

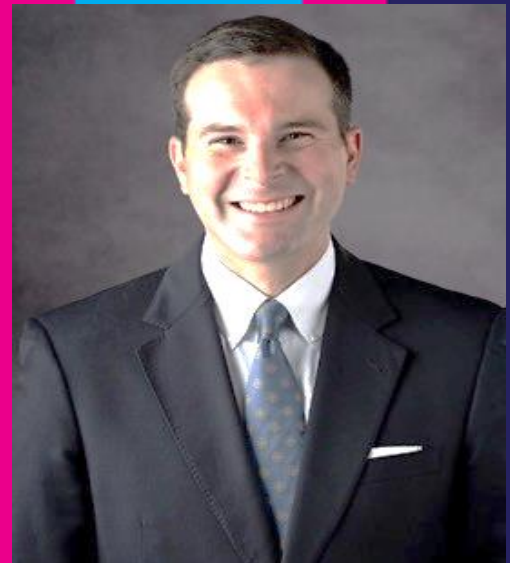
The Greater Columbia Organist

October 2024

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



Paul Thomas in recital
3:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 27
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral



October 27, 2024
3:00 PM

4:00 PM Evensong
Reception to follow

Trinity Episcopal
Cathedral
1100 Sumter Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Open to the public
Free of charge

PAUL THOMAS serves as Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia. Previously, he served in similar roles at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chattanooga, TN, Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston, SC, and the Episcopal Church at Yale University. He holds degrees in organ performance from Furman University and Yale University, and the Certificate in Church Music Studies from the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. While at Yale, he studied organ with Thomas Murray and organ improvisation with Jeffrey Brillhart, and received the Richard Paul DeLong prize for the student "whose work best exemplifies the dedication and the use of those special gifts required of practicing church

Musicians." Other organ teachers have included Charles Tompkins of Furman University and Florence Jowers of Lenoir-Rhyne University.

Active as a recitalist, vocal soloist, accompanist, and continuo player, Paul has performed throughout the southeast United States, and accompanied choral residencies at Canterbury, Ely, Wells, and Durham Cathedrals in the UK. He has adjudicated the Young Organists Competition for our chapter in Columbia, and is a committed Royal School of Church Music teacher of young musicians and choristers. In his free time, Paul enjoys time with his wife Merideth, their two children, playing golf, and watching Liverpool FC.

Help Spread the Word!

Please print a copy of this flyer and post in your church.

[Paul Thomas Recital Flyer](#)

Upcoming AGO Programs 2024-2025

Friday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.

Organ Recital Henry Dangerfield

Location: Shandon United Methodist Church
Henry Dangerfield was the 2024 winner of the Greater Columbia Chapter's Young Organist Competition.
Listen to his concert at Saints Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Minneapolis [here!](#)



PLANS FOR WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMS

Saturday, January 18, 10:00 a.m. to Noon: Organ Playing Techniques Workshop
Presenter: Don Grice, Director of Music and Organist, Central Methodist Church, Florence

Saturday, February 1, 10:00 a.m. to Noon: Choral Methods Workshop
Topics will include conducting from the keyboard.
Presenter: Debbie Bauer, Director of Music and Organist, Carteret Street UMC, Beaufort

Spring (date and time to be determined): Columbia Area Student Organists' Showcase

March 8, 10:00 a.m.: Young Organist Competition

Monday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.: Zoom Presentation on AGO Certification
Presenters from National AGO: Michelle Kardos, Director of Education, and Russell Weismann, Councilor for Education.
Topics: Benefits, Basic Requirements, and Basic Steps for Preparation.

