

# The Greater Columbia Organist

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## October Chapter Event\*



**Felix Hell, Organist**

**in Recital**

**Friday Evening**

**October 29, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.**

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

*Free of charge and open to the public.*

*There will be a Meet the Artist Reception at 8:30 p.m.*

**Felix Hell**, a native of Germany, is one of the most sought-after concert organists in the world. He has been featured as a recitalist and concerto soloist in more than 1000 concerts throughout North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. The American Organist raved that he “sets standards that older and honored players would struggle to equal.” Known for his diverse and innovative programming, his repertoire encompasses five centuries. He has received global recognition for his marathon performances of the entire organ works of J.S. Bach. He is also an avid supporter of new music for organ, frequently collaborating with composers. Mr. Hell studied at the Juilliard School in New York, the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia (BM), the Peabody Institute in Baltimore (AD, MM, DMA). Currently he is Organ Artist Associate at Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church in Manhattan, Distinguished Artist in Residence at the United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, and Adjunct Professor of Organ at the Sunderman Conservatory in Gettysburg, PA. In 2011, Felix Hell was appointed Distinguished Visiting Artist at Kosin University in Busan, South Korea.

*\* The Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO is joining Shandon UMC and the SC Chapter of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts (FUMMWA) in sponsoring this recital. It will be a part of the Church Music Workshop SCFUMMWA is presenting at Shandon UMC that weekend. Additional information on the workshop and a link for registering may be found at the following website: <http://southcarolinafellowship.org/events/>*

## SAVE THIS DATE FOR OUR NOVEMBER CHAPTER EVENT

**Friday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.** – 2021 YOC Winner's Recital with Simon Templet, 17, from Hahnville, LA. Simon is a student of Steven Blackmon in New Orleans, LA. Additional information about Simon and the recital will be included in the November newsletter.

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## FIRST FRIDAYS LUNCH AND ORGAN CONCERT OCTOBER 1, 2021

First Presbyterian Church, 1324 Marion Street, Columbia, SC

12:00pm Lunch in Jackson Hall  
12:30pm Concert in the Sanctuary

Dr. Justin Robinson joins Thomas Russell for an eclectic program of music for solo trumpet and organ, including works by Elgar, Hovhaness, Stamm, and Torelli.

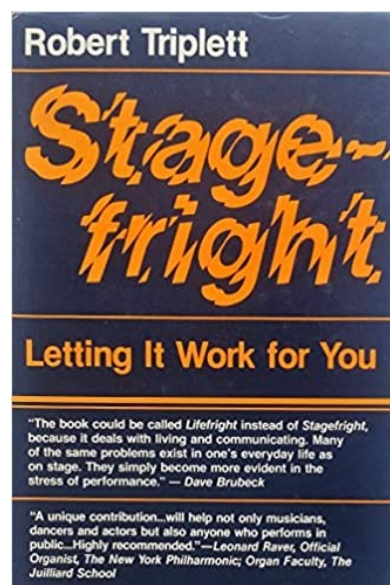
**Miss a performance?** To view the recital live stream: <https://www.firstprescolumbia.org/live>

For more information on the First Fridays series: <https://www.firstprescolumbia.org/musicministry>

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## FORMER MEMBER NEWS

Please read the "From the President" article, [Overcoming Performance Anxiety](#), written by Michael Bedford in the October 2021 *The American Organist*. Robert Triplett's book, *Stagefright: Letting It Work for You* is mentioned as a great resource. Robert was an active member of the Greater Columbia chapter during his retirement until his death in 2016.



## REVISITING OUR SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

*The Key Is in the Mailbox: Exploring Columbia Area Pipe Organs.*



All who gathered via Zoom for our opening program on September 9 were treated to an informative and entertaining presentation by chapter member Dr. David Lowry on his four-year (and continuing) quest to document pipe organs within a fifty-mile radius of Columbia. Stories were shared about some unusual and little-known gems in out-of-the-way places, as well as some of the humorous stories encountered on his journeys. A *Meet-and-Greet* time followed, when new and returning chapter members were welcomed.

Board member Tony Roof has posted Dr. Lowry's project on the chapter's website, including specifications of the instruments and photos:

<http://www.columbiaago.org> (Select the *Columbia Area Pipe Organs* link at the top.) We extend our appreciation to David Lowry and Tony Roof for making this project available to us.

Did you miss the meeting? See a copy of the zoom here: <https://youtu.be/opvXA2lEmWl>.

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# FIRST FRIDAYS

## LUNCH & ORGAN CONCERTS

On the first Friday of each month enjoy lunch and coffee in Jackson Hall followed by a 30-minute organ concert in the Sanctuary.

