

# The Greater Columbia Organist

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## **IMPROVISATION WORKSHOP**

presented by  
**William Douglas**

**Saturday, October 14, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m. to Noon**  
**Good Shepherd Episcopal Church**  
1512 Blanding Street,  
Columbia, SC 29201

If you have had the good fortune of hearing William's Douglas's service playing at Trinity Cathedral, you will know that he is gifted and accomplished at improvisation. AGO is fortunate that he is able to share his knowledge with us for this workshop. Please join us in what promises to be a rich learning experience for all.

### **Questions Invited**

In order to help assess the needs of the participants, Mr. Douglas has invited chapter members to submit questions on improvisation topics in advance. Please email these to Dean Lenora Jeffcoat at [Imorrow101@gmail.com](mailto:Imorrow101@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday, October 10. The collected questions will be addressed individually by Mr. Douglas in the workshop.

**William Douglas** is the Acting Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia, South Carolina. He previously served as Associate Choir Master and Organist at Trinity. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina where he earned a B.Mus. and M.M. in Organ Performance as a pupil of Dr. Jared Johnson. He also studied continuo and harpsichord with Dr. Jerry Curry. Mr. Douglas was a recipient of the Summerall Award from USC. Prior to joining the staff at Trinity Cathedral, he served as the Lloyd Cast Organ Fellow at Cathedral of All Saints – Albany, NY. There he fulfilled the role of sub-organist of the Cathedral and assisted in the weekly education and running of the historic Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys.

## November Young Organist Weekend

**Friday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.:** Recital by the featured performer of the Young Organist Competition 2023.

Joseph Franklin is from Morganton NC and is a 19-year-old freshman in the Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State University where he studies with Dr. Joby Bell. [Click here for flyer.](#)

**Saturday Morning, November 18:** This will be a brief and entertaining introduction to the pipe organ for anyone ages 8 and up, followed by a chance to play the instrument. It's an opportunity for anyone to learn how the pipe organ works. Co-leaders will be David Lowry, Debbie Bauer, and Joseph Franklin, who will have played the previous evening's recital. Organ builder Stephen Spake will assist and provide a small pipe organ that the students can build from a kit. A pizza lunch will follow the program at noon. This educational program for all ages and the lunch are free of charge. **Piano teachers and children's choir directors are encouraged to bring their students.** [Click here for flyer.](#)

Location of these two events: Shandon United Methodist Church



# Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza

*Come and meet the King of Instruments, the pipe organ!*

## Winter/Spring Events

The Greater Columbia Chapter's Board of Directors is planning an exciting and varied program year for 2023-24.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 7pm:** A Zoom presentation with Jan Kraybill on maximizing practice time. *E-E-E Practice: Effective, Efficient, and Excellent*

**LATER IN JANUARY:** Organ Crawl to Charleston.

**FEBRUARY:** Silent Film with Ron Carter

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9: 2024** Young Organist Competition (10:00 a.m. to Noon)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 7 p.m.:** Chelsea Chen in Concert, Trinity Cathedral

**MAY:** Hymn Festival

**Watch our newsletter for more details.**

# CHORAL EVENSONG

AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



SUNDAYS AT 4:00 P.M.  
1100 SUMTER ST., COLUMBIA  
FREE AND OPEN TO ALL  
[TRINITYSC.ORG/MUSIC](http://TRINITYSC.ORG/MUSIC)

The choirs of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral invite you to attend Evensong each Sunday in October.

- **October 1** the Cathedral Singers offer music by Nestor, Nixon, and Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb*. Voluntaries composed by Parry and Andriessen will be played.
- **October 8** the Cathedral Choir of Adults sing music by Victoria, Gibbons, and Palestrina.
- **October 15** the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra and the Cathedral Singers offer music by Purcell.
- **October 22** the Cathedral Choir of Boys, Young Men, and Cathedral Singers sing music by Hancock, Barnard, Larkin, and Near.
- **October 29** the Cathedral Singers offer music by Bairstow, Rooney, and Piccolo.

Evensong begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral and is followed by a reception on the Cathedral Lawn. Evensong is free and open to all.

