

# The Greater

# Columbia Organist



**March 2016**

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*Meet Columbia's Newest Organists*

at the

## MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING

**Friday, March 4, 2016, 12:30 p.m.**

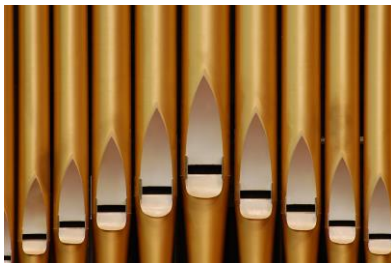
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

3909 Forest Dr., Columbia, SC 29204

*Park in parking lot on top of hill and enter into Fellowship Hall building.*

*A donation for the Young Organist Competition will be collected in lieu of a fee for lunch.*

*Reservations requested by **Tuesday, March 1** to [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com).*



## Young Organist Competition 2016

**Trinity Cathedral 1100 Sumter Street, Columbia SC 29201**

**Saturday, March 12, 2016 10:00 a.m. to noon**

Three outstanding young organists will compete for prizes in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Organist Competition on March 12. There are not adequate adjectives to describe the performances of these young organists. You will have to come and hear for yourself the technical skill and musical maturity of these young artists. The Greater Columbia AGO Chapter is pleased to announce an additional prize this year for the best performance of a work by J.S. Bach which is sponsored by one of our members. In addition to repertoire by Bach, you will hear solos by Boëllmann, Eben, and Widor. Students must also perform a hymn with elaboration.

**First Prize \$1000**

**Second Prize \$500**

**Third Prize \$300**

**Hymn Playing Award \$250** *sponsored by David Hall*

**Best Bach Performance \$250** *sponsored by Tony Roof*

Please come and support this educational venture of the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter. It is incumbent upon us to foster and encourage the next generation of organists. Let's keep the organ music going! See you at Trinity on March 12.



**Saturday, March 5**

**8:00 p.m.**

**Paul Jacobs, Organist, in Recital**

**St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church**

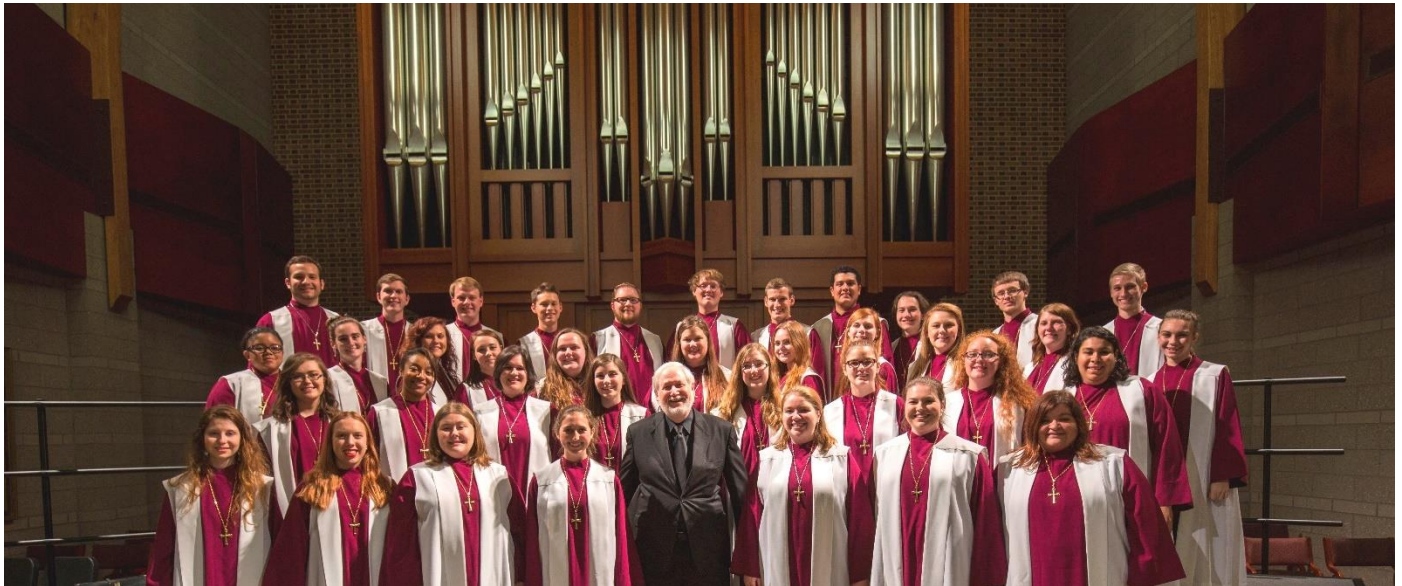
**125 Pendleton Street SW**

**Aiken SC 29801**

**FREE and open to the public. Limited seating.**

**For RESERVATIONS, please contact the Church Office (803) 648-5497.**

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**LENOIR-RHYNE CHOIR AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN**

