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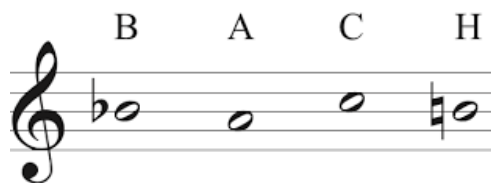
Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO February Program

The First Century of B-A-C-H

**Presented by William H. Bates
Professor Emeritus, USC School of Music**

**Thursday, February 16, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
Shandon Presbyterian Church
607 Woodrow Street
Columbia, SC 29205**

Since the mid-1700s, many composers have paid homage to J. S. Bach by writing compositions on the B-A-C-H motive. This program will include keyboard works composed by a nephew of Bach, by two of his sons, and by others such as J. L. Krebs, Sorge, Albrechtsberger, Knecht, Volkmar, Schumann, and Liszt. Several of our chapter members will perform the pieces. The program will include slides of the original sources consulted for the compositions being performed. Members are welcome to bring guests.





A native of Texas, **William H. Bates** earned the Bmus in organ and church music and the BA in music theory from Howard Payne University, and both the Mmus and the Dmus in organ performance at Indiana University. During his pre-retirement career, Dr. Bates presented recitals and workshops for churches and AGO chapters throughout much of the United States and for a number of music conventions, including national meetings of the American Guild of Organists and the Organ Historical Society. He also played recitals in Europe, including those at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and King's College in Cambridge, England. Before his retirement he contributed articles and reviews to *The American Organist*, *The Diapason*, *The Journal of the American*

Liszt Society, and *BACH: Journal of the Riemenschneider Bach Institute*. Several of his choral works are available from Hinshaw Music (Chapel Hill, NC), and six organ collections have been printed by Concordia Publishing House, with a seventh volume to appear later this year. From August 1978 through May 2011 Dr. Bates taught at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, where he held the position of Professor of Organ and Music History. He also served as associate dean and director of graduate studies for the music school. He was called back to teach music history during the 2011–12 academic year, this boosting his academic teaching career to forty-six years. In 2012 he was named a recipient of the Oswald Gleason Ragatz Distinguished Organist Alumnus Award at the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, and the following year his undergraduate school honored him as a distinguished alumnus. He has been commissioned to compose a setting of “Amazing Grace” for violin and organ for the June 2023 AGO Region IV Convention. Dr. Bates continues with other compositional projects and especially with the research project “The Original Sources of 18th-Century Organ Music.”

Save These Dates for Upcoming Chapter Programs

Winter-Spring Programs – 2023

Here's a peek at our programs for the remainder of the program year, as planned by the executive board during summer planning sessions.

Saturday, March 11, 10:00 a.m. to Noon – 2023 Young Organist Competition

Finalists will perform their selections and compete for cash prizes. You don't want to miss the performances of these highly accomplished high school organ students from across the US.

Saturday, April 29 – Organ Crawl to Florence, SC (83 miles from Columbia)

We'll begin with a visit to Central Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m., where board member Don Grice serves as Director of Music / Organist (Schantz organ). Other churches include St. John's Anglican (Jim Hepler, Aeolian Skinner), St. Luke Lutheran (Joyce Shaw, Schantz), and First Baptist (Ann Dowling, 4-manual Reuter). Between visits, we'll meet for lunch at a local restaurant. The estimated time for departing Florence is 3:00 p.m.

May Program – Progressive Dinner: *The World of Weddings* (Date/locations TBA.)

We'll enjoy good food and hear functional music for weddings with a tour of three neighboring churches: church 1 - appetizers and preludes; church 2 - catered main course and processional; church 3 - desserts and recessional. Members are invited to bring an appetizer or dessert.

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February 25, 2023

Pisgah Lutheran Church

1350 Pisgah Church Road

Lexington, SC 29072

Dr. Chris Sheppard is the chair of the music department and Director of Choral Activities at Newberry College. Dr. Sheppard conducts the choirs and teaches conducting and private voice. He also assists with musical productions at the college and with Newberry Community Players. In Spring 2018, Dr. Sheppard was awarded the *College's Carter Professorship Award* for selfless giving and service.



Dr. Al Roberts is Director of Music and Organist at St. David Lutheran in West Columbia, SC. His hymn arrangements are used for worship, and his compositions for organ, piano, choir, and instruments have been published by Augsburg Fortress and Shawnee Press. Dr. Roberts is a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Music.

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2/26	James Johnson
2/28	Timothy Belflowers

2023 AGO Southeast Regional Convention

June 18 - 21, 2023

Augusta, Georgia



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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.



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.

CHERAW

First Presbyterian Church, (PCUSA) 300 Market Street, Cheraw, SC 29520, is a vibrant and happy congregation looking for a **part-time organist**. The organ (two manuals and 26 ranks) was built by Gabriel Kney and Associates of London, Ontario, in 1986, and is designed to lead the congregation in glorious singing, accompany the choir and perform in recitals. It is tracker action but has combination action to make it accessible for different periods of music. One service, choir rehearsal on Wednesday evening at 6:30, which is flexible. Accompany soloists and small instrumental ensembles, play for weddings and funerals. (Additional income for weddings and funerals.) The organist will collaborate with the choir director and pastor to plan for services. Special services include Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Maundy Thursday. The organist may accompany the children's choir as they sing in a worship service (with a short rehearsal before they sing). Education Requirements: Have excellent hymn playing skills, able to provide appropriate organ music for all services

The position is open Sunday, August 28, 2022.