# Elisa Bickers

Organist in recital

Inauguration of newly renovated organ



October 8, 2023

3:00 PM



**Central United Methodist Church**

corner of Irby & Cheves in Florence, SC

Free admission

## Opening Program for 2023-24



Left to right, front Row: David Lowry, Al Roberts, Jim Johnson  
Back Row: Bill Bates, Lenora Jeffcoat (assisting performer), and Joshua Evanovich

On September 14, Al Roberts and members of St. David Lutheran Church in West Columbia graciously hosted our chapter for our opening dinner and program, *Chapter Members in Print: A Program of their Published Organ Works*. The church rolled out the proverbial red carpet for us and even hosted a reception following the program. Those attending enjoyed hearing music composed by fellow chapter members. They're to be congratulated for navigating the difficult process of getting published. [Click here](#) for the complete list of works submitted by Greater Columbia Chapter members.

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10/03	Jenny Walrath
10/03	Bob Wingard
10/04	Christopher Nash
10/06	Don Grice
10/06	Ryan Greene
10/06	Adam Reisenauer
10/06	Kevin Davis
10/07	Tony Roof
10/15	Thomas Russell



## Update on YOC Alumni



Nicholas Stigall, winner of the 2018 Young Organist Competition, graduated from Indiana University in May 2023 with highest distinction. He studied with Janette Fishell during his four-year undergraduate study. This summer he completed the AAGO exam. Presently he is Organ Scholar at Trinity Cathedral in Portland, Oregon. Following this gap year, he will start his Master of Music degree at Yale Institute of Sacred Music.

AGO member Jim Johnson wrote about Nicholas: "Nicholas has been the organ scholar at Chautauqua the last two summers. He assisted Organist/Music Director Joshua Stafford with service playing and he accompanied the choir for 65 services and over 90 rehearsals in the 9-week summer season. He has grown tremendously in his playing and musicianship. He was the organ scholar at Chautauqua for the last two summers. We all love Nicholas!"

In recent correspondence with Nicholas, he said, "I remember the Columbia competition dearly and I am so happy to hear that it is still alive and strong! If I recall correctly, the November winner's recital may have been my first solo concert. The whole experience certainly helped boost my organ career at a critical time in my musical development and I will always be grateful for that!"

Columbia AGO can be proud of the part we had in fostering Nicholas' amazing career as an organist!

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# 2023-24

**SUZANNA PAVLOVSKY CONDUCTOR  
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SUNDAYS AT 6:00 PM  
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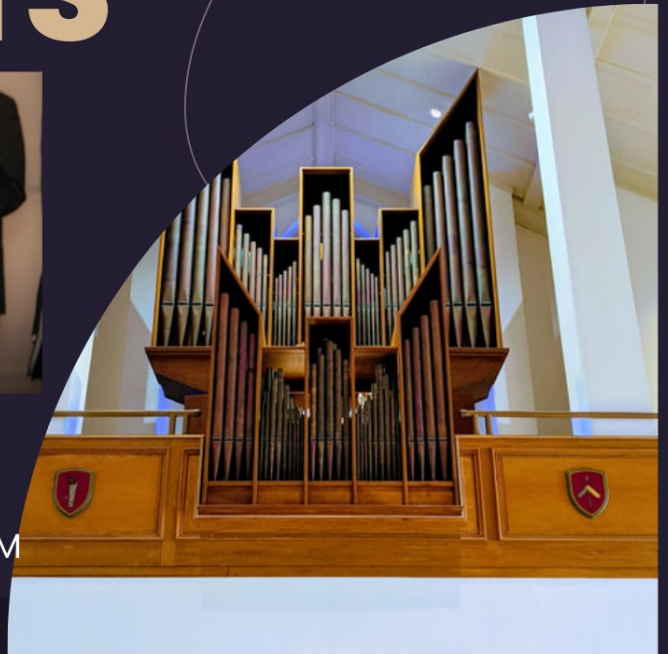
**PATRICK HAWKINS, ORGANIST**  
HOMAGE TO JS BACH: WORKS BY  
BACH, FRESCOBALDI, AND RAKICH  
OCTOBER 15 AT 6PM  
FREE TO THE PUBLIC

# CONCERTS



## USC CHORALE

FALL CONCERT: NOVEMBER 28 AT 7:30 PM  
DMA CONDUCTING RECITAL: DECEMBER 7 AT 6 PM  
SPRING CONCERT: APRIL 9 AT 7:30 PM



**THE SANDLAPPER SINGERS  
AC FLORA HS CHAMBER  
CHOIR  
AND SHE SINGS**  
FEBRUARY 10 AT 7 PM

MUSIC@INCARNATIONLUTHERAN.COM

## Lessons for the New Organist

The AGO's Committee on Continuing Professional Education is dedicated to providing answers to common questions from anyone learning to play the organ. They have created a series of 30 videos, called "Lessons for the New Organist," to teach basic skills and techniques to beginning organists, including pianists who are making a transition to organ-playing.