**Wednesday, March 16**

**6:30 p.m.**

**The 6:30 Lenten Worship Service will end with a concert by the *A Cappella Choir and Brass Ensemble* of Lenoir-Rhyne University.**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ~ 3909 Forest Drive ~ Columbia SC 29204**

*The A Cappella Choir and Brass Ensemble of Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC, will be leading worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Wednesday, March 16, for their final mid-week service of Lent. They will then be providing a concert following the service. All are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors for this special evening of music-making.*

## **The Duke University Chorale**

Rodney Wynkoop, Conductor

Friday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.

*Shandon United Methodist Church  
3407 Devine Street  
Columbia*

**March 20, 2016 at 4 pm**

Park Road Baptist Church  
3900 Park Road  
Charlotte, NC

### **Requiem--Gabriel Faure**

combined choirs of Park Road Baptist Church and St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Jan McCoy, conductor, Monty Bennett, organist  
members of the Charlotte Symphony  
for more information, [monty@parkroadbaptist.org](mailto:monty@parkroadbaptist.org) or 704-523-5717



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# 2016 Executive Board Installation Service & Evensong

**Sunday, April 17 at 3:00 p.m**

Church of the Good Shepherd

1512 Blanding St.

Columbia, SC 29201

Installation of Executive Board officers for the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter for the 2016-2017 program year will take place on Sunday, April 17 at the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal). Parish Musician Dr. David Lowry will direct an Evensong service following the installation service. We thank Dr. Lowry for arranging this special service. Please come and bring your spouse or friend and show support for our new officers and for the work of the chapter. You will be inspired by the beautiful choral selections and the wonderful organ music in this historic space.

**VOTING MEMBERS - WATCH FOR YOUR EMAIL BALLOT  
FOR VOTING FOR YOUR 2016-2017 OFFICERS.**

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**April 17, 2016 at 4 pm**

Park Road Baptist Church  
3900 Park Road  
Charlotte, NC



**Monty Bennett**, Minister of Music and Organist at Park Road Baptist Church, will play the dedication concert on the newly installed Rodgers Infinity model 484. The new Rodgers replaces the 1983 Allen 8300 series that was damaged by lightning in the summer of 2015.

# TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Poquoson, Virginia



In 1972, our church, Tabernacle United Methodist in Poquoson, Va., purchased our first three-manual organ from Robert A. Daffer; as a result of the excellent support and service we received, in 1994 we purchased our second three-manual, a Rodgers 955 from Daffer Organs and now we are awaiting the arrival and installation of our third organ, a four-manual Rodgers Infinity 484. My wife, Nancy, and I have had the honor of serving on the selection committee for each of these organs and our congregation has enjoyed the beautiful music they have provided for our worship services, funerals, weddings and concerts. We are looking forward to our new Infinity 484 leading us in musical worship for many years to come. - *Jack and Nancy White*

Al Murrell, Jack and Nancy White (standing, from left)

Rev. Dr. Jim Earley, Pastor, Ron Clark, Chairman of Trustees (Seated from left)

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June 26, 2016 at 4 pm

Park Road Baptist Church  
3900 Park Road  
Charlotte, NC

**Hector Olivera** will perform on the new Rodgers Infinity 484 four manual organ recently installed at Park Road Baptist Church.

## Park Road Baptist Church

Given my long standing relationship with R. A. Daffer Church Organs, Inc. and Al Murrell, having worked closely with them during the design and purchase of the 5 manual Ruffatti organ at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, I knew of the integrity and fantastic customer service that Al and the Daffer organization are known for. When Park Road Church was struck by lightning during the summer of 2015, our Allen organ was severely damaged. We had the organ repaired several times and ultimately it was declared a total loss. Because we were going to be without an instrument for Christmas, Al volunteered a Rodgers organ so we would be able to have an organ for our Christmas choral concert with members of the Charlotte Symphony.



