

# The Greater Columbia Organist



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## November Chapter Event Young Organist Competition 2021 Winner In Recital



The November program will feature the Young Organist Competition 2021 winner, **Simon Templet**, in recital on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral.

Simon is a 17-year-old high school senior living in the area of New Orleans, Louisiana. He began his continuing studies of the organ at the age of 13 with Steven Blackmon and also studied piano with Hristo Birbochukov. Steven was a student of our own Dr. David Lowry at Winthrop University and is therefore affectionately referred to as David's "musical grandchild." Simon's interest in the organ grew from hearing the instrument in church and occasional recitals by notable visiting organists. In 2018 Simon had the opportunity to participate in a masterclass with Dr.

Faythe Freese, and in 2019 he was accepted into the Houston POEA, at which he studied with Ken Cowan, Stefan Engels, Isabelle Demers, and Daryl Robinson. He is the winner of the 2021 Greater Columbia AGO Young Organist Competition and placed second in the 2021 Dallas Chapter AGO Quimby/RCYO competition. Simon was a guest artist for the 2020 virtual edition of the East Texas Pipe Organ Festival and will be featured again in this year's live version. Simon enjoys performing a wide range of repertoire and is particularly enamored of the works of composers of the French Romantic literature. He performs recitals annually at his home parish, St. Patrick's Church in New Orleans.

Please join us for our November program as we welcome Simon Templet, his mother, and his teacher to Columbia for the 2021 Winner's Recital.

**Simon Templet**  
**November 19, 2021 at 7 p.m.**  
**Trinity Cathedral**  
**1100 Sumter Street**  
**Columbia SC 29201**

## Cardinal Newman Organ Academy Organ Crawl, Fall 2021

Brad Cunningham, Instructor



Organ crawls are an important part of an Organ Academy student's instruction. Book learning comes to life with hands-on experience while "crawling" through a pipe organ. Terms and definitions the students have been required to memorize and write down as answers to questions are now physically in front of them. Book-learning and experience become one. [Click here](#) for a recap of the crawl in Augusta, Ga.

- Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- St. John's United Methodist Church
- Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church



***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.***



## Save These Dates for Upcoming Chapter Programs

### **Thursday, January 13, 7:00 p.m. – Service *Playing Repertoire: Go-to Gems***

This will be an opportunity to broaden our repertoire horizons, as members of our chapter share organ works that have proven to be “winners” for them in their services. This program will be at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 1416 Broad River Rd., Columbia, SC 29210.

### **Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m. – Lecture/Recital by Nicholas Quardokus**

#### ***The Old Made New: German Organ Chorales in the Baroque and Neoclassical Periods***

Recently appointed Canon Organist and Director of Music at Grace Church Cathedral in Charleston SC, Nicholas holds Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and Yale Institute of Sacred Music respectively. We're pleased that he will also serve as one of our 2022 YOC judges. This program will be at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church, 6500 North Trenholm Rd., Columbia SC, 29206.

### **Saturday, March 12, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon – 2022 Young Organist Competition**

Shandon United Methodist Church, 3407 Devine St., Columbia SC, 29205.

**Plans are underway for an end-of-the-year event in May.** More information will be coming.



#### **First Fridays Lunch and Organ Concert Colin Howland, organist**

November 5, 2021

12:00pm Lunch, Jackson Hall

12:30pm Concert, Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church, 1324 Marion St., Columbia SC

Live stream: <https://www.firstprescolumbia.org/live>

Colin Howland's formative musical years were spent as a student and assistant to Keith Chapman, who presided over the largest playing musical instrument in the world, the

Wanamaker Grand Court Organ in Philadelphia. Colin is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and Baylor University.

Colin currently serves as Director of Music and Organist at Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. He previously served as Director of Music and organist at Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas, and as organist at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. As an organ recitalist he has played concerts throughout the United States, and as far away as England and China. Colin is a founding member of the Philadelphia Organ Quartet, a unique ensemble which arranges and performs music for four organs and organists!



# RODGERS

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### *Other Recent Four Manual Installations*

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First United Methodist Church, Mount Olive NC

Topsail Presbyterian Church, Hampstead NC

St. Luke United Methodist Church, Hartsville SC

Tabernacle United Methodist Church, Poquoson VA

First Baptist Church, Raleigh NC

St. Paul's Baptist Church, Goldsboro SC

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Cary NC

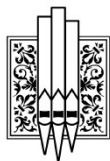
Park Road Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

The Village Chapel at Bald Head, Bald Head, NC

St. Paul's Baptist Church, Charlotte NC

Trinity United Methodist Church, Sumter SC

St. Gabriel Catholic Church, Charlotte NC



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## 2021-22 HARTNESS ORGAN SERIES

