal Church in West Hartford CT, and organist at the Church of the Transfiguration in Norfolk VA.

Ted has won numerous competitions including third place in the 2024 National Undergraduate Organ Competition in Ottumwa, Iowa. He garnered first prize in the 2022 L. Cameron Johnson Organ Competition in Connecticut, after having tied for second and winning the audience prize in 2021. He has performed in masterclasses for Nathan Laube, David Higgs, Christopher Houlihan, Christa Rakich, Felix Hell, and Jeffrey Brillhart.

Ted played his senior recital on November 22, 2025, at Mercer University, Townsend School of Music in Macon GA. The program included music of Bach, Franck, Howells, Duruflé and Messiaen.



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at 4:00PM**

**DOORS OPEN  
AT 3:15PM**

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# Organ Dedication Inaugural Recital

## Recital artist: Paul Fey

Sunday, March 1, 2026 ~ 5:00 pm.

St. Philip Lutheran Church ELCA  
6200 N. Kings Highway  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572



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Contact the church for more information: 843-449-5345  
Reception to follow the event

A photograph of the interior of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral during a choral compline service. The church is dimly lit, with numerous lit candles in tall holders lining the pews and the altar area. The architecture features high vaulted ceilings and Gothic-style windows. The text "CHORAL COMPLINE" is overlaid in large white letters, with "A meditative service by candlelight each Thursday during Lent" below it. The dates "March 5, 12, 19 &amp; 26" and time "8:00 p.m." are in the bottom left, and the church name and address "Trinity Episcopal Cathedral 1100 Sumter St., Columbia, SC" are in the bottom right. A white logo of a stylized arch with a fleur-de-lis is in the bottom right corner.

# Masterworks Choir

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# Requiem

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to them, O Lord.*

# Aeternam

*And let perpetual light  
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- ["O Sacred Head" by Krebs](#)
- ["O Sacred Head" by Pachelbel \(short and for manuals\)](#)
- [Two Lenten chorale settings in this collection by Leo Sowerby on "Heinlein" and "O Sacred Head":](#)
- [Organ music for the season of Lent by Karg-Elert.](#) Some of these are short 2-page pieces, but others are quite challenging.
- [Prelude on "Wondrous Love" Richard McIntyre \(short 2 page\)](#)
- [Easy chorale preludes for Lent by Benjamin Cornelius-Bates](#)
- [#4 and 5 by J. Topfer](#) are appropriate for Lent:
- ["Deep River" Jeffery Nall:](#)
- ["All Glory Laud and Honor / St. Theodulph" setting by Healey Willan:](#)
- ["Lenten Meditation" Harvey B. Gaul](#)
- ["Heiliger Geist Choral for Lent" by Alec Rowley](#)
- [Two Lenten Chorale Preludes by Charles W. Douglas:](#)
- [Attende Domine by Demessieux](#)
- [79 chorale preludes by Dupre](#) are appropriate for the Lenten season (especially #8, 16, 33, 37, 61, 62, 67, 71, and 73)
- [Pange lingua by Dupre in this collection](#)
- [Le Tombeau de Titelouze by Dupre](#)
- [Savior Thou Who Wearest a Crown](#)
- ["Prelude for Lent" in this set by Basil Harwood:](#)
- ["Prelude on St. Columba" by Healey Willan](#) for Good Shepherd Sunday
- [Ach Herr Mich armen Sunder by Buxtehude](#)
- [Herzlich tut mich verlangen by Bach](#)
- [Herlich tut mich verlangen by Kellner](#)
- [Herzlich tut mich verlangen by Brahms](#)
- [Aus tiefer Not by Max Reger](#)
- [Pange lingua by Leo Sowerby](#)
- [Passion Symphony by Paul de Maleingreau](#)



## JOIN US FOR CHORAL EVENSONG

Sundays,  
March 1, 8, 15 & 22  
4:00 p.m. with a  
reception to follow



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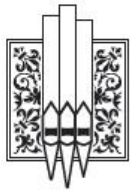
Sunday, March 29

4:00 p.m.

*tickets available at [trinitysc.org/music](http://trinitysc.org/music)*



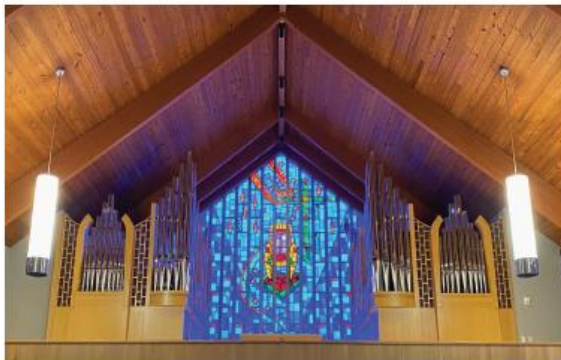
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# SUMMER 2026 MUSIC CLINICS *70th Anniversary Celebration!*

## 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)



3/02 Barbara Taylor  
 3/14 Aaron Dixon  
 3/16 Floride McKoy  
 3/28 Jeff Clearman  
 3/28 Debbie Bauer

MARCH  
 BIRTHDAYS

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20TH OF EVERY  
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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.

**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).

**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.columbiaaqo.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>.

**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 North 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 (with additional compensation). Instruments: Casavant pipe organ (installed in 2017) with 2 manuals and 25 ranks, and a Yamaha baby grand piano. Interested persons should submit resume and questions to Beth Mears, Director of Music via email: [bethmears@flpc.org](mailto:bethmears@flpc.org) or hard copy submission: Dr. Elizabeth M. Mears/Forest Lake Presbyterian Church/6500 North Trenholm Road/29206.

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**, 2200 Lee St., Columbia (Five Points), SC 29205. HTLC is a confessional liturgical congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod and as such we practice closed communion. An organist is needed for our 10:30 Sunday as well as seasonal services. We follow a liturgical order of worship, and have a two manual pipe organ. A permanent commitment is ideal, however, we are willing to consider short-term contracts such as 3 or 6 month. If you are interested in this position please contact Rev. Christopher Burger at (803) 799-7224 or via email at [Rev.Burger@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.Burger@gmail.com)

**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. 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. 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 [fathertylerp@gmail.com](mailto:fathertylerp@gmail.com)

**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)

### **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.

### **IRMO**

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church** in Irmo, SC, is seeking a part-time Director of Music / Organist. The Director is expected to rehearse and direct the chancel choir and bell choir, and coordinate with the pastor on worship music selections. The salary for the position will be commensurate with the level of education and experience of the applicant. Please send resumes and contact information to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10000 Broad River Road, Irmo, SC 29063, or e-mail [bethlehemplutheranirmo@gmail.com](mailto:bethlehemplutheranirmo@gmail.com).

## **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.

General Description: 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

## **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).

***Our Saviour Lutheran Church*** in West Columbia, SC, is seeking an organist to begin work in January 2026. The applicant must be accomplished in playing a pipe organ and other keyboard instruments. The church has a small 1974 Zimmer two-manual pipe organ. An electronic keyboard (Clavinova) is also available for occasional services in the Chapel or Fellowship Hall. The applicant should be acquainted with the liturgy and hymns of the Lutheran Church and must be able to provide organ accompaniment for the liturgy, hymns, and choir anthems, as well as preludes and postludes, at each Sunday Service and at special services during Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas. If schedule allows, the organist should also be available to play for funerals and weddings at the church.

The church has one service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. It is a traditional service using *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW). Average Sunday-morning attendance is 40.

We are offering to pay \$250 per week for this position.

Please contact the church at 803-794-8180 or

email the pastor at [pastorjoannagragg@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjoannagragg@gmail.com).