**12:00 LUNCH**

JACKSON HALL

**12:30 CONCERT**

SANCTUARY

## 2021

### September 3

Music of Tournemire, Widor, and Dupré  
Thomas Russell, organ

### October 1

Trumpet and Organ  
Justin Robinson and  
Thomas Russell

### November 5

Colin Howland,  
guest organist

### December 10

Music of Advent and Christmas  
Thomas Russell, organ

*\*Second Friday of the month*

## 2022

### February 4

Frank Dodd,  
guest organist

### March 4

Music of J.S. Bach  
Thomas Russell,  
organ

### April 1

225+2 Anniversary  
Events

### May 6

FPC Organ Scholars

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# CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP

## WHEN

**Friday & Saturday  
October 29-30, 2021**

## WHERE

**Shandon United Methodist  
Church**

**3407 Devine St, Columbia, SC**

**FEATURING • Felix Hell in Concert • Organ Masterclass •  
Dustin Ousley from Sandlapper Singers • Reading Sessions •  
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10/03 JENNY WALRATH

10/04 CHRISTOPHER NASH

10/06 DON GRICE

10/07 TONY ROOF

10/15 THOMAS RUSSELL

10/16 BARBARA HOUSER

10/19 LUCINDA BRANDT

***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.***







# MAESTRO HECTOR OLIVERA

## *Dedication Concert*

NEWLY INSTALLED RODGERS INFINITY 484



## Sharon Presbyterian Church

5201 Sharon Road

Charlotte, North Carolina 28210

October 3, 2021 4:00 PM

Since entering the Buenos Aires Conservatory as a child prodigy at age six, Maestro Hector Olivera has become one of the most sought after and revered international concert organists of the present time. 'The Times Reporter' describes an evening with Mr. Olivera as: *"An event, a happening, a joyful celebration of the sheer power and pressure that a true virtuoso like Hector Olivera can unleash in a concert hall."*

Born in Buenos Aires, Mr. Olivera began playing the pipe organ when he was three. At age five he played for the legendary Eva Perón; at twelve he entered the University of Buenos Aires and by eighteen had performed for heads of state and celebrities throughout Latin America. When offered a scholarship at the renowned Juilliard School of Music in New York, he moved to the United States. Three years later, Mr. Olivera's outstanding professional concert career was launched when he won the AGO's National Improvisation Contest.

Mr. Olivera has performed solo concerts throughout the USA, Europe, Asia, Australia, Central and Latin America and as guest soloist with prominent symphony orchestras world-wide. Whether in a prestigious venue like Carnegie Hall, Royal Albert Hall, Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, Constitution Hall, Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, or in conjunction with a celebrated event like the Olympic games or the Classical Newport Music Festival, the most sophisticated and demanding organ aficionados claim that Maestro Hector Olivera is 'one of the greatest organists in the world today.'



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## 2021-22 HARTNESS ORGAN SERIES

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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.

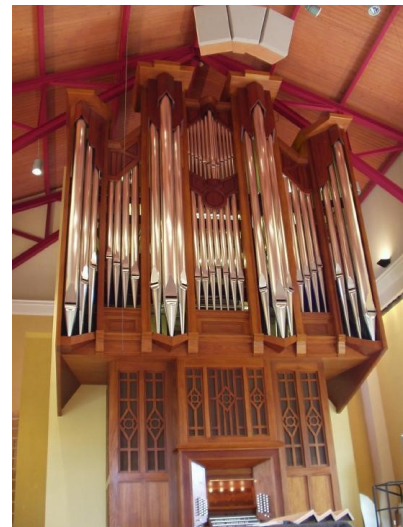
**October 26<sup>th</sup>**, the performers will be **Dongho Lee**, a former American Guild of Organists National Organ Playing Competition winner, and **Dr. Caroline Robinson**, a Greenville native, Curtis Institute of Music graduate, and Eastman School of Music Master's and Doctorate recipient.

**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 – Living Springs is looking to partner with a candidate who has some combination of these gifts... (not all are required - your set of gifts is unique!)

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| *Creative Worship Planning         | *Children/Youth Music Ministries                                  |
| *Missional Music-Worship Outreach  | *Worship Arts   |
| *Diverse Musical/Worship Styles    | *Worship/Instrumental Accompaniment (Organ, Piano, Guitar, other) |
| *Gifts for Virtual Worship         | *Choir/Ensemble Leadership  |
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Part-time or full-time status with commensurate salary to be determined - based on qualifications, experience, and type of call. For complete job description, go to [Music-Worship-Staff-Position-Flyer-2021.pdf\(livingspringscolumbia.org\)](#) .

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 July 31, 2021.

**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 W. Anderson at [pastorfwanderson@gmail.com](mailto:pastorfwanderson@gmail.com) (new email address) or 803-730-4075 for more information. *Saint Michael is worshipping 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 Gouling & 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, [lynndobson64@gmail.com](mailto:lynndobson64@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.