The Chairman of the Administrative Committee, our Co-Pastors, as well as myself, all jumped on this opportunity, because we had been without an organ for going on six months. In a congregation that is known for its traditional liturgy and organ music, not having an organ began to take its toll on our musical offerings and congregational singing. The first Sunday with the temporary installation of the Rodgers 484, the congregation raised the roof with their singing.

Since then, the congregation has enjoyed the organ more and more and asks weekly what other sounds it can produce—from the variety of realistic pipe samples to orchestral samples. Even members of the Charlotte Symphony remarked at how realistic the orchestral samples were and that the Rodgers sounded just like a pipe organ! I am enjoying the organ immensely and look forward to my practice sessions and leading congregational singing with the organ. Thank

you for how you have enhanced our liturgy and for your personalized customer service. Your detail and concern has been noted by many people in our congregation after we had been let down by others. Relationships are built on trust and I had told people that I trusted you and the Daffer company from having worked with you before. Because of how you extended your hand to us, you have built a relationship of trust with the whole Park Road congregation and I thank you for that.

Monty Bennett

# Inspiring Worship



The 9th Annual University of Florida  
Sacred Music Workshop  
May 2-3, 2016



**Guest Clinician: Andrew Walker**  
St. Michaels' Episcopal Church, Orlando



Session topics include:

Fundamental Conducting

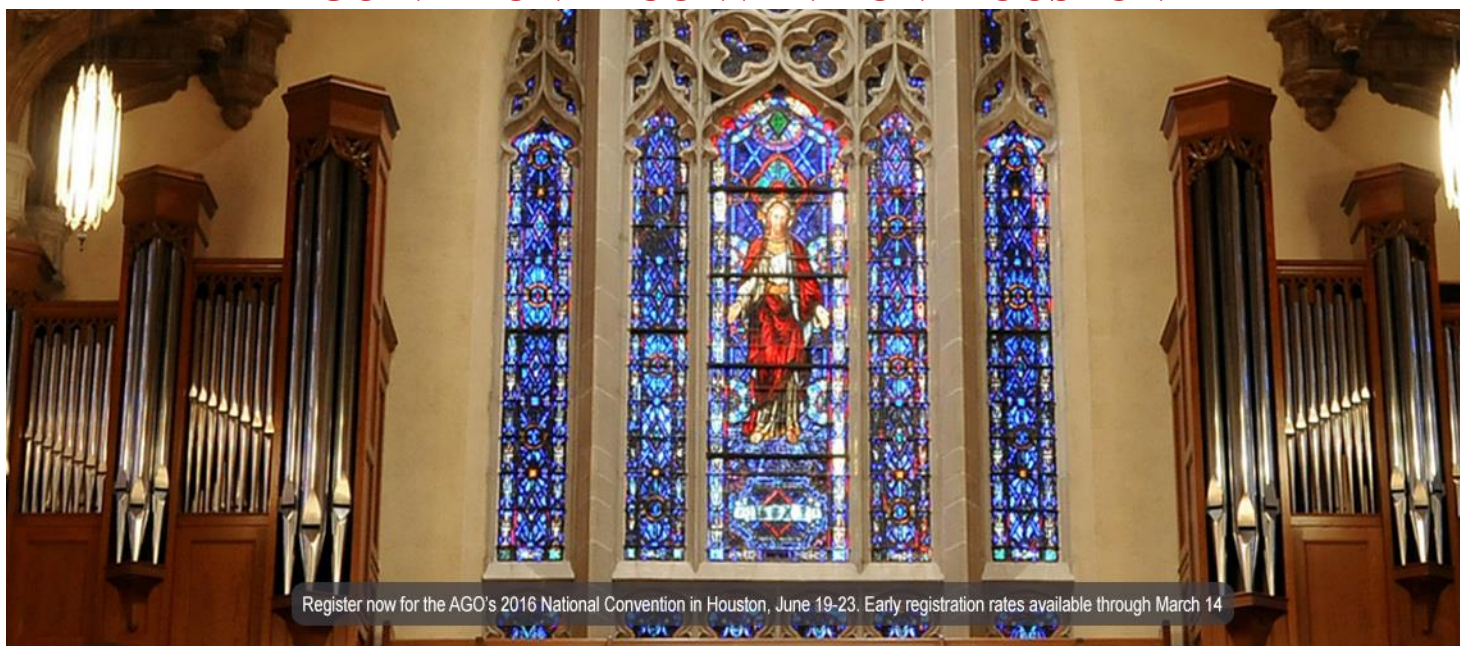
Working with a Volunteer Choir

Keeping Long-term Ministry Fresh

Choral Reading Session; Effective Use of Social Media

<http://ufsmw.weebly.com>

## AGO NATIONAL CONVENTION- HOUSTON



Register now for the AGO's 2016 National Convention in Houston, June 19-23. Early registration rates available through March 14

[www.AGOHouston2016.com](http://www.AGOHouston2016.com).