[Click here to view the videos.](#)



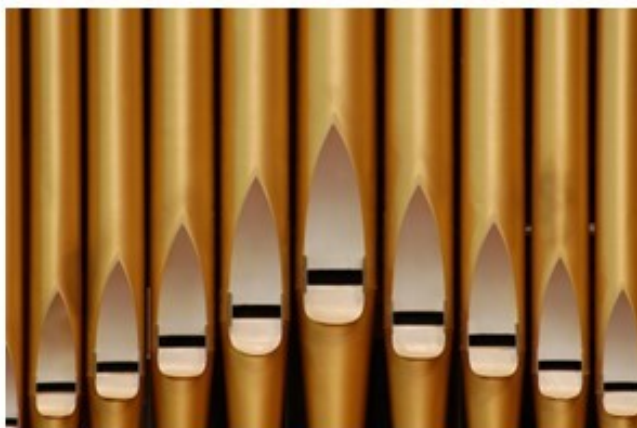
***The 20<sup>th</sup> of every month is the deadline for the following month's AGO newsletter. Information received after that time may not appear in that month's newsletter.***



**JUNE 30 – JULY 4, 2024**



## Young Organist Competition 2024



Sponsored by the  
Greater Columbia AGO Chapter

Saturday, March 9, 2024  
Columbia, S.C.

Open to grades 8–12

First Prize \$2,500  
Second Prize \$2,000  
Third Prize \$1,500  
Hymn Playing Award \$500

For rules and application see  
Young Organist Competition 2024  
at [www.columbiaago.org](http://www.columbiaago.org)



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# 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**

## **ARDEN, NC**

**Nativity Lutheran Church**, Arden, NC, Full-time (35 hour) position for Director of Worship and Music open for excellent candidates at Lutheran Church of the Nativity in Arden, NC. Located in the beautiful Blue Ridge mountains and next to Lutheridge, the position has a competitive salary and outstanding benefits as part of a dynamic team. The ideal candidate will have 5 or more years of experience leading multiple musical groups and ages in a congregation familiar with ELCA liturgy and hymns. Please see the job description at <https://nativityarden.org/join-our-team> and submit resume and any other applicable information to [worshipandmusic@nativityarden.org](mailto:worshipandmusic@nativityarden.org).

## **COLUMBIA**

**Eastminster Presbyterian Church, PCUSA**, 3200 Trenholm Road Columbia SC.

ORGANIST, FULL or PART-TIME POSITION WITH COMPENSATION BASED ON WORK STATUS.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Prepares and performs a variety of preludes, offertories, and postludes appropriate to the church year for two weekly traditional services. Assists in the planning, performing, and implementation of service music for special services and events. Accompanies the chancel choir at weekly rehearsals, additional rehearsals and during the worship services either on the piano or organ. Organist should be comfortable with a variety of musical styles.

Plays at weddings and rehearsals, funerals and memorial services. 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 Zimmer; Steinway Grand piano. Contact Fredna Lee at [flee@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:flee@eastminsterpres.org) with questions or a resume.

## ***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. Director of Music Ministry (Choral) Person experienced in liturgical worship, preferably Lutheran worship, is sought to serve as Part-time Director of Music Ministry (directing adult choir and children's music). 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).

**\*\*Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church** (PCUSA), 530 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia 29210 is seeking a part-time DIRECTOR OF MUSIC. We are looking for a musical leader who has keyboard skills on organ (recently built Lewtak Pipe)/piano, conducting skills for choirs and handbells, creativity to blend traditional with some contemporary elements, and diverse instrumental experience. This person will work in cooperation with the pastor and Worship Ministry to provide and lead others in meaningful, creative, and faithful worship. Please send contact information with attached resume to Fred Holbrook, administrative chair: [fredholbrook@hotmail.com](mailto:fredholbrook@hotmail.com)

**Sherwood Forest Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Columbia SC**, has an opening for a part time (20 hours/month) church organist/pianist. We are a small traditional hymn singing congregation. Duties include regular Sunday worship as well as special services. To apply, email resume/ letter to Pastor Russ Harless at [russell\\_bh@yahoo.com](mailto:russell_bh@yahoo.com) or call 803-727-8431.

### **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).

### **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).

### **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).

### **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, SC 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.

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