For more information, contact Christie McLeod at acmcleod1995@roadrunner.com or 843-910-4538.

The organ can be seen on the church's website www.cherawfpc.org.

COLUMBIA

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. **CHANGED JOB DESCRIPTION** – Person experienced in liturgical worship, preferably Lutheran worship, is sought to serve as Part-time Director of Music Ministry (directing adult and children's choirs). 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.

St. John's Episcopal Church in Shandon is seeking an *Interim* Organist to fill in for the regular organist for 6-12 weeks starting in April 2023 (Lincoln pipe organ). Responsibilities include two Sunday services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and accompanying the Chancel Choir in rehearsal on Wednesday evenings. Other duties will include seasonal services for Holy Week and Easter. Salary is negotiable. Applicants may contact the Director of Music (Dr. Michael T. Brown) at mtb@stjohnscolumbia.org

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, an Anglo-Catholic leaning parish, is seeking a ¼ time - part-time Organist and/or Organist and Choirmaster for its 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning service. Organ: 2-manual Allen Renaissance Quantum, Acoustic Portrait, 58 stops. Choir Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 2PM-3:30PM (the day and time can be adjusted by the new organist). Job duties include leading congregational singing, accompanies and directs anthems, ensembles, and soloists at organ/piano. Also accompanies Cantor in singing the psalms, plays prelude, postlude, offertory anthem, and service music. St. Luke's also has Youth choristers who sing the anthem on the 5th Sundays. Special services include Lenten Wednesdays, Holy Week, Christmas Eve Mass, etc. The organist also plays for weddings and funerals per church policy. We seek someone with vision, imagination, creativity, flexibility, and the ability to teach and inspire our six-member choir (five of whom are paid professional singers). The ability to work well independently and in conjunction with the priest as well as an openness to versatility is a must. Hymns used come from *The Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing, II, Wonder, Love, and Praise*. Knowledge of the Anglican/Episcopal liturgy, classical solo and/or choral vocal pieces/works, and the literature and works of African American composers is highly desired. Salary negotiable depending on experience and ability. There is also the option to just serve only as the organist and the Choir Administrator/Librarian does the administrative aspects of the job. Please submit Cover Letter and Resumé along with two or three references to fr.raphiell@gmail.com with subject line: Organist/Choirmaster. You may also call the church office (803) 254-2327 to speak with the priest, Fr. Raphiell Ashford, for more information. 1300 Pine Street, Columbia, SC 29204

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.

GOOSE CREEK

St. Timothy Lutheran Church, PO Box 807, Goose Creek SC 29445, Part-Time Organist Position. 2012 Allen Quantum Q265D, 37-stop 2-manual console. The ideal candidate has experience playing a traditional liturgical service and accompanying a choir; views organ skills as a service to God and as a vital part of worship leadership; is open to and reliant on following God's Spirit in a team environment. Please submit resume to: info@sainttimothylutheran.org with subject line Organist or Music Ministry.

GREENWOOD

Immanuel Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Greenwood, South Carolina, has a job opening for a Choir Director and Organist. There is one 10:00 am Sunday service and a choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings. The Music Director will also be in charge of additional worship services (Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, etc) at the direction of the worship committee. Weddings and funerals are paid extra and the organist has first right of refusal. The Organ is a 14-rank 1974 Zimmer pipe organ which was recently refurbished. Greenwood is a very short 1-hour drive from Columbia. Immanuel has a long-standing reputation for quality, traditional Lutheran worship. There are additional funds available in the budget for guest instrumentalists and choral scholars throughout the year. The director of music will also oversee the handbell choir and an opportunity to build a children's choir. Salary range is \$25-30k depending on experience and ability. The music director may work from home on days that physical presence is not necessary. Please email Christopherknash@gmail.com for any questions or to send a resume.

Main Street United Methodist Church, Greenwood.

ORGANIST, PART-TIME POSITION. RESPONSIBILITIES: Accompanies the chancel choir at weekly rehearsals, additional rehearsals and during the worship service either on the piano or pipe organ. Prepares and performs a variety of preludes, offertories, and postludes appropriate to the church year. Assists in the planning, performing, and implementation of service music for festival services. Accompanies church weddings when requested and oversees other organist's use of the organ for weddings and/or funerals. 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 Moller/ Schleuter pipe and digital combination. Yamaha Grand piano. Contact Gina Jolly at Gina.jolly@mainstreetgreenwood.org with questions or a resume.

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.

MARION

Marion Presbyterian Church, 208 S Main St. PO Box 186 Marion, SC 29571, Organist/pianist/choir director. Flentrop organ installed 1988, Schimmel piano. Position will become vacant mid August 2022. Contact the church at 843-423-2272 for more information.

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.