## ATLANTA POE

The Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is proud to announce the 2016 Pipe Organ Encounter to be held Sunday, July 24-Friday, July 29, 2016 in Atlanta, Georgia. The Atlanta Chapter will accept students ages 13–18. Students should be interested in Pipe Organs with Piano or Organ proficiency from Intermediate to Advanced Join us for an exciting week of study with the King of Instruments. Watch our website for future announcements

Website: [www.agoatlanta.org/html/POE.htm](http://www.agoatlanta.org/html/POE.htm) Contact: Nicole Marane, POE Director at [nicmarane@gmail.com](mailto:nicmarane@gmail.com)



Applications are now being accepted for 9 Pipe Organ Encounters for kids and adults in the summer of 2016.



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## March Birthdays

3/02	BARBARA TAYLOR
3/09	CLIFFORD HOSPITAL
3/12	SHARON WITHERELL
3/16	FLORIDE MCKOY
3/23	SANDRA TEEL

*Please send information for April's  
newsletter to [tonyroof@windstream.net](mailto:tonyroof@windstream.net) by  
March 20.*

# POSITIONS AVAILABLE

\*\* NEW LISTING - OR CHANGES

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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.

### BISHOPVILLE

**Bishopville United Methodist Church**, 115 W. Church St., Bishopville, SC 29010 has an immediate opening for a part-time Organist or Organist/Choir Director. Job requirements are Wednesday evening choir practice, Sunday pre-worship practice, worship service (11 a.m.), special services, and funeral services. Salary is commensurate with responsibilities of individual(s). The instrument is a 15 rank, 2 manual, 1978 Austin organ. Please direct all inquired to Don at 843-339-8611 or [dgrant@mantissarow.com](mailto:dgrant@mantissarow.com)

### CAYCE

**State Street Baptist Church** is seeking a part time Music Director/Worship Leader who will be responsible for leading the church's graded choir program including directing the adult choir and leading the worship service (blended). Please send resume to the Personnel Committee Attention Jay Zeigler, State Street Baptist Church; 1420 State Street; Cayce, SC 29033 or email to [jay.zeigler@amcor.com](mailto:jay.zeigler@amcor.com)

### COLUMBIA

**Ascension Lutheran Church**, 827 Wildwood Ave, Columbia, SC 29203 is searching for a part-time Parish Musician comfortable playing a range of styles. The congregation welcomes creativity, flexibility, and diversity. Instruments are a small 3 manual Moller with antiphonal division and piano in the nave. Job requirements are Sunday worship service (11 a.m.), seasonal and special services, and funeral services. Presently no choir but could be developed and a 3 Octave set of hand bells is available. Please send resume to address listed above or email to [ascension.office827@gmail.com](mailto:ascension.office827@gmail.com). Call [803-786-6429](tel:803-786-6429) for more information.

**Ft. Jackson Chapel, Catholic Service, Main Post Chapel.** Keyboardist/Organist for Catholic Service on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Contact Tharon Honeycutt, President, MSB Analytics, Inc., at his cellphone: 256-541-1593 or email him at: [Tharon.honeycutt@msbainc.com](mailto:Tharon.honeycutt@msbainc.com).

**Gethsemane Lutheran Church**, 6904 Satchelford Road, 29206, is seeking a part-time Organist and Choir Director starting in August 2014. (Contact Susan Sturkie at [sloopystur@aol.com](mailto:sloopystur@aol.com) or the church contact person for a complete job description.) Qualified applicants should email resume and letter of interest to Elizabeth Barrett at [elbarrett@ymail.com](mailto:elbarrett@ymail.com) or call 803-553-0362.

**Living Springs Lutheran Church**, 4224 Hardscrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223. Music & Worship Staff Position. Living Springs Lutheran Church is seeking to share the Spirit's call with a leader of deep passion, energy, and vision for the ever-evolving music & worship ministry of Christ's church. Within the context of our liturgical roots and framework of Word & Sacrament worship, this staff member will partner with the Worship Team to: 1) lead and further develop our two traditional adult choirs; 2) help expand our worship experiences to include a variety of traditional, blended, and contemporary musical styles; 3) develop creative musical ministries for engaging, fostering, and incorporating various singing/instrumental abilities of all ages; and, 4) join with fellow disciples in pursuing the Spirit's callings to live out God's missional vision for Living Springs in the fast-growing area of NE Columbia. Full-time or part-time status with commensurate salary to be determined - based on qualifications, experience, and extent of call/contract. Send resume and letter of interest to [music@livingspringscolumbia.org](mailto:music@livingspringscolumbia.org).

