

# The Greater Columbia Organist

May 2024

A Publication of the Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists



Final Event of our Chapter's 2023-24 Program Year



## *Great Hymns of the Faith*

Friday, May 10, 2024

7:00 p.m.

St. Andrews Lutheran Church

1416 Broad River Road

Columbia, SC 29210

We'll join our voices in singing some of the great hymns of the faith that have withstood the test of time. Selections will include hymn favorites from throughout the Christian year that cross denominational lines. AGO Chapter members Brad Cunningham, Don Grice, Lane Hill, Lenora Jeffcoat, and Al Roberts will inspire our singing with creative organ accompaniments and improvisations. Please join us for an evening that is sure to lift everyone's spirits. It will be a great way to wrap up our 2023-24 AGO season.

**This event is open to the public free of charge.**

For further information, call Huger Caughman at (803) 924-7619.

### **Help Us Spread the Word**

Please share this date with your church, friends, family, neighbors, and any others who may be interested. Please [print this flyer](#) to advertise the festival.



**VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE IN A FEW WEEKS** for the open positions of the Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists' Board.

**The following people have been nominated for the positions that are open this year:**

**Sub Dean - Joy Ackerman (Two-year term)**

**Treasurer - Tony Roof (Two-year term)**

**Member-at-Large - Al Roberts (Three-year term)**

**Additional nominations** may be made by petitions signed by at least five (5) members of the Chapter in good standing and submitted to the Secretary (Frances Webb, franceswebb@sc.rr.com ) within 14 days after the submission of the Nominating Committee report to the members in the Newsletter so that they may receive the same consideration as those proposed by the Nominating Committee.

Election will be by simple majority of eligible voting members only. (All members whose dues are paid or invoiced and not canceled at the time the ballots are sent. Chapter Friends are not eligible for voting.)

The voting will take place by an emailed ballot sent to all current voting members and returned by email or mail by the noted deadline.

**WATCH FOR YOUR 2024-2025 BALLOT COMING SOON**

## **Program Survey for the 2024-25 Year**

Look for a survey soon for your input in planning the 2024-25 program year.





## **PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER (POE)**

**Winston-Salem, N.C.**

**July 14–19**

**Youth Ages 13–18**

The Piedmont Chapter hosts this signature AGO program for young musicians, ages 13–18, in partnership with the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. In addition to lessons, recitals by guest artists, and repertoire classes, students will tour the carillon at Wake Forest University, and receive daily improvisation lessons with Jacqueline Yost.

Faculty include John Alexander, Bill Allred, Susan Bates, John Cummins, Marya Fancey, Susan Foster, Dreama Lovitt, Timothy Olsen, Susan Orgain, and Jacqueline Yost. Instruments by Fisk, Flentrop, Casavant, Noack, Hook and Hastings, Skinner, and Tannenberg (1800).

[Click here](#) to learn more and register. **Deadline to apply is May 10.**

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Schantz. Other downtown area  
churches house instruments  
by Andover, Casavant,  
Flentrop and Peragallo.



For more information contact the  
University's organ instructor,  
Dr. Patrick Hawkins

organos@gmail.com or 803-404-3805



# DON GRICE

Organist in Recital

in a program that includes works by  
Bach, Guilmant, Phillips, Howells, and Vierne

**MAY 30, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

Central United Methodist Church

167 S. Irby Street  
Florence, SC  
*free admission*

# Organ Recital

## Debbie Bauer

Sunday June 16, 4 PM

Shandon United Methodist Church  
3407 Devine Street  
Columbia, SC 29205



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# FIRST FRIDAYS

CONCERT SERIES

LUNCH AND ORGAN CONCERT

11:45 AM  
JACKSON HALL  
12:30 PM  
SANCTUARY

**First Friday Lunch and Organ Concerts**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
1324 Marion Street, Columbia, SC 29201

11:45am Lunch in Jackson Hall  
12:30pm Organ Recital in the Sanctuary

**May 3: The Organ Scholars of First Presbyterian Church will present a variety of repertoire as the culmination of their Spring semester.**



1100 Sumter St.  
Columbia, SC

# FESTAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 12 AND 19 AT 4:00 P.M.

FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION ON THE LAWN

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral welcomes the community to Festal Evensong on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral, located at 1100 Sumter St. in downtown Columbia. Following each service, please join us for a reception on the Cathedral Lawn.

- May 5 - sung by the Cathedral Choir of Adults
- May 12 - sung by the Cathedral Choir of Boys, Young Men, and Cathedral Singers
- May 19 - sung by the Cathedral Choir of Girls and Cathedral Singers

May 19 will be the final Evensong of the season. Evensong will resume September 8th.

***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.***



## Free May Music Midday Concerts

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
119 North Church Street, Lexington

Lunch 12:15 pm\*  
Concert 1:00 pm (FREE)

\*Lunch, in the social hall, is \$14.00 plus tax for those with reservations and \$16.00 plus tax for those without reservations. To make reservations contact Susan Wilson at [susan@sslc.org](mailto:susan@sslc.org) or by phone at 858 729 8672. Chef Andy Marchant of Cinnamon Hill Kitchen will prepare the lunches.

