

The Greater Columbia Organist



April 2025

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

Zoom Presentation on AGO Certification

Monday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.

Presenters from National AGO: Michelle Kardos, Director of Education, and Russell Weismann, Councilor for Education.

Join for this informative zoom meeting on benefits, basic requirements and basic steps for preparation for AGO certification!

[Check out Certification Requirements here!](#)

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84963876756?pwd=4VLyOIAbcTsNzBtkDoRfJbzaNNtSI4.1>



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Director of Education

Upcoming May Event

Friday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.

Dinner followed by a Program of Music for Organ and Instruments

This will be a repertoire sharing time with selections presented by chapter members and their guest instrumentalists.

Location: St. David Lutheran, 132 St. David's Church Rd., West Columbia, SC. 29170.

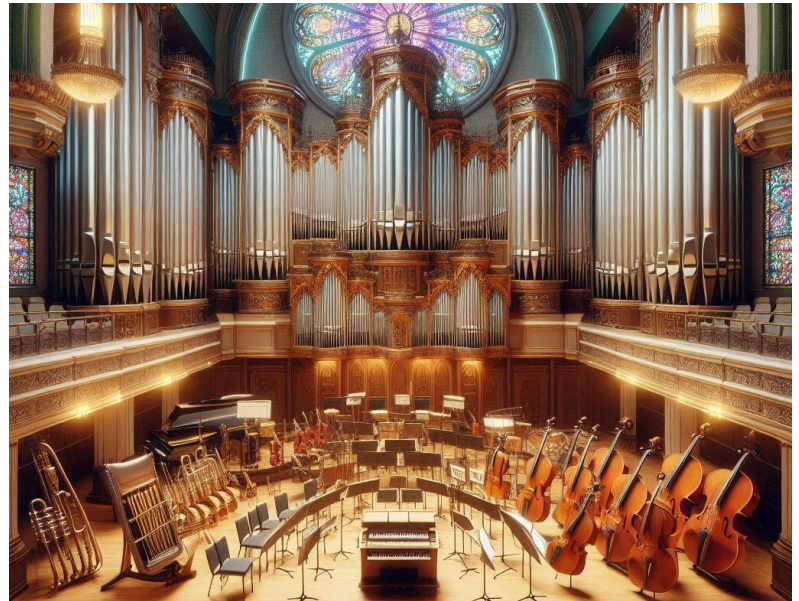
*Reservations are required for the catered dinner. The cost is \$12.00 per person. Please contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com by Friday, May 9. Chapter members are welcome to bring a guest, but a reservation is needed for all..

Menu: Lemon chicken, rice pilaf, vegetable medley, kale salad, dessert, tea.

Program Participants Needed for May Program!

Chapter members who would like to present “**organ with instrument(s)**” selections on May 16 are invited to email Al Roberts at akrdmd@gmail.com **by April 1.**

Non-member instrumentalists who perform with organists are welcome to join us for the dinner as guests of the chapter (make reservation). If you would like to present an organ with instruments selection, but your instrumentalist is unavailable, please contact Al Roberts. He has graciously offered to check with instrumentalists at St. David.



Dedication Concert

APRIL 25, 2025 | 6:00PM

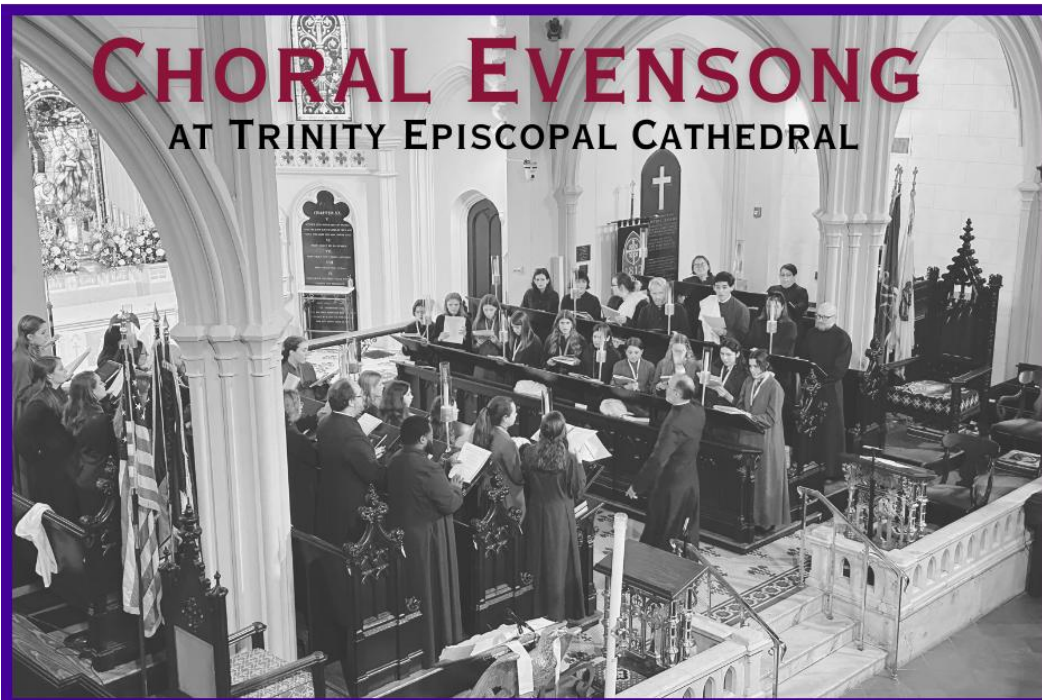
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CHORAL COMPLINE

A meditative service by candlelight
each Thursday during Lent

April 3 & 10
8:00 p.m.