**North Trenholm Baptist Church**, 6515 N. Trenholm Rd., Columbia SC 29206 has an immediate opening for a part-time Organist. Job requirement is for Traditional Worship service, Sunday mornings only 8:00 AM- 10:00 AM, and perhaps a special service during the year. Salary is commensurate with responsibilities of individual. The instrument is a Baldwin Model B290-2 manual. Please contact Michael Cates, M.Div., [michael@ntbc.org](mailto:michael@ntbc.org) or 803- 518-4567.

**Park Street Baptist Church**, 2204 Park Street, is seeking an Organist/Choir Accompanist. Sunday morning service with Wednesday night choir rehearsal. 3 manual Allen Renaissance digital and pipe combination organ with 9 ranks of Möller pipes. Yamaha C7 Grand. Salary negotiable. Contact Wendi Humphries, Minister of Music at 603-4787 for more information.

**Riverland Hills Baptist Church**, 201 Lake Murray Blvd (Irmo), 29063 is seeking a part-time organist. RHBC is a 5000+ member church with an excellent music tradition. Duties would be Sunday morning and Wednesday nights plus a few seasonal Church Year special services. Some availability for funerals/weddings is expected, but there is no set requirement. Our 29 rank, 3 manual Gress-Miles all-pipe organ is used regularly in our two Sunday morning services alongside our piano/choir/orchestra. It also assists with and is often featured in seasonal and special concerts/worship throughout the year. It has over 1800 pipes and 50 stops. Applicant should have great experience and creativity in service playing as well as strong technique and knowledge of literature for solo organ performance opportunities. Above all, we seek someone who sees their playing as ministry and as gift back to God-someone who desires to be part of team of very capable musicians. For a inquiry or for a complete job description, or to send resumes & references, contact Bobbie Kelley. [bobbie@riverlandhills.org](mailto:bobbie@riverlandhills.org) 803.772.3227

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 1000 Greenlawn Ave, Columbia SC 29209 is seeking a part time Choir Director/Organist. The director will be responsible for the following: (1) Plan and provide instrumental and choral music at the regularly scheduled worship services which include: Christmas Eve, Holy Week and during Vacation Bible School (as needed) and any other special services planned by Worship Committee and Session. (2) Recruiting, assisting and supervising the current Adult choir and Children's choir (as an accompaniment to seasonal services). This includes weekly rehearsals. (3) Participate in weekly meetings with Pastor; meet monthly with the Worship Committee as an ex officio member (or send choir rep). Coordinate with Pastor and/or Worship Committee the general planning and leadership of the Church's worship program. (4) Provide music for all wedding and funerals in the church, when requested. Please contact Pastor Robyn Garrison, office 803-776-2067, email [robyn@trinitypresonline.com](mailto:robyn@trinitypresonline.com).

## **DANIEL ISLAND**

**Saint Clare of Assisi Catholic Church**, 885 Island Park Drive, Suite A, Daniel Island, SC 29492.  
**Director of Music & Liturgy**

### **Chief Responsibilities**

- Helps create and sustain full, active and joyful congregational participation to promote beautiful liturgies
- With the Pastor and the Liturgy Team, plans and directs music and seasonal liturgical offerings
- Plays weekend Masses (three), holy days, funerals, weddings and other liturgies as needed
- Plays the organ and/or piano and directs other instruments
- Builds, trains, directs and inspires parish choirs (adult, youth, schola)
- Develops and oversees contemporary ensemble
- Trains and supervises cantors
- Collaborates with liturgical ministry coordinators
- Coordinates the care and repair of all parish instruments
- Has knowledge of electronics and sound systems
- Plans and monitors annual music and liturgy budget
- Performs administrative functions and collaborates with parish staff

### **Qualifications**

- Dependable, dedicated, energetic, flexible and

creative with a sense of humor

- Motivated to grow the music program into one respected throughout metro area and beyond
- Minimum of a Bachelor's degree in music, liturgy or related field or commensurate experience in parish music and liturgical ministry
- Strong proficiency in playing the organ and the piano; vocal skills a bonus
- Thorough understanding of Catholic liturgical norms and customs
- Strong organizational and communication skills especially through use of software and social media
- Effective collaboration with clergy, musicians, staff and congregation