### May 7

University of South Carolina Jazz Trio featuring Matt White  
Craig Butterfield, Bass  
Bert Ligon, Piano

### May 14

Three Baritones  
Hal McIntosh, Jacob Will and Marc Rattray  
Sharon Rattray, accompanist

### May 21

The Rose Wind Duo  
Scott Herring, percussion and Clifford Leaman, saxophone

### May 28

The Great American Love Story  
Tegan Miller, soprano and Assaf Gleizner, accompanist



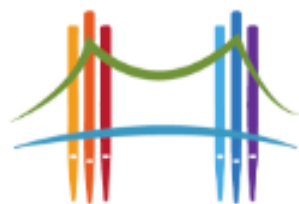
# FESTAL EVENSONG FOR ASCENSION DAY

Thursday, May 9  
5:30 p.m.  
1100 Sumter St.  
Columbia, SC

SUNG BY THE TRINITY CATHEDRAL  
CHOIR OF BOYS, GIRLS, YOUNG MEN  
AND CATHEDRAL SINGERS



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral invites you to an offering of Festal Evensong for Ascension Day on Thursday, May 9 at 5:30 p.m. The Cathedral Choir of Girls, Boys, Young Men and Cathedral Singers will sing the music of Barnard, Stanford and Boyle. Evensong is free and open to the public. A reception will follow on the Cathedral Lawn. All are welcome! Trinity Cathedral is located at 1100 Sumter Street in downtown Columbia.



**AGO 2024**  
**SAN FRANCISCO**

**JUNE 30 – JULY 4, 2024**



## Music, Art, Faith Camp

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
119 North Church Street, Lexington

June 10-14, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

For children going into 5K in the fall – children going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall.

The registration fee is \$60 per child and \$50 for a second child in the same family.

The week includes art, drumming, singing, games, presentations from guest musicians, and storytelling. This camp is open to the community. To register or for more information contact Susan Wilson at [Susan@sslc.org](mailto:Susan@sslc.org).

Please share with your churches!

**Free to a Good Home**  
**Contact Tony Roof for more details.**  
**([music@pisgahlutheran.org](mailto:music@pisgahlutheran.org))**





## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/01 Joshua Evanovich  
5/03 Michael Varnadore  
5/12 Elaine Sandberg  
5/13 Sarah Fletcher  
5/24 Lloyd Pilkington  
5/31 Hunter Cox

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**David Cherwien**



**Mark Sedio**

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David Cherwien and Mark Sedio will lead new music reading sessions for adult choir, organ/piano, and children's choir, as well as lead workshops and a hymn festival. Choristers Guild will also sponsor a handbell repertoire session led by **Marcia Brantley**

**Columbia, SC - JULY 19-20**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
1715 Bull St.  
Columbia, SC 29201**

# POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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.

## **\*\* NEW LISTING OR CHANGES IN JOB DESCRIPTION OR AD**

### **\*\*CLINTON**

**First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)** of Clinton, South Carolina seeks a creative and inspiring individual to serve as Director of Music on a part-time basis. This individual needs to be grounded in Christian faith and demonstrate a commitment to fellowship and service. A college degree in music is preferable for this position, or equivalent work experience in church choral direction will be considered. This position will be directly supervised by the Worship and Music Committee and the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church. The duties will include the development and supervision of the music program consisting of the adult choir and adult handbell choir. The Director of Music is responsible for providing choir music at appropriate services and meetings of the church, and for developing creative and attractive programs of music and music education involving many church members and including children and youth.

To inquire more about this opportunity and the chance to assist in enhancing our worship services with music, please send your resume to First Presbyterian Church, P O Box 29, Clinton, SC 29325 or email to [lisa@fpccclinton.org](mailto:lisa@fpccclinton.org). Direct all correspondence to the Worship and Music Committee including three (3) references with your resume.

### **COLUMBIA**

**Main Street United Methodist Church**, Interim Organist / Accompanist for the Church Choir  
Skills needed:

- Technical dexterity and accuracy on the organ, including skillful use of registrations. Knowledge of classical organ repertoire a plus
- Prior service-playing experience, ability to play hymns with proficiency and sensitivity. Improvisation skills a plus
- Strong accompanying and sight-reading skills
- Strong piano skills, ability to play in different musical styles

Responsibilities

1. Organist for one Sunday Service at 10:00AM.
2. Accompany choir rehearsal weekly, which occurs at 9:00AM on Sunday.
3. Provide organ music and accompaniment for additional services and special events as needed (paid separately)
4. Prepare organ and/or piano accompaniments in advance of choir rehearsals when possible

Contact Person: Almond Ponge, [aponge@email.sc.edu](mailto:aponge@email.sc.edu)

### **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).

## **GILBERT**

**\*\*St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 246 St. Paul's Church Rd.,

Gilbert, SC 29054 is seeking a Music Director for its Sunday worship services. The applicant may interview for the entire position (Organist/Pianist/Choir Director/Handbell Director) or for a single or any combination of these positions depending on their skill levels. The Music Director leads and directs the choir / praise band (when applicable) during worship. Also, is responsible for scheduling choir / praise band (when applicable) and handbell rehearsals, selecting appropriate music and managing annual music budgets. 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. Music selections shall be made in consultation with the Pastor whenever possible. Special programs are normally presented seasonally, i.e. Christmas Cantata/Children's Christmas Program, Easter, Community Thanksgiving services when held at St. Paul's, Lenten services and following special Lutheran celebration Sundays throughout the year. 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.