### FURMAN UNIVERSITY

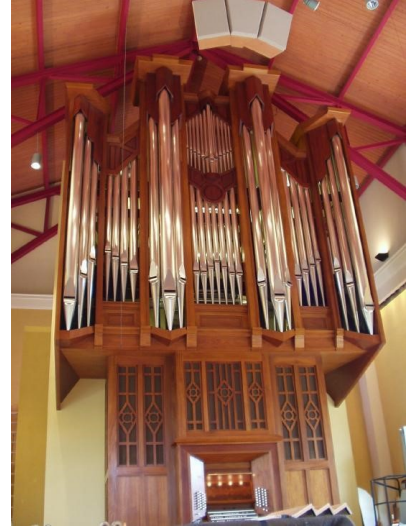
The Hartness Organ Series, featuring our splendid 42-stop, 54-rank Hartness Organ (C.B. Fisk Opus 121, 2004) will present three exceptional recitals this coming year.

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**, internationally acclaimed organist **Jens Korndörfer** will perform a recital as part of our annual Church Music Conference

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**, Furman University Professor of Music and University Organist **Charles Tompkins** will present a recital of works ranging from Sweelinck to Persichetti.

Each of these recitals are free of charge and open to the public.

**Hartness Organ Series:** Please refer to the [Events Calendar](#)



## 2022 FURMAN UNIVERSITY CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE

### THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 27-28

The conference will feature guest clinician **Stephen Darlington**. Director of Music Emeritus of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and Professor of Music Emeritus at Christ Church College, the University of Oxford, Professor Darlington is one of the outstanding church musicians of our time. During the conference, he will lead two on-campus rehearsals of conference attendees, focusing on three splendid English anthems to be performed at the concluding Evensong service on Friday night. He will also conduct an open rehearsal of Furman's



acclaimed choral ensembles, the Furman Singers and Furman Chamber Choir; present lectures on the English Choral Tradition and the Sacred Music of Tallis and Byrd; and lead a choral reading session. During the Friday Evensong, he will conduct the Furman Singers, as well as a Festival Choir consisting of conference attendees, the Christ Church Parish Choir, and the Furman Chamber Choir.

Church Music Conference: [Church Music Conference | Music | Furman University](#)



# 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.

### **AIKEN**

**First Baptist Church**, Aiken, SC - Accompanist

Principal Function- The Accompanist is a position with responsibilities for assisting the Director of Music & Worship in all phases of Aiken's First Baptist Church music ministry and for providing piano leadership. Salary Range ~ \$11,000/year Application Closing Date: June 23, 2021

Greater Columbia AGO members may contact Susan at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) for complete job description.

### **COLUMBIA**

**Grace United Methodist Church**, Columbia, SC, is in search of a Part-Time Church Accompanist. Position Purpose: Accompany the Adult Choir rehearsals and provide keyboard accompaniment and solo keyboard music during weekly worship services and other worship services throughout the liturgical year.

Position Requirements:

- Availability on Sundays
- Superior keyboard sightreading skills
- Experience in accompanying choral ensembles and service playing
- Ability to play choral parts in both "open" and "closed score formats
- Bachelor's degree in Music, with a keyboard emphasis, or equivalent experience (AGO Certification in service playing, for example.) -preferred, not required

Position Compensation:

- Part-Time – 1/8 time
- Salary determined by education and experience in negotiation with the Staff Parish Relations Committee

To Apply: Please send cover letter and resume, as well as a video recording demonstrating keyboard proficiency to Mark Merritt 336-830-5383 or [music@gracecolumbia.org](mailto:music@gracecolumbia.org). Job Description available upon request.

**\*\*Living Springs Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 4224 Hard Scrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223,

Missional Worship & Music Leader

*Are you looking to connect with a vibrant congregation and share your gifts for inspiring God's people to grow in worship & outreach in creative ways? Living Springs is an ELCA congregation of active missional disciples, with a heart for breaking through barriers to share God's unconditional love in the community and partner with God's ongoing work of hope & justice. Located in the growing, racially diverse, highly mobile area of NE Columbia (state capital with cultural events, university/colleges/seminary, military bases), we have a staff-leadership team with enthusiasm for being a church of Word & Sacrament in innovative ways for a post-Christendom, post-millennial world.*

We are seeking to share the Spirit's call with a **vibrant, innovative partner** who has vision, passion, and energy for the ever-evolving worship-music ministry of Christ's church. With your own unique set of worship/musical gifts, you would help lead us in:

- 1) planning **meaningful in-person worship** & growing our **virtual worship-music ministry**;
- 2) further developing **creative ministries to engage various musical gifts of all ages** (such as adult choir, ensembles, and children/youth);
- 3) further enhancing **Word & Sacrament worship with a variety of styles** that speak to all; and,
- 4) creatively pursuing God's **inclusive missional outreach** in our diverse community.

Flexible range of hours, with commensurate salary to be determined - based on qualifications and extent/type of call. Go to <http://bit.ly/LSworshipposition> for a tool to help share your areas of passion & giftedness. Send resume and letter of interest to [music@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:music@livingspringscolumbia.org) by Dec. 1, 2021.

