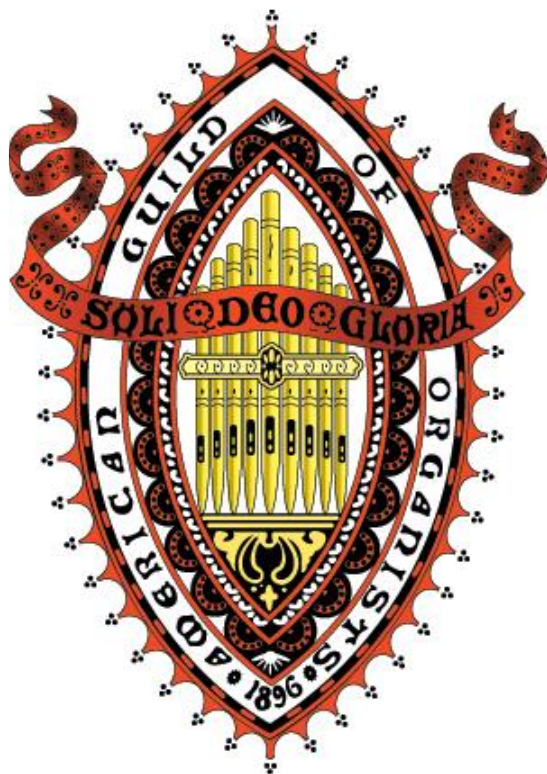


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American Guild of Organists: Mission and Vision

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion for the organ.

The vision of the American Guild of Organists is to engage, support, and uplift every organist.

The American Guild of Organist website: <https://www.agohq.org/>

Please join us for our next monthly program!



Third Annual "Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza"

Saturday, October 21, 2017, 12:00 p.m.

Brainerd United Methodist Church (4315 Brainerd Road, 37411)

The Chattanooga Chapter of the American Guild of Organists would like to invite area piano students of all ages to attend our Pedals, Pipes and Pizza Event on **Saturday, October 21, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.** Join us for an opportunity to learn about the pipe organ, its operation and construction, and **bring your music for a chance to play!** There is no cost for this program and there is no need to RSVP. Parents and teachers are welcome as well!

Additionally, the Chapter is pleased to announce the offering of **five scholarship for 10 organ lessons to students who attend.** The scholarships are with local organists with a wide variety of denominational experience, background, and locations, including Mr. James Bailiff, Mr. Jason DuRoy, Dr. Sarah Harr, Dr. Keith Reas, Mr. John Wigal and Ms. Evangeline Wykoff. Application forms, which will include a statement of parental support, will be available at the Pedals, Pipes and Pizza Event.

PLEASE consider giving some of your time to be part of this program to encourage interest in the organ with young pianists! Many of the leadership roles are filled, but we need helpers to create a smooth and safe program. Here are the current available positions, please either reply to John Wigal at jwigal@gslookout.com or Sarah Harr at sarahharr@ymail.com if you can help or if you have questions.

Pizza helpers – 3 people to assist Buddy and Sarah with pizza refreshments and games in the church dining room.

Station helpers – 2 additional helpers are needed to complete the staffing at the different learning stations. Each station already has an assigned leader who will teach the content.

Group Shepherds – 4 group shepherds are needed, one for each group to escort students as they move from each learning station around the building.

There will be an 11:30 am meeting of ALL the helpers at Brainerd UMC (fellowship hall) with the program running until 2 pm. We hope to see you there!

From the Dean

Welcome to a new program year! I'm excited to begin my second year as dean of our wonderful and growing chapter! We're off to a great start and we have lots to celebrate this year.

We have almost 100% membership retention (59 members strong!), as compared to last year, plus a new member – Ruth Cobb, from Sewanee. Welcome Ruth!

Two of our student members, Cody Lawyer and David Stultz, have left for college to study organ. Elsie Matsuda graduated from Covenant College and got married over the summer. Two more of our student members, Josh Bracken and Tristen Rowland, will be graduating from college/graduate school this school year. Both are planning recitals and special worship services in the coming months, in partial fulfillment of their church music degrees.

Four of our members are currently pursuing their AGO Service Playing Certificates—hopefully more members will follow suit very soon! We will begin a SPC study/performance group in January 2018. As the new Regional Councilor for Certification and Education for the Southeast Region, I have two trips planned this year, so far, to lead workshops on the benefits of AGO certification, as well as a lecture/recital for the Knoxville AGO chapter in February 2018.