## **HARTSVILLE**

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, Hartsville, SC, is in search of a part-time Organist. Duties include Sunday services, Wednesday night choir rehearsals, and any special services during the year. Salary is \$300 per week (negotiable) and extra for additional services. The Organist gets two days paid vacation plus sick leave. Our instrument is a 32-rank, two manual, Casavant Freres Limitee. The Organist reports to the Music Director and the Rector. If interested in the position, please send your resume to St. Bartholomew's at 103 Campus Dr. Hartsville, SC 29550 or via email at [stbartsepiscopal@gmail.com](mailto:stbartsepiscopal@gmail.com).

## **IRMO**

**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church** in Irmo, SC is seeking to fill the organist/pianist and choir director positions. The organist/pianist duties include the following: provide music for regular worship services (includes Sunday 8 and 10:30 am) as well as special liturgies such as Advent, Lent, Holy Week etc. Strong organ/piano skills, ability to play in different musical styles, accompany the choir. The choir director's duties include leading vocal and handbell choirs for one liturgical service per week September through May. Both positions include Sunday afternoon rehearsals. For a full job description for each position, please visit: <https://mtolivesc.org/music/>. Interviews for the organist/pianist position will include questions and an audition. The playing portion will include two verses of a prepared hymn, sight reading another (of parish's choosing) as well as a favorite prelude or postlude piece. The church will also complete a background check as required. Interested candidates for either position may submit their resume to Liz Rosinski at [lizrosinski@me.com](mailto:lizrosinski@me.com). Any questions? Please call or text Liz at 803.413.3364.

## **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).

**Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church**, 5503 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, South Carolina 29072. Church organist for an evangelical Presbyterian congregation with a rich and distinguished tradition of musical excellence. Part-time. Bachelor of Music (or equivalent) and previous experience as a church organist highly preferred.

Responsibilities: Provide organ and possibly occasional piano music in a professional manner for two traditional morning worship services and other special and seasonal services throughout the year. Facilitate the congregation to sing and worship through creative inspiring hymn accompaniments. Choose and perform preludes, postludes and offertories with occasional special music and work with other musicians. Per session compensation equal to approximately \$14,500/yr., commensurate with experience and negotiable. Option to plan music for and direct the handbell choir based on experience for additional compensation. 1997 Allen Organ, L DK console, 3 manual "Renaissance" 370 with Midi. Accountable to the Choir Director and Senior Pastor; liaison to the Worship Arts Committee. Email resume to Cynthia Threatt, Assistant to the Director of Worship Arts, [cthreatt@saxegotha.org](mailto:cthreatt@saxegotha.org). 803.359.7770 ext. 130

### **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. Resumes may be sent to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 637, Orangeburg, SC 29116 or emailed to [jane@fbcorangeburg.org](mailto:jane@fbcorangeburg.org).

### **ROCK HILL**

**Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Associate Reformed**, 2132 Ebenezer Road, Rock Hill SC. This job opening at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill for Director of Music has been changed to a **full-time job** that is now titled **Director of Music Ministry/Organist**. 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/sermons-other-resources/job-opening-music-ministryorganist>

(Yes, without a "t" at the end)

### **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.

**WINNSBORO**

***Sion Presbyterian Church*** (PCUSA) in Winnsboro is seeking a part-time music director/organist or pianist to provide music on Sundays at the 11 a.m. worship service and at the 9:30 a.m. adult choir rehearsal preceding the Sunday service. Duties include preparing and playing a prelude, offertory, choral anthem, hymns and postlude. Additional services throughout the year include one Christmas Eve service. Any other services will be discussed on a one-to-one basis, with additional compensation for the musician.

The church instruments include a Kegg pipe organ, a Steinway grand piano and three octaves of handbells. Sion is a traditional church with a congregation who loves and appreciates quality music and the efforts of musicians. This position has potential for growth in the adult choir as well as the formation of a handbell choir.

Sion Presbyterian is 30 miles north of Columbia. The church is flexible regarding terms of employment and the music position can be permanent, part-time, interim or Sunday by Sunday. The salary is \$200 per week, and this may be negotiable depending on qualifications and commitment.

For questions or more information, please call the Sion church office at 803-635-3391 and leave a message for Lynne Douglass.

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