

The Greater Columbia Organist



September 2023

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

**SEPTEMBER PROGRAM
CATERED DINNER***

followed by

***CHAPTER MEMBERS IN PRINT:
A PROGRAM OF THEIR PUBLISHED ORGAN WORKS***



Thursday, September 14, 6:30 p.m.

St. David Lutheran Church

132 St. David's Church Road, West Columbia, SC 29170

Hosting Organist: Al Roberts

The evening will begin with a catered meal (dinner optional but make a reservation* if you plan to eat), followed by a program of published organ works composed/arranged by chapter members. We have several chapter members who are currently "in print" and are willing to perform some of their works or have them performed by others. Information about the process of getting their works published will be available as well.

***Reservations are required for the catered dinner.** The cost is \$10.00 per person.

(Lemon chicken, rice pilaf, vegetable medley, kale salad, tea and dessert)

Please contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com by Thursday, September 7.

Who is published?

A list of published works by members has been compiled. **Click here** for the complete list of works submitted by Greater Columbia Chapter members. If you would like to add to the list, please email [Tony Roof](mailto:TonyRoof) or [Susan Sturkie](mailto:SusanSturkie).

October Improvisation Workshop

The Improvisation Workshop with William Douglas, Interim Director of Music, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral on Saturday, October 14, promises to be a rich learning experience.

In preparation for the event, please email your improvisation questions to dean Lenora Jeffcoat at Imorrow101@gmail.com no later than October 1. The collected questions will be addressed individually by Mr. Douglas in the workshop, which will be held at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 1512 Blanding Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, October 14, at 10:00 AM.

November Young Organist Weekend

Friday, November 17, 7:00 p.m.: Young Organist Competition Recital with Joseph Franklin

Saturday Morning, November 18: Pedals, Pipes and Pizza 10:00 AM

A brief and entertaining introduction to the pipe organ for anyone ages 8 and up, followed by a chance to play this instrument and a pizza lunch. This is an opportunity for anyone to learn how the pipe organ works. There is no charge for this educational program. **Please spread the word to all piano teachers inviting them to bring their students.**

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. Board members are hard at work getting all of the details in place for these winter-spring programs:

EARLY JANUARY: A Zoom presentation - Jan Kraybill on maximizing our practice time.

LATER IN JANUARY: Organ Crawl to Charleston.

FEBRUARY: Silent Film with Ron Carter

SATURDAY, MARCH 9: 2024 YOC 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
resumes Sunday, September 10
at 4:00 p.m.

1100 SUMTER ST., COLUMBIA
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BACH VESPERS



AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

featuring the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra

O heiliges Geist und Wasserbad, BWV 165

followed by a concert by Heartland Baroque



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
4:00 P.M.
1100 SUMTER ST., COLUMBIA
FREE AND OPEN TO ALL
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- 9/01 Rick Knight
- 9/06 Jacob Altman
- 9/09 Patrick Hawkins
- 9/14 Jackson Stone
- 9/18 English Morris
- 9/18 Mark Merritt
- 9/21 Brad Cunningham
- 9/22 Craig Coelho
- 9/25 Robert Neese
- 9/26 Susan Sturkie



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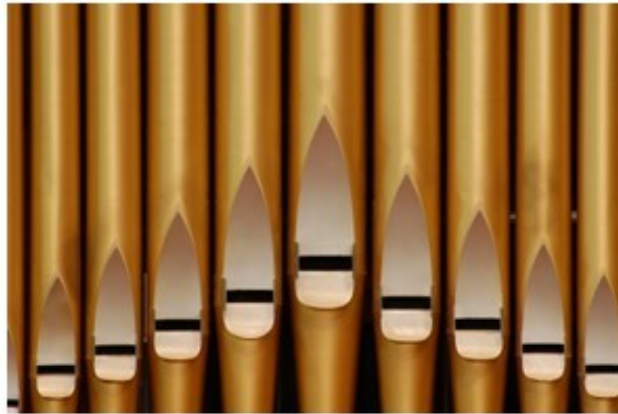
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The 20th of every month is the deadline for the following month's AGO newsletter. Information received after that time may not appear in that month's newsletter.



Make a joyful noise

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



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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or 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.

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 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.

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.

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 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.

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 Episcopal Church at 103 Campus Dr. Hartsville, SC 29550 or via email at 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.

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. Please contact Mr. Price or Rev. Sara White (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, South Carolina, 29116 or emailed to 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 for more details.