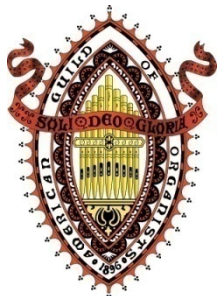


The Greater Columbia



May 2008 Organist

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709 Southlake Rd., Columbia 29223

AGO Meeting

Saturday, May 3 4:00 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
1100 Sumter Street; Columbia

Special guest Paul Spicer will speak on
the Anglican choral tradition.



The Hymn Festival originally scheduled for May 3 has been postponed until the fall of 2008 to coincide with the release of a new CD of hymns by the Trinity Cathedral choirs.

Other upcoming special events with Paul Spicer:

EVENSONG FOR ASCENSION DAY

Thursday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Music by Finzi, Vaughan Williams, and Stanford

Preceded at 5:00 by a performance of Messiaen's *L'Ascension*

Jared Johnson, organ

RECEPTION AND CONVERSATION WITH MR. SPICER IN SATTERLEE HALL

immediately following Evensong

OPEN REHEARSAL OF THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.

These events are free and open to all. Paul Spicer is the director of the acclaimed Finzi Singers and one of Britain's most respected musicians.





Paul Spicer

Paul Spicer began his musical training as a chorister at New College. He studied with Herbert Howells and Richard Popplewell (organ) at the Royal College of Music in London, winning the Walford Davies Organ Prize in his final year.

He is best-known as a choral conductor, particularly of the acclaimed Finzi Singers with whom he has now made 15 CDs for Chandos records. He has conducted Bach Choirs in Chester and Leicester, and moved to conduct the Bach Choir in Birmingham in 1992. Recently described as being '*among the premier division of the country's choirs*', the Birmingham Bach Choir performs with major orchestras including the English Chamber Orchestra and Florilegium and as part of a wide-ranging programme gives the annual Bach St Matthew Passion performance in Symphony Hall, Birmingham. Paul Spicer conducts the Chamber Choirs at the Royal College of Music in London, and the Birmingham Conservatoire, and is Professor of Choral Conducting at both institutions. He also conducts the Whitehall Choir in London and gives Choral Workshops all over the UK, in Europe and the USA. He has recently made his first trip to South Korea, conducting a week's workshops, lecturing and giving concerts in Seoul.

Until July 2001 Paul Spicer was Artistic Director of the Lichfield International Arts Festival and the Abbotsholme Arts Society, posts he relinquished in order to pursue a completely freelance musical career. Earlier in his career he spent time as a teacher of music at Uppingham School and Ellesmere College, before moving on to become a recording producer. He was Senior Producer for BBC Radio 3 in the Midlands until 1990, and today is in great demand as a recording producer and as a composer. His large-scale *Easter Oratorio*, commissioned for performance in Lichfield Cathedral in July 2000 was described by *The Independent* as "*almost operatic in its inherent drama*" and as being "*a major contribution to the choral society repertoire*". He has recently completed a work for choir and winds (*The Deciduous Cross*) based on five poems by R S Thomas commissioned for his tenth anniversary as conductor of the Birmingham Bach Choir. It was premiered in June 2003 and described as '*a deeply-felt composition, almost intoxicatingly melodic throughout to create a chaste kind of spiritual ecstasy in which elements of reviving nature figure strongly*'. New commissions include an anthem for the enthronement of the new Bishop of Durham in October 2003. As a writer, the highly acclaimed biography of his composition teacher, Herbert Howells, was published in August 1998 and went into its second edition exactly a year later.

Paul Spicer is a member of the Council of Lichfield Cathedral, is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, an Honorary Research Fellow of Birmingham University and an Honorary Fellow of the Birmingham Conservatoire.

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Palmetto Mastersingers Spring Concert Thursday, May 1, 2008 – 7:30pm Koger Center for the Arts

Show tunes, popular music,
and music with humor, show the “lighter side” of the Mastersingers’.
This is a concert that will put a smile on your face.

<http://palmettomastersingers.org/>



Colla Voce

**Spring Concert May 9, 7:30 pm
St. Peter's Catholic Church**

Colla Voce, vocal chamber ensemble of 20 choral professionals from the Columbia area under the direction of Larry Wyatt, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 11 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 1529 Assembly Street. The concert will include *Flos Campi* by Vaughan-Williams, featuring USC viola professor Connie Gee, and Persichetti's *Flower Songs*. In addition, the ensemble will be joined by the USC China Festival Choir for a performance of the Vivaldi *Gloria*. Turrin's *Elegy for Trumpet and Strings* will be performed by James Ackley, professor of trumpet at USC. Admission is \$10. For more information: 803/777-5369.