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
1100 Sumter St., Columbia, SC

Holy Week at  TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

Palm Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Keenan Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral
- 4:00 p.m. A Meditation on the Passion of Christ in the Cathedral
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in Keenan Chapel

Spy Wednesday

- 8:00 p.m. Tenebrae in the Cathedral

Maundy Thursday

- 6:30 p.m. Footwashing, Celebration of the Institution of the Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar in the Cathedral, *followed by an all-night vigil*

Good Friday

- 8:30 a.m. Choral Matins for Good Friday in the Cathedral
- 12:00-3:00 p.m. Three hours' devotion in the Cathedral*
- *The doors of the Cathedral will stand open for worshippers to come and go freely*
- 6:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament in the Cathedral

Holy Saturday

- 10:00 a.m. The Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday, in the Cathedral
- 6:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter, with Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral

Easter Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Keenan Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist, the Cathedral
- 11:00 a.m. Festal Holy Eucharist, the Cathedral
- 4:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong for Easter Day
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Keenan Chapel



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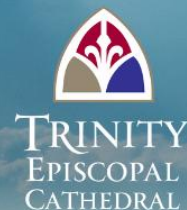
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Congratulations to
First UMC in Salisbury, NC and
St. Michaels Catholic Church in Murrells Inlet, SC.

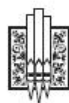
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Dedication Concert

**JUNE 1, 2025
4:00PM**

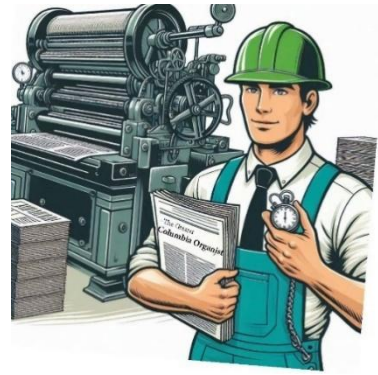
**FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
217 S. CHURCH STREET
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Newsletter Deadline

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.



4/02 Joyce Shaw
4/08 Margaret Monroe
4/08 Lawrence Melton
4/08 Susan Wilson
4/11 Gary L Meyers
4/13 Beverley Anderson
4/15 Harriet Taylor
4/16 Worth Lewallen
4/19 Vinnie Marin
4/20 Laura Rosier
4/21 Al Roberts

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Our
Awesome
Team!





Our Sympathies go to AGO member Linda Wills at the loss of her husband, Charles Edward Hall. See [obituary](#) here.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**** NEW LISTING OR CHANGES**

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

BENNETTSVILLE

First Methodist Church, Bennettsville, SC, seeks a Music Director to lead the music program of the church. Primary duties include providing appropriate weekly service music on the 43-rank Casavant organ and leading the adult, handbell, and children's choirs. Flexibility in job structure. Will work primarily with minister to oversee an active music ministry. Salary commensurate with training and experience. Optional opportunity to earn additional income providing music classes for church day care program. Please send cover letter and resume to church office (wandaweaverfumc@gmail.com). For additional information, contact Rev. Taylor Coates (843-479- 3231) or Virginia Fowler, PPRC Chairman (heyva2@yahoo.com)

CAMDEN

**** Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church**, 1206 Lyttleton Street, Camden, SC, seeks a part-time organist/accompanist. Responsibilities include one Sunday morning worship service (9:00 a.m.) and Wednesday evening choir rehearsals, plus seasonal services. There is potential to add accompanying services for the 11:15 contemporary service. For additional information please e-mail Patty Bellus at lsumc.net or see our website, <https://lsumc.net/about-us/employment>. Organ specifications may be found here:

<https://www.columbiaago.org/ColumbiaOrgans/Organs/LYTTLETONUMCSumter.pdf>.

CHESTER

Presbyterian Church in Chester - Interim organist or substitute organist. Magnificent organ, 1976 Austin with the console rebuilt two years ago. It is a two manual 36 rank instrument. There is also a 1938 Steinway Grand Piano in the worship space. Prelude, Offertory, Postlude, Doxology, Gloria Patri, and three hymns are required for each service. Interested persons should send their resume or background information to maestrocto@gmail.com.