### **Other**

- 550-seat Auditorium equipped with Allen Chapel Series CF8a two manual organ and upright piano
- Salary commensurate with qualifications and competitive with market standards based on NPM guidelines
- Funerals and weddings paid in addition to salary
- Benefits include medical/dental and retirement plans participation
- Continuing education opportunities available

### About the Employer

We are the newest parish in the U.S., established Easter Sunday 2014, on Daniel Island in beautiful, historic and growing Charleston, ranked one of the world's top cultural and tourist destinations. We are a family of 600 households so far, mostly of working professionals with

children who have migrated to Charleston from throughout the country. Presently we worship in the 550-seat auditorium of Bishop England High School. A capital campaign to build a church will begin in early 2016 with the goal of completing construction in 2021. Visit us at [saintclareofassisi.com](http://saintclareofassisi.com). See our community at [danielisland.com](http://danielisland.com). Send applications or inquiries to: [gwest@saintclareofassisi.com](mailto:gwest@saintclareofassisi.com)

#### **DENMARK**

***Bethel Park United Methodist Church*** is seeking a part-time Organist/Choir Director. Our instrument is a 33-rank, three manual Gress-Miles Organ with antiphonal organ in the rear of the sanctuary. Service playing is most important, and ability to lead hymns with the organ is a must. Our choir is composed of 25-35 members and continues a long history of excellence. Ability to sight read above average choral music is a must. We rehearse on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11 a.m. We will offer salary commensurate with experience. Additional playing for funerals is negotiable. Special services will be required at Christmas and Easter. Please contact Rev. Terry Roof at [TARoof@umcsc.org](mailto:TARoof@umcsc.org) , or the church office at 803-793-3669.

#### **GILBERT**

***Cherokee Presbyterian Church***, 3622 Augusta Highway, Gilbert, SC 29054 (803) 356-4289 Music Director. Please forward your resume to [contact@cherokeepresbytrian.com](mailto:contact@cherokeepresbytrian.com) Description: The church musician is responsible for planning and leading the music played and sung during worship services in accordance with the mission, vision and values of Cherokee Presbyterian Church. Director has experience and training in contemporary and traditional church worship music, directing a band, leading singers, providing leadership and management, and experience in creating a clear professional sound. (For complete job description, contact the church.)

#### **IRMO**

***Bethlehem Lutheran Church***, in Irmo SC is seeking a part-time Director of Music / Organist. Bethlehem currently has a single traditional worship service on Sunday mornings beginning at 10:30. The Director will be expected to rehearse and direct the chancel choir and bell choir, and coordinate with the pastor on worship music. The salary for the separate or combined positions will be negotiated commensurate with the level of education and experience of the applicant. The position will be available beginning in January, 2015. Send resumes and contact information to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10,000 Broad River Rd., Irmo, SC 29063, or e-mail address [bethluch@bellsouth.net](mailto:bethluch@bellsouth.net).

#### **LANCASTER**

***First Presbyterian Church***, 700 North Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720, has an opening for a part-time Director of Music/Organist effective January 1, 2016. Responsibilities include worship planning, leading vocal and handbell choirs, playing the organ/piano for one regularly scheduled worship service per week and any additional special services, funerals, and weddings as planned by the Pastor and Worship Committee. This includes weekly rehearsals, weekly meetings with the Pastor, and meeting monthly with the Worship Committee. The instrument is a 2-manual, 31-rank 1982 Austin Opus 2681. Please send resume with references to Mary Rose Simpson, First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 990, Lancaster, SC 29721, or email to [search@fpc-lancaster.org](mailto:search@fpc-lancaster.org). No phone calls please.

#### **NEWBERRY**

***Newberry Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church***, Organist and/or Choir Director Contact is Marc Faulkenberry, (803) 351-0800, [marcfaulkenberry@att.net](mailto:marcfaulkenberry@att.net). [www.newberryp.org](http://www.newberryp.org)

#### **WEST COLUMBIA**

***Faith Lutheran Church***, 1717 Platt Springs Rd., West Columbia, is seeking a part time organist/choir director. Sunday morning 11:00 A.M. Service with Wednesday night rehearsal. The organ is a two manual Viscount Electronic Organ. Salary is negotiable. Contact: Rev. M. David Kiel: 682-241-7290 or [mdavidkiel@gmail.com](mailto:mdavidkiel@gmail.com) .