Columbia Choral Society

May 18 at 4:00 PM

Shandon United Methodist Church

This will conclude the 77th season with two contrasting works, *Mass In Time of War* (Paukenmesse) by Franz Joseph Haydn and *Dona Nobis Pacem* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The members of the Choral Society will be joined by soloists and orchestra.



May 23 7:30 PM , St. Peters Catholic Church

The South's premier early music ensemble

Tickets sold at the door



Charlotte Chapter AGO

Pipe Organ Encounter

July 13~18, 2008



Our region's **POE** is hosted by the **Charlotte Chapter** and will be held at the Belmont Abbey College Campus **July 13-18**. Please advertise this now in your churches, schools and community. It is a wonderful experience for teens. Basic keyboard proficiency is required, although previous organ study is not necessary. Contact poe@charlotteago.org for more information. Now is the time when many families confirm all their summer plans, so let's get this POE on their schedules!



As you plan your own summers, don't forget our **National Convention in Minneapolis – St. Paul, June 22-26**.

Convention Highlights Include:

- [20+ Organ Concerts](#)
- [St. Paul Cathedral Choir, London](#)
- [Newly Commissioned works](#)
- [US Premiere - Te Deum by Siegfried Matthus](#)
- [Pipedreams Live!](#)
- [Olivier Messiaen Pedagogy Track](#)
- [65+ Workshops](#)
- AGO Composer of the Year - Stephen Paulus
- [NYACOP](#) & [NCOI](#) Competitions
- And much, much more!

You can read all about it and register online at <http://www.ago2008.org/>

Association of Lutheran Church Musicians Regional Conference

Hungry . . . Fed . . . Satisfied
July 13-16, 2008 - Savannah, GA

Hungry: As church musicians we strive to create the most meaningful ministry for all those we serve. We look for unique ways to deliver the good news through music and worship.

Fed: We join together in networking and find personal development areas in our congregations as well as at a churchwide level. We develop, participate and learn.

Satisfied: Together, we make a difference, not only to those worshipping, but also within our own lives. We hope this cycle never ends.

The conference will be centered around Ascension Lutheran Church on Wright Square. Venues within a short walk from Ascension include Christ Church Episcopal, Independent Presbyterian, St. John Episcopal, First Baptist, and Wesley Monumental Methodist.

Lodging options include the historic Mulberry Inn and Holiday Inn Express, both within a few short blocks to Ascension. Comfortable and air-conditioned dormitory options through the Savannah College of Art and Design are also available on a first come basis. All possibilities are within walking distance.

[Conference Brochure and Registration Form](#)

Conference Presenters

Bruce Neswick

Robert Hawkins

Jan-Piet Knijff



Birthdays

May



Martha Klemm 05/04

Bill Webb 05/09

Sarah Fletcher 05/13

Nola P.Covington 05/23

If you don't see your birthday listed, contact Susan Sturkie (sloopystur@aol.com)

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Organist Needed



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Please contact Susan Sturkie (803-788-6807 or sloopystur@aol.com) to update this information or for more information on these openings.

AIKEN

St. John's United Methodist Church, Experienced Organist Needed.

A 1600-member dynamic, mainline UMC, with a fulltime Director of Music, is seeking an experienced, quality organist to enhance our vibrant music program. 2-year old, 62-rank Schantz organ (50 ranks in chancel, 12 in rear balcony, with an additional console). Service playing is most important, and ability to lead hymns with the organ is a must. We need an excellent sight reader, who can read open score, for above average choral music. 60-voice Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings. Two Sunday morning worship services. Youth Choir rehearses on Sunday evenings. Must be available for weddings and funerals. Salary commensurate with experience and education. Teaching, recitals, and community involvement are encouraged.

If you are the person described above, update your resume', including references, and contact: Catherine Stapleton Nance, Director of Music. Phone: 803.648.6891. Position is available immediately.

BEAUFORT

St. John's Lutheran Church, Beaufort is searching for a Director of Music. This is a part-time salaried position supervising the music ministries of the congregation, including direction of adult, children, and handbell choirs and working with the pastor and staff to plan worship. This congregation has a strong program of music, including a talented adult choir, five gifted pianists, and a number of capable instrumentalists, and a new Kawai RX-3 grand piano. We love music – and Beaufort is a great place to be! For a full job description or to submit an application, contact Ellen Burnette, secretary, in the church office at ellen@stjohnsbeaufort.org or 843 524 3461.