Several Chattanooga congregations, ensembles, and arts organizations are planning special celebrations for the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation this month. What an exciting time in the life of the Christian Church, and for its church musicians!

We are partnering with several local music organizations this year for our monthly events, including the Chattanooga Music Teachers Association, the Chattanooga Music Club, the Chattanooga Homeschool Association, and Sewanee. We are also offering organ lesson scholarships to students who attend our PPP on October 21, and will be offering workshops next spring/summer for pianists who want to train to become qualified organ substitutes.

I'm excited to add to the list in the coming year. Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in our chapter. I am grateful for you!

Soli Deo Gloria,
Sarah Harr

The Chattanooga AGO Endowment Fund was created in 2015. At that time, proceeds from the Vienna Boys Choir concert sponsored by our chapter were placed in an investment fund to provide long-term preservation and growth. The Investment Committee and the Executive Board encourage members and friends to consider making a charitable donation or planned gift to the fund. All gifts are tax-exempt charitable contributions. Further information will be forthcoming over the next several months on how you can participate in this exciting opportunity to support your chapter. – Sheryl Horton, Investment Committee Chair

2017-2018 AGO Program Calendar Dates:

October 21, 2017, 12:00-2:00 p.m.:

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza, Brainerd United Methodist Church

November 14, 2017, 7:00 p.m.:

Holiday Spectacular with the Chattanooga Music Club, Memorial Auditorium

December – No Program

January 29, 2018, 7:00 p.m.:

Student Recital, Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul

February 25, 2018: 4:00 p.m.:

Evensong and Dinner, Sewanee University of the South

March – No Program

April 27 and 28, 2018: Recital (7:00 p.m.) and Masterclass (10:00 a.m.):

Katherine Meloan, First-Centenary United Methodist Church

May 2018:

End of Program Year Dinner and Worship, TBD

Accepting Nominations for 2018 New Board Members

As we begin to form our Nominating Committee, I invite you to seriously consider joining our chapter's executive board. Beginning in July 2018, we will need a Dean, Treasurer, and Membership/Hospitality Chair. These positions present a variety of commitment levels, and you will be thoroughly trained by the current board member several months before taking office. Speaking from personal experience, I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this group and I look forward to continuing to serve in the coming years. Please join me and let's continue to grow our chapter. I'm here if you have any questions or concerns. – Sarah Harr

Chattanooga AGO Music Sale

We are still accepting donations of organ, piano, instrumental, vocal, sacred, classical, and any other music editions you have and are no longer using. We will be hosting another music sale at our January 2018 Student Recital. All proceeds from this sale will benefit a future organ scholarship fund. If you would like to donate music or volunteer to help coordinate or prepare for the Music Sale, please call or email Sarah Harr: 901-486-3700, sarahharr@ymail.com. Please consider donating to help us establish a scholarship fund for future organ students to pursue their educational and professional goals. Thank you!

AGO Certification Classes

Are you interested in working toward one of the AGO levels of certification? Several of our members are working toward the Service Playing certificate and we'd like to get together a few times a month beginning in January 2018 to work together to prepare. If you have previously worked toward AGO certification and would like to volunteer, or if you are interested in beginning the certification process at ANY level, please contact Anne Aycock (anneaycock@icloud.com) or Sarah Harr (sarahharr@ymail.com). We'd love to help guide you through the practical and rewarding process of AGO certification—chapter support makes all the difference! Thanks!

Volunteers Needed for November Monthly Event:



**Chattanooga Music Club Holiday Spectacular
Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium**

Members of our AGO chapter are needed to usher at this event. If you can volunteer, please email Buddy Shirk (buddyshirk@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Let's support the Chattanooga Music Club and reintroduce the AGO to our community of music supporters! Thanks for your help!