*Openings continued*

**St. Michael's Lutheran Church**, Columbia (Irmo-Lake Murray). Cantor/Music Director/Organist

Looking for a musician to lead the congregation and a small choir, along with a number of volunteer instrumentalists, in support of Sunday worship, with occasional opportunities to do other services during the week as negotiated. Centered in traditional, but vibrant worship using piano, organ, choir, and innovative congregational involvement in worship is encouraged and celebrated. One worship service each Sunday with weekly Holy Communion, preceded by a choir rehearsal during the Sunday Church School hour is the current pattern. Good communication and collaborative worship planning with lay leaders and the pastor is expected and appreciated. Salary: \$10-12,000. Please contact Pastor Frank Anderson at [pastorfwanderson@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfwanderson@gmail.com) (new email address) or 803-730-4075 for more information. *Saint Michael is worshiping in-person with COVID-19 restrictions in compliance with the CDC, and also following recommendations from Church officials and organizations.*

**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](mailto:info@sainttimothylutheran.org) with subject line Organist or Music Ministry.

**GREENWOOD**

**First Presbyterian Church** - Organist,

Approved job description:

- Provide Preludes, Postludes, anthem accompaniments, with particular emphasis on hymn accompaniments
- Familiarity with organ literature, especially pertaining to the liturgical seasons
- Advanced keyboard and sight-reading skills
- Two Sunday services (9 & 11 am, currently one at 10 am); Wednesday evening choir rehearsal (no rehearsal until further notice)
- Flexibility for time off
- Possible additional opportunities in Children's Music (presently Wednesday evenings)
- Compensation range \$18k-24k+ determined by job scope and experience

Instruments:

- 2002 Goulding & Wood 3/58 pipe organ (<https://pipeorgandatabase.org/organ/28441>)
- Steinway and Yamaha grand pianos

Please send resumes to [office@firstgreenwood.com](mailto:office@firstgreenwood.com)

**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.lr.edu](mailto:Michael.lang@my.lr.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](mailto:stbartchurch@gmail.com)-Church Office: (843) 332-8765

**KINGSTREE**

**Williamsburg Presbyterian Church** in Kingstree, SC is looking for a part-time organist/choir director. The choir meets during the school year and is off during the summer. Kingstree is a colorful small town on the Black River, midway between Charleston and Myrtle Beach and inland from Georgetown about 40 miles. Worship at Williamsburg Church is traditional and family oriented.

The church's organ was originally installed in 1957 with modifications and enlargement of the organ being completed in January 2006 which included an additional 9 ranks of pipes and 7 digital stops. The Great was moved out of the chamber into the sanctuary with all pipes in Great displayed with voicing completed by Daniel Angerstein. The organ is regularly maintained by Lincoln Pipe Organs, Inc.

Interested candidates may contact Williamsburg church at [wmsbpresby@ftc-i.net](mailto:wmsbpresby@ftc-i.net) for a complete job description and to apply.



## **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](mailto:susan@wearepilgrim.com).

***St. Alban's Episcopal Church***, 403 Park Rd, Lexington SC 29072. St. Alban's is searching for an Organist/Choir Director. 2-manual Allen Renaissance organ, with speaker system upgrade in 2019. Interested candidates may contact Fr. Tom DiMarco ([priest@stalbanschurch.net](mailto:priest@stalbanschurch.net)) for more information.

## **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](mailto:pastor.glk@gmail.com).

## **NEWBERRY**

***Newberry ARP Church***, Organist for Sunday morning worship service. Contact Pastor Seth Yi, [sethyi1969@gmail.com](mailto:sethyi1969@gmail.com), Church 803-276-1485, Cell 318-680-4375, [www.newberryarp.org](http://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](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. 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](http://www.smumcsc.org), Fb and Twitter, 616 Quincy Road, Seneca, SC 29678. Contact/How to Apply: Send resumé to Lynn Dobson, [lynn Dobson64@gmail.com](mailto:lynn Dobson64@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/>

## **WEST COLUMBIA**

***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](mailto:psumc@sc.rr.com). Please contact the church for complete job description.

## **YORK**

### ***First Presbyterian Church*** - York, SC – Part-time Organist (15-20 hours)

Seeking a dedicated musician to lead the congregation in worship with organ/piano music for regular church and special services. This person will work collaboratively with the Music Director to unify the congregation through music. This individual should have a Bachelor's Degree in Music or equivalent experience plus Certification. This position requires excellent musical skills as well as extensive training and experience playing the pipe organ and piano in a worship setting. To learn more about First Presbyterian Church of York, SC visit our website at [www.fpcyorksc.org](http://www.fpcyorksc.org) . Send inquiries to Rev. Nick Setzer at [nsetzer@fpcyorksc.org](mailto:nsetzer@fpcyorksc.org) . Greater Columbia AGO members may contact Susan at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) for complete job description.