BISHOPVILLE

First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 144, Bishopville, SC 29010. Part-time Accompanist (piano and/or organ) and Part-time Music Director (one choir). Send resume ATTN: Personnel Committee at the church address. For more information, contact Beth Hedegor, Ministry Assistant at 803-484-5430 (8-1, Mon.-Thur.)

CHAPIN

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Chapin, SC, a friendly, growing parish of 800 families, seeks a part-time Music Director for Liturgy and Music for children, youth, and adult choirs. This position entails a solid understanding of Catholic liturgy and tradition. Responsibilities include: preparation for weekend and special liturgies; provide direction and training for several music groups, instrumentalists and cantors. Vocal and keyboard skills, a degree or background in music, and ability to inspire and work with people are essential. Successful, enthusiastic candidates should possess strong relational and organizational skills, and be able to work collaboratively with others. B.A. degree or equivalent preferred. Salary is commensurate with experience. For further information about this position, please send resume and contact information to: Father Andrew J. Vollkommer at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, PO Box 549, Chapin, SC 29036, (803) 345-3962, e-mail: andrewjv@logicsouth.com

COLUMBIA

Crescent Hill Baptist Church, 2659 Two Notch Rd., 29204. Organist & Pianist (2 people). Services Sun. a.m. & p.m. 1 Choir Practice. Contact Rev. Ron Bryan at 254-5549 or e-mail resume to admin@crescenthillbaptist.com.

Garden of Grace United Church of Christ (Atlas Road) is seeking a part-time Music Team Leader who who will direct the choir of about 20 individuals and assist the pastoral staff and musicians with the selection of weekly music. Compensation is based on experience and final ministry description. Interested individuals should contact Rev. Andy Sidden at (803) 695-9664 or pastorandys@msn.com.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2215 Devine St., Columbia (Five Points), SC 29205. Organist and Choirmaster for 10:30 Sunday and seasonal services. Pre-service choir warm-up and rehearsal after 10:30 service. Liturgical worship. Pipe organ, 2 manual. Permanent commitment ideal, however, we are willing to consider short term contracts such as 3 or 6 month. Salary: AGO guidelines. Please contact Rev. Christopher Burger at (803) 799-7224 or via email at pastor@holylutheranchurchlcms.com.

Living Springs Lutheran Church, Director of Music Ministries. 30 hour a week director of music ministry is sought for a congregation of 560 baptized members established in 1988. Responsibilities include: selecting and planning music, in cooperation with Pastor(s), for three regular weekend services (two traditional/one contemporary) and all special services; playing the keyboard for two worship services each weekend, weddings: directing the Adult Choirs, contemporary music ensemble, and overseeing the Adult Handbell Choir and worship music; growing our Children's Choir; administering the music budget; working with Pastor(s) to develop an effective and well-rounded worship and music ministry. The compensation is negotiable based on experience. Interested candidates should send a resume, cover letter, to Mr. Jim Lentz, Search Committee, Living Springs Lutheran Church, 4224 Hardscrabble Road, Columbia, SC 29223 .

DENMARK

Bethel Park UMC 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 7pm. Our Sunday morning worship service is at 11am. We will offer a salary commensurate with experience. If interested, please forward resume, including references to Attn: PPRC, Bethel Park United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 207, Denmark, South Carolina 29042.

FLORENCE

Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, P/T Director of Music Ministries needed for Florence, SC church. 10 hours per week. Duties include planning and coordinating the congregation's music program, direct the choir, and participate in planning of worship and other musical activities. Education and experience appropriate for a professional church keyboard musician is desired. Please send resume to: Cross and Crown, 3123 W. Palmetto St. Florence, SC 29501.

St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1201 Cherokee Rd., 29501. (843) 662-4622. Email: StLukeLuthFloSC@aol.com. Praise Music Director. Responsible for further developing, managing, and leading the musical components of our weekly blended/contemporary worship service at 8:30 each Sunday morning and possibly some other special services (such as our 4:15 Christmas Eve service). A solid knowledge of musical leadership, competence with computer technology, and an ability to work with people are required. This person will work with the pastor and other staff in preparing the blended/contemporary service. To receive a full job description and application and/or to submit a resume, contact Sonya Rowe, parish coordinator at the church.

GREENVILLE

St. Mark UMC, 306 N. Franklin Rd., Greenville 29609 is looking for a Music Director-Pianist. Contact the church at 864-233-1437-for information. Or send Resume to St. Mark UMC.