January 3-5, 2018

Charlotte, NC

"Leading the Church's Song"

**Featuring André Thomas, Isabelle Demers, Zebulon Highben,
Jacqueline Thompson, Heather Potter, David Bone**

National Conference for Sacred Music is a unique conference designed to provide the practicing church musician with fresh new ideas to help create a vital, growing music ministry. The emphasis of this conference is to provide a wide variety of new approaches to revitalize and reinvigorate the church's passion for music in worship. Sessions will include the following:

- + New worship planning ideas for your congregation and choirs
- + Choral technique classes with an emphasis on deepening the spiritual experience for the choir member
- + Reading sessions featuring new publications from Augsburg Fortress, Hinshaw, and MorningStar Music
- + Sponsored by three different denominational groups: The Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, and the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts
- + Workshops for working with children
- + Handbells
- + Morning worship

Registration Fee: \$150.00

Meal Plan (Wed dinner and Thu/Fri lunch): \$45.00

If you are interested in attending this conference, please contact Sarah Harr (sarahharr@ymail.com) or visit the conference website: <http://www.augsburgmusic.org/ncsm/>.

Upcoming Local Arts Events:

Choral Arts of Chattanooga: Our Musical Heritage

Friday, October 13, 7:30 p.m.
Second Presbyterian Church
700 Pine Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Musical Tales

Sunday, October 15, 3:00 p.m.
Chattanooga Symphony
Chattanooga State Humanities Building Auditorium

String Theory: Danish String Quartet

Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 p.m.
Hunter Museum of Art

Poulenc & Rachmaninoff

Chattanooga Symphony, Choral Arts, Southern Adventist Choral Groups
Thursday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.
Tivoli Theater

Artist Series Concert: The Auryn Quartet

Friday, October 23, 7:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Nativity Rising Artists Series: Violin Vocalise

Sunday, October 22, 2017, 10:30 a.m.
The Episcopal Church of the Nativity
1201 Cross Street, Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742

CSO Guest Artist Series: Béla Fleck

Thursday, October 26, 7:30 p.m.
Tivoli Theater

Cantata 80: Ein Feste Burg

Chattanooga Bach Choir
Sunday, October 29, 4:00 p.m.
Christ Church Episcopal

500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation Hymn Festival:

Celebrating the Hymns of Martin Luther

Sunday, October 29, 6:00 p.m. (Pre-Service music begins at 5:00)
First Lutheran Church
2800 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404

Bryan Anderson, Organ Recital

Thursday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.
Covenant College

**If you'd like to add an event to our monthly calendar, please email us at news@agochattanooga.org.*

Volunteers Needed: AGO Chattanooga Yearbook Committee

Now that we have our updated member pictures and contact information, we need some folks to put it all together, format it, and print it for our membership. If you would like to help in **any** way (advertising, word processing, printing, etc.), please let Sarah Harr know as soon as possible. We hope to get the process underway as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your help!

Available Positions:

Thankful Memorial Episcopal Church, in the St. Elmo neighborhood of Chattanooga, Tennessee is seeking a part-time organist and choirmaster beginning immediately. The Organist/Choirmaster will:

- play a prelude, postlude and all hymns and service music for Sunday morning worship services (10:00 a.m.) year-round, except vacation-time
- lead the small volunteer choir during Sunday morning worship services September through May
- meet and direct the volunteer choir for one mid-week evening rehearsal per week, September through May
- manage choir communication and organization and maintenance of the music library
- play and provide musical direction for all high feast day services such as (but not limited to) Christmas, Easter and the services of Holy Week
- meet at least quarterly with the Rector to discuss music needs

The Organist/Choirmaster works closely with the Rector. Qualified candidates must be proficient and able to play on Thankful's historic tracker organ and will have strong interpersonal, communication and organizational skills. Previous experience leading or directing a choir would be an advantage. Familiarity with the Episcopal Church and/or the 1982 Hymnal would be helpful. Stipend begins at \$13,000 but is negotiable depending upon qualifications and experience. Interested candidates should email the Rev. Leyla King at thankfulrector@gmail.com.

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church, a member of the Presbyterian Church in America, seeks a part-time organist and choral accompanist. Our beliefs, core values and more information may be found at www.lmpc.org. Weekly position of 10-15 hours includes commitments in the 9:30 and 11:00 am traditional Sanctuary services and Wednesday evening Chancel Choir rehearsals. Additional responsibilities are required seasonally during Advent, Christmas and Holy Week. Our sanctuary contains a Moller Opus 8674 with a 3 manual console and 49 ranks. Requirements for the position include formal organ training, advanced accompanying and sight-reading skills on organ and piano, and sensitivity to the liturgy and worship style of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian. The organist position is a salaried position based on training and experience. For a complete job description and more information contact Joy Gibbons, Director of Sanctuary Worship and Music, at joy@lmpc.org.