COLUMBIA

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2200 Lee St., Columbia (Five Points), SC 29205. HTLC is a confessional liturgical congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod and as such we practice closed communion. An organist is needed for our 10:30 Sunday as well as seasonal services. We follow a liturgical order of worship, and have a two manual pipe organ. A permanent commitment is ideal, however, we are willing to consider short-term contracts such as 3 or 6 month. If you are interested in this position please contact Rev. Christopher Burger at (803) 799-7224 or via email at Rev.Burger@gmail.com

Incarnation Lutheran Church, 3005 Devine Street, Columbia 29205 is seeking to hire a music director/organist. The position will be part time (25 hours per week).

Preparation and performance (Flentrop Organ) of weekly Sunday worship at 10 a.m. as well as other special services during the liturgical year such as Advent and Lenten midweek evenings, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter. Serve as organist/music director for all funerals and weddings as able.

Organize, direct, enhance and maintain a joyful spirit among our existing musical ensembles, the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir. Oversee and maintain our musical instruments, music library and rehearsal spaces. Attend weekly staff meetings and engage in planning and supervisory meetings with the Pastor as mutually agreed to.

Other opportunities for leading the congregation in song to include growing a children's music program: Children's Choir – 3rd -5th, Youth Choir – 6th - 8th

Please send resume to office@incarnationlutheran.com .

St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1127 Olympia Ave., Columbia, SC 29201. St. Luke Lutheran Church (Olympia) is seeking a part-time Director of Music / Organist. The Director is expected to rehearse, direct and accompany the adult choir on piano and/or organ and to coordinate with the pastor on worship music selections. 11:00 a.m. Sunday services. Special services. Extra pay for weddings and funerals and the pianist/organist has first right of refusal. Please send resumes and contact information to St Luke Lutheran Church at 1127 Olympia Avenue, Columbia, SC 29201, or e-mail to carenhazelwood@bellsouth.net.

GILBERT

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 246 St. Paul's Church Rd.,

Gilbert, SC 29054 is seeking a Music Director for its Sunday worship services. The applicant may interview for the entire position (Organist/Pianist/Choir Director/Handbell Director) or for a single or any combination of these positions depending on their skill levels. The Music Director leads and directs the choir / praise band (when applicable) during worship. Also, is responsible for scheduling choir / praise band (when applicable) and handbell rehearsals, selecting appropriate music and managing annual music budgets. Music should be appropriate for use in the Lutheran service and follow the theme or the lessons appointed for the day. Hymns/Songs from the ELW and the Worship & Praise book should be used. Music selections shall be made in consultation with the Pastor whenever possible. Special programs are normally presented seasonally, i.e. Christmas Cantata/Children's Christmas Program, Easter, Community Thanksgiving services when held at St. Paul's, Lenten services and following special Lutheran celebration Sundays throughout the year. Compensation for this position is negotiable based on experience and merit. For more information and complete job description or to apply, contact Janet Boyd at boyd5janet@gmail.com or 803-634-0018.

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 stbartsepisopal@gmail.com.

IRMO

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in Irmo, SC, is seeking a part-time Director of Music / Organist. The Director is expected to rehearse and direct the chancel choir and bell choir, and coordinate with the pastor on worship music selections. The salary for the position will be commensurate with the level of education and experience of the applicant. Please send resumes and contact information to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10000 Broad River Road, Irmo, SC 29063, or e-mail bethlehemplutheranirmo@gmail.com.

The Episcopal Church of St. Simon & St. Jude in Irmo, SC, is an inclusive, medium-sized parish with an unwavering commitment to music, most recently shown by our 2024 refurbishment of the pipe organ and console. We seek one or more musicians to join our liturgy leadership team, as organist/choir master(s) in May/June 2025. The responsibilities include assisting in liturgy planning, accompanying choir and congregational singing for our main service, and assisting with the handbell choir. The salary range is commensurate with job scope and experience and is guided by American Guild of Organists standards. Four weeks of vacation are provided for this part time position. To be considered for the position(s) please email your letter of interest and resume directly to Rev. Jill Williams at revjillwilliams@gmail.com or call the office at (803) 732-0153.

LEXINGTON (Red Bank)

St. James Lutheran Church (Red Bank, SC) is seeking a part-time Organist/Pianist to lead our music for our regular Sunday morning services and others. We prefer someone who plays piano and organ; however, we will entertain applicants who at this moment can only play piano. St. James' regular worship service time on Sunday is 10:30 a.m. and we have an Adult Choir rehearsal. Other services as needed include: Christmas Eve, Advent and Lenten services, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, funerals and weddings as needed. The organ is located in our sanctuary and pianos are located throughout the building. Contact the church office for details outlining qualifications, responsibilities, etc. Interested applicants ought to provide a complete resume and professional references to the church office. (office@stjameslex.com).

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. Resumes may be sent to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 637, Orangeburg, SC 29116 or emailed to jane@fbcorangeburg.org.

ROCK HILL

Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, Associate Reformed, 2132 Ebenezer Road, Rock Hill SC. Director of Music The link below will take those interested to the specifics on how to apply, the specifications of our pipe organ, and the new job description with salary included. <https://ebenezerarp.org/>