HARTSVILLE

Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. Musician needed to play for Sunday morning service, 10:30–11:30 AM, with extra seasonal services – Advent and Lent. The instrument is a Yamaha Clavinova. Compensation negotiable. Call Alice Brandt, 843-332-1478.

St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550

Organist position. Cassavant Organ. The church is located directly across from the Elizabeth Boatwright Performing Arts Center on the Coker College campus. Services are Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. with choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. There are other special services occasionally throughout the church year such as choral evensong and Holy Week. The church has a part-time choir director who can also substitute at the organ when needed. If interested, please contact Father Michael Ridgill at 843-332-8765 or Candace Holcombe, choir director, at 843-383-2846 (home) or 843-857-3801 (office). Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

LANCASTER

St. Luke United Methodist Church, 128 Providence Road, Lancaster, SC 29720. Organist/Choir Director Position. One Sunday Worship at 10:30. Allen Organ. Salary negotiable. For more information, contact Rev. Kyle Randle (803)286-8652 or email randlekyle@gmail.com

LAURENS

Atonement Lutheran Church, 413 West Farley Avenue, Laurens, SC 29360 has a current opening for a church organist. We are currently obtaining an organ for the sanctuary, and seek to have a regular organist for Sunday morning worship, in addition to special worship services as needed. Perfect opportunity for a student. Requirements: Be familiar with, or be able to learn liturgical settings and hymns from Lutheran Book of Worship (1978 green hymnal). Contact: Sean Miller, Pastoral Intern, 864-684-1704, lutheran_05@yahoo.com

LEXINGTON

Nazareth Lutheran Church, Organist. Call Pr. Mike Watson at 359-7993 for more information.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1430 North Lake Dr., Lexington, SC 29072. Organist. One rehearsal and one service (8:45 A.M.) a week. Possibility of combining with a contemporary keyboard position or children's music ministry position if the applicant is interested and qualified. Please send resume to: Nancy Gibbons, Music Director ngibbons@pilgrimchurch.net. For more information call: 359-9421

NEWBERRY

Colony Lutheran Church, 48 Colony Church Rd., Newberry, SC. Director of Music/Organist, Part-time. Located half-way between Prosperity and Newberry on USH#76. One Sunday Worship @ 11:00 a.m. Baldwin 636, 2 manual electronic organ, handbells. Salary negotiable. For more info, contact Worship & Music Chairperson Bettye H. Fulmer @ 803-276-7998, rcfbhf7500@wildblue.net or Pastor Jerry Trantham @ 803-276-7151, colonylc@bellsouth.net.

Summer Memorial Lutheran Church is currently seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Director of Music Ministries / Organist. Part-time position (16-20 hours per week) - one Sunday worship service plus any additional seasonal services. The Director of Music Ministries conducts weekly rehearsals with the adult choir, the children's choir, and the handbell choir. This individual will also work closely with the Pastor and the Worship and Music Committee in selecting a wide variety of music to enhance the worship service. Knowledge of traditional Lutheran Liturgy and contemporary praise music is an asset to this position. All interested persons should submit a resume to Wanda Amick, Summer Memorial Lutheran Church, 1609 Milligan Street, Newberry, SC 29108, or by e-mail to summermemorial@bellsouth.net. Compensation is approximately \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 per year.

ORANGEBURG

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg, SC seeking the services of an Organist/Choir Director. Part-time position. To direct Adult & Children's choirs and to play organ (pipe) for Sunday service. Competitive salary. Call: (803) 534-3794 The Rev. Dr. Frank E. Larisey.

POMARIA

St. John's Lutheran Church, Pomaria, a small congregation in rural Newberry County, seeks an organist/choir director for 2 to 3 Sundays per month (11:00 AM Services). Salary Negotiable. Please call Chris Cromer, 803-749-0178 (work), 803-513-6232 (Cell), or email to Chris@servprodutchfork.com.

SENECA

Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church, <http://www.eternalshepherd.org/> Choir accompanist. Contact Lars Helland, email: larsh@alltel.net cell: 706-244-4544 Home: 706-356-2690 or Rick Schmidt at 864-886-9306.

WEST COLUMBIA

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church, 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Organist/Choir Director. Interim needed immediately. This part-time position includes: directing adult and handbell choirs and organist for one Sunday morning service at 10:30am. Zimmer 3 manual pipe organ. Submit resume and 3 references to: Pr. Eric Friedrichs at the church, Phone: 803-794-6430; Fax: 803-791-8552; E-mail: Eric@mthlc.org.