First Baptist Church of Chattanooga, TN, seeks a part-time Organist beginning September 1, 2017. The congregation, associated with The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, worships together in a single service each Sunday morning, following the lectionary and observing all seasons of the Church year. Our Sanctuary contains a 52-rank Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ and our Chapel is home to a 20-rank Möller pipe organ. Weekly responsibilities include playing for congregational singing, accompanying the Adult Choir, and providing service music for weekly worship services, playing for a weekly choir rehearsal, and providing all above responsibilities as they relate to additional, seasonal services. Requirements for the position include formal organ training, advanced sight-reading skills on organ and piano, and sensitivity to the liturgy and worship style of First Baptist Church of Chattanooga. The organist position is a quarter-time position (10 hours/week) with a salary range of

\$12,000 – \$16,000, based on training and experience. For a complete job description and more information contact Jeff Parker, Minister of Music, at jeff@fbcchattanooga.org.

Nolensville First UMC is in search of a part-time music director in a church that is growing along with our community. We are looking for someone with a strong Christian faith and some familiarity with Methodist/Wesleyan practices and theology. This position may be divided among two people. Duties and responsibilities include but are not limited to: Working with the Pastor and Worship Committee to facilitate the direction of music programs for Nolensville First UMC. This includes planning and leading music for both Worship Services on Sunday morning with the Chancel Choir for Traditional Service and the Praise Band for the Contemporary/Blended Service and coordinating Sunday congregational songs with weekly scriptures and sermon. To Apply: Email letter of interest and resume to David Belden, Music Director Search Committee Chair, at: numc@nolensvilleumc.org.

First Presbyterian Church of Dalton, GA, is immediately seeking a qualified tenor to join its Choral Scholar Program. Choral Scholars are choral students in high school or college who (either permanently or transiently) reside in or near Dalton. Exemplifying exceptional predicate choral skills, these students develop their existing skills through singing challenging repertoire, providing leadership to volunteer members, and furthering their knowledge of music theory and its application in a liturgical setting. Scholars receive a \$35 stipend per call with an average of two calls per week—Wednesday rehearsal at 6p or 6:30p and worship on Sundays at 10a. Experience in solo performance is desired but not required. Applicants are encouraged to submit a résumé and any applicable voice recordings to Trent Whisenant, Director of Music, at twhisenant@firstpresdalton.com.

Burks United Methodist Church is looking for a keyboardist to play in their praise and worship band. Keyboardist should be comfortable playing in all twelve major keys. Keyboardist should be acquainted with music from the “praise and worship” genre, covering the last decade or so. Keyboardist should be comfortable transposing, reading chord charts and lead sheets, and should be able to appropriately carry out different roles (chordal support, soloist, melody, synth pad, etc). Reading music is not required, but is encouraged. Familiarity with the Nashville Number System is not required, but is encouraged. Keyboardist must have an ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ, must work well with others, and must be punctual. Time responsibility includes sound check at 10:00am and service at 11:00am on Sunday mornings. Rehearsals take place every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Burks UMC is located at 6433 Hixson Pike, Hixson, TN 37343. For all other information, or to set up an audition time, please contact Matt Kelly at (423) 364-7262 or matt@burks.org.

First Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Rome, GA seeks a part-time Organist. The congregation has a combined weekly attendance from the traditional and contemporary services that averages 650 and supports a growing music ministry. The weekly position commitments include the 10:30 am Sunday morning traditional service and the Wednesday evening Chancel Choir rehearsal with occasional extra services including major services of Advent and Lent as well as weddings and funerals. The candidate will accompany the Chancel Choir, soloists, and other occasional chamber ensembles on organ or piano as needed. Weekly responsibilities also include providing preludes and postludes in addition to hymn playing and ensemble accompaniment. The successful candidate will possess superior sight-reading skills and will encourage congregational singing through creative and well executed service playing. Personal requirements include a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in music and a growing Christian faith. First Presbyterian Church is located in downtown Rome, GA and the sanctuary houses a 33 rank Reuter pipe organ and a 7-foot Baldwin grand piano. The annual salary is in the range of \$20,000 for 15 hours per week of rehearsal and personal practice and is based upon experience and education. Interested applicants please email an application letter and resume including three references to: Dr. Aaron Rice, Director of Classic Music Ministries, at aaronr@fpcrome.org.