Friday, May 16 (evening): Dinner followed by a Program of Music for Organ and Instruments



THE
MUSIC MINISTRY
of FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESENTS

FALL 2024
ORGAN RECITALS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1324 MARION STREET
COLUMBIA, SC 29201
FIRSTPRESCOLUMBIA.ORG
803-799-9062



OCTOBER 4, 2024
12:30 PM

**October First Friday
Organ Concert**

11:45pm lunch in Jackson Hall,
12:30pm concert in the Sanctuary

Samuel Metzger, organist of
Covenant Presbyterian Church,
Nashville, TN

SANDLAPPER SINGERS PRESENTS

FALL FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS

FEATURING

IRMO MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR UNION UMC CHANCEL CHOIR SCSU CONCERT CHOIR

AND
SANDLAPPER SINGERS

10/04/24 Union United Methodist Church
7PM 7582 Woodrow St
Irmo, SC 29063

BACH VESPERS

AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
WITH NORTH CAROLINA BAROQUE ORCHESTRA



Sunday, October 13
4:00 p.m.
Reception to follow on the Lawn
Cantata 173
Erhöhtes Fleisch und Blut
(Exalted flesh and blood)



FREE AND OPEN TO ALL
1100 SUMTER ST., COLUMBIA
TRINITYSC.ORG/MUSIC



**Patrick Hawkins
Faculty Organ Recital**

Sun., Oct. 20, 2024, 3:00 PM

USC School of Music 206 Recital Hall

ALL SOULS REQUIEM

AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



NOVEMBER 3, 4:00 P.M.
BRAHMS REQUIEM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



FREE AND OPEN TO ALL
1100 SUMTER ST., COLUMBIA
TRINITYSC.ORG/MUSIC

The Trinity Cathedral Choir of Adults, accompanied by Christopher Brayne at the organ, will present Brahms's Requiem at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 3, as we observe All Souls Day. The vocal soloists are Edward Vogel and Meredith Thomas. The service is free and open to the public. Trinity Cathedral is located at 1100 Sumter Street in downtown Columbia.



CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTION

AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

NOVEMBER 5, 6:30 P.M.
FREE AND OPEN TO ALL

1100 SUMTER ST., COLUMBIA
TRINITYSC.ORG/MUSIC



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral will offer a special Choral Evensong for the national election at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5. Evensong will conclude a 24-hour prayer vigil for Election Day in the Cathedral.

The service is free and open to the public. Trinity Cathedral is located at 1100 Sumter Street in downtown Columbia.





Thank you to **Susan Sturkie** for 40 years of service to the Greater Columbia Chapter of AGO!





FOURTIETH ANNIVERSARY GIFT ~ THANK YOU

It certainly does not seem like I have been taking up dues and dealing with membership things in the AGO for FORTY YEARS! I was so surprised when Lenora called me to the front of the church during our Progressive Dinner and Program a few weeks ago and presented me with a lovely gold-rimmed bowl and the humorous tea cloth seen in the picture. Even though I have a chart of when officers serve, I had not “done the math” and seen that what began as serving as Treasurer (whose duties included taking up the dues and reporting them to national) in the fall of 1984 would turn into such a longtime job – one that I have enjoyed and continue to enjoy. Thank you so much for the recognition.

Susan Sturkie



GREAT TURNOUT FOR OUR SEPTEMBER PROGRAM!



Our September 13th Progressive Dinner was well-attended and provided a lively beginning to our 2024-25 program year. We enjoyed seeing friends, meeting new members, and sampling a wide variety of food contributions. Our thanks to these chapter members for providing us with a wonderful program of preludes and postludes: Catherine Black, Kevin Davis, Don Grice, Lenora Jeffcoat, David Lowry, Al Roberts, Barbara Taylor, and Louis Shirer. We are also grateful to the two host churches and their music directors for their gracious hospitality: Good Shepherd Episcopal Church (David Lowry) and St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Henry Fulmer).

SINGLE SOURCE SOLUTIONS

We service most brands of digital church organs and have hundreds of parts for sale on our web site for Rodgers, Johannus, Roland, Allen, Galanti and other brands.



R.A. Daffer Church Organs, INC.
ESTABLISHED 1977

is a full-line representative
for pipe, digital, and
hybrid organ solutions.



THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

CH COPEMAN HART
CHURCH ORGAN BUILDERS

Fratelli Buffatti

RODGERS®

JOHANNUS

Makin
Church Organ Builders



LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

Al Murrell, Vice President | AMurrell@DafferOrgans.com | 443-812-5999

www.DafferOrgans.com | 410-792-2252

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.



10/03 Jenny Walrath
10/04 Christopher Nash
10/06 Don Grice
10/06 Ryan Greene
10/06 Adam Reisenauer
10/06 Kevin Davis
10/07 Tony Roof
10/15 Thomas Russell

2024 - 2025 CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

DEAN

Lenora Jeffcoat FRCO
C: (901) 604-8260
E: Imorrow101@gmail.com

SUB-DEAN

Joy Ackerman
H (803) 781-9781
E: jpackerman@att.net

SECRETARY

Frances Webb
H (803) 772-1492
E: FrancesWebb@sc.rr.com

TREASURER

Tony Roof
C: (803) 606-1596
E: email@tonyroof.com

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Don Grice ARCCO
C: (520) 481-0037
E: dgrice@alum.emory.edu

Huger Caughman, Jr.
C: (803) 924-7619
E: hpcaughman@gmail.com

Al Roberts
C: (803) 603-6568
E: akr_dmd@windstream.net

MEMBERSHIP

Susan Sturkie
H: (803) 788-6807
E: sloopystur@aol.com

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Tony Roof
C: (803) 606-1596
E: email@tonyroof.com

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**

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)

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 months. If you are interested in this position please contact Rev. Christopher Burger at (803) 799-7224 or via email at Rev.Burger@gmail.com

Shandon United Methodist Church, 3407 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205.

Organist and Music Associate position Part -time position or potential for a full-time position if interested in some administrative duties. Please email Eddie Huss, Minister of Music at ehuss@shandon-umc.org or text 336-870-0534 for additional information. The position is open July 1, 2024. (The organ was built by Moller and Angerstein Organ Works, 68 ranks over 3 manuals).

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 Limitée. 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 stbartsepiscopal@gmail.com.

LEXINGTON

Lexington United Methodist Church, Organist. Two Sunday morning services, Tuesday evening service, Wednesday practice, additional services for Advent and Lent. Traditional/Classical style. Vibrant and growing congregation that is welcoming to all! Wonderful choir and many fine instrumentalists. Allen organ. Salary commensurate with experience. Contact Diane Crosby, Church Administrator, with your resume or any questions - (803)359-6838 ext. 113 or dcrosby@lexumcsc.com

MONROE, NC

Central United Methodist Church in Monroe, NC, is seeking a Director of Music Ministries to meet our vision of connecting with God, connecting with each other and connecting with the community. Central is a mid-sized congregation that offers three weekly worship services that include Contemporary and Traditional services on Sunday and a Tuesday evening Dinner Church service for our community. Our music ministry currently includes a chancel choir, praise band, youth & children choir, handbell choir and special music groups. The Director of Music Ministry would be expected to be the primary pipe organist (Casavant organ). The Director would plan, direct and/or oversee all music ministry groups and ensembles. The salary level is commensurate with education and experience. We welcome those who are called to provide leadership of a music ministry team and serve with a church whose calling is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Please send your resume, three references, and a video sample of your music from a service to Dr. Jane Neese, Chair of the Staff Pastor Relations Committee at musicministry@centralumcmonroe.org. For a copy of the job description, please use the email above. This search will continue until the position is filled.

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 standards. 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/>

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.

WINNSBORO

Sion Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) in Winnsboro is seeking a part-time music director/organist or pianist to provide music on Sundays at the 11 a.m. worship service and at the 9:30 a.m. adult choir rehearsal preceding the Sunday service. Duties include preparing and playing a prelude, offertory, choral anthem, hymns and postlude. Additional services throughout the year include one Christmas Eve service. Any other services will be discussed on a one-to-one basis, with additional compensation for the musician.

The church instruments include a Kegg pipe organ, a Steinway grand piano and three octaves of handbells. Sion is a traditional church with a congregation who loves and appreciates quality music and the efforts of musicians. This position has potential for growth in the adult choir as well as the formation of a handbell choir.

Sion Presbyterian is 30 miles north of Columbia. The church is flexible regarding terms of employment and the music position can be permanent, part-time, interim or Sunday by Sunday. The salary is \$200 per week, and this may be negotiable depending on qualifications and commitment.

For questions or more information, please call the Sion church office at 803-635-3391 and leave a message for Lynne Douglass.