

PIPELINES

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Dear Colleagues,

Martin Luther wrote the following about music: “Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through music. I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Music drives away the Devil and makes people joyful.”

We are entering a busy season for music in the Church: Reformation, All Saints, All Souls, Thanksgiving, Advent, and yes, Christmastide. Whether you are a performer or a listener, I hope you will be enriched by the many musical opportunities we have in Nashville. Check our Arts Calendar for a list of special services and concerts in our area.

Please make plans to join us in a great hymn celebration led by John Ferguson, a master organist, improviser, and choral director. The service will be the second Monday of November—November 13 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Franklin. Many thanks to Darryl Miller for suggesting and organizing the hymn festival! I promise you will be inspired and made joyful.

Elizabeth Smith
Dean



NOVEMBER PROGRAM — MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 — 7:30 PM

MY SOUL CRIES OUT: 500 Years of Singing A Hymn Festival with John Ferguson

St. Andrew Lutheran Church • 908 Murfreesboro Road • Franklin, Tennessee 37064

DINNER — 6:30 PM — Dinner reservations, *due by November 8*,
can be made online @ www.nashvilleago.org (scroll down, then click on
“Chapter Dinner Reservations”) or by
contacting Linda Winters at 615-456-2065 or @ AGOdinner@gmail.com.



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John Ferguson retired in June 2012 after serving 29 years as Elliot and Klara Stockdal Johnson Professor of Organ and Church Music and Cantor to the Student Congregation at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. His responsibilities included directing the church music/organ program, teaching organ, and conducting the St. Olaf Cantorei. During his tenure at St. Olaf he oversaw three major capital projects: the renovation of space adjacent to the music building into an organ recital hall housing a new Dobson organ (3/42); the complete renovation, acoustical upgrade, and installation of a new Holtkamp organ (3/89) for Boe Memorial Chapel; and a new suite of rooms housing the school's seven practice organs. During his tenure the organ department at the college defied national trends by growing in enrollment and in quality.

In retirement he continues his travels to design and lead hymn festivals—for which he is internationally known—as well as composing and arranging, adding to the many publications already in print. Drawing upon his 59 years experience as a church musician, especially his work at the Kent, Ohio, United Church of Christ (15 years while on the faculty of Kent State University) and Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota (5 years full time), he is at work on his fourth book, exploring his philosophy of the vocation of the church musician.

He has been honored by his colleagues in the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians both by the Raabe Prize for distinctive musical composition and the Faithful Servant Award for his years of service to church music. The Minnesota American Choral Directors Association presented him with the F. Melius Christiansen award for distinguished service to the choral art, and his colleagues at St. Olaf elected him to the St. Olaf chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Ferguson's son, Christopher, teaches British History at Auburn University, where his daughter-in-law, Sarah, serves as business manager for the Auburn band program, and they raise one of the delight's of John's life—his granddaughter, Lucy. In his spare time he enjoys caring for and driving his collection of classic vehicles, including five historic military vehicles and three classic muscle cars.

MEMBER NEWS

Sincere condolences to **Nicholas Bergin**, whose father, Jan Anders Bergin, 69, died on Friday, October 13, in Stockholm, Sweden. Apart from the years he spent as a piano student at the Conservatory of Music of Brooklyn College in New York City, Anders spent his life in Sweden, where he served as an organist and choir director in the Church of Sweden. He is survived by his mother, Gunborg; Sister, Katarina; three children, Daniel (Irene), Lisa (Fredrik), and Nicholas (Rachel); and four grandchildren, Viktor, Anna, Alvin, and Minou. His funeral will take place on Friday, November 10, at the parish church in Kungsängen, near Stockholm.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Tyler Wade

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Student Member

FROM JANET SCHMIDT, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Our next program on Monday, November 13, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Franklin, features Dr. John Ferguson. I'm sure you've played many of Dr. Ferguson's festive hymn arrangements and anthems. I look forward to seeing all of you, as well as members of your choir. Let's fill the sanctuary for this hymn festival!

By the end of October, please send contact information for one prospective new member to janetrtschmidt@gmail.com. So many musicians leading worship throughout the region would benefit greatly from our excellent programs.

To join Nashville AGO, renew your membership, or update your information: www.agohq.org/oncard

To update your information for our online Chapter Directory: www.nashvilleago.org

Janet Schmidt
Nashville AGO Membership Chair
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HOSPITALITY NOTE

For many years we have had a generous benefactor cover the cost of meals for our student members at chapter meetings. The time has come for us to look for another person (or persons) willing to offer this gift. We have just a few young members, and they are not able to attend all meetings, so the cost varies a bit from month to month.

This is a tangible way for someone to influence and encourage our next generation of young organists. I'm sure we stand on the shoulders of teachers and supporters from our own early days. I certainly do!

If you are interested in contributing all or part of the cost of student meals, please contact me directly at theorganisma@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Smith
Dean

JOB OPENINGS

Central Christian Church, Murfreesboro, has an opening for a part-time choir director/minister of music for one weekly Sunday service. Qualifications include familiarity with a broad range of church music and adequate keyboard skills as needed. Church currently has a student organist/accompanist, but would entertain the possibility of combining this position as organist/choirmaster. Please contact Pastor Steve Odom at steven.odom@gmail.com.

East End United Methodist Church, Nashville, is searching for an organist for its 9:00 and 10:30 AM services. Children's Choir and the Sanctuary Choir hold rehearsals on Sunday evenings at 5:00 and 6:00 PM respectively. Please contact Joe Lee, Director of Music Ministries at joseph.a.lee@hotmail.com.

First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, KY, has an opening for an organist for one Sunday service (with rehearsal prior to the service), Wednesday night rehearsals and special programs. 3-manual, 57-rank Casavant organ. Qualifications include professing belief in Jesus Christ, education and experience with the pipe organ, excellent playing and sight-reading skills, and knowledge of appropriate repertoire. Please contact Ricky Clark, Minister of Music, at 270-842-0331, or e-mail rclark@firstbaptistbg.org.

First United Methodist Church, McMinnville, TN, has an opening for an organist for one Sunday service (10:30 AM) and Wednesday night rehearsal each week, as well as any special services during the church year. Salary is negotiable. Contact Donna Campbell, Director of Music, at 931-808-8415 or Senior Pastor Tommy Vann at 931-473-4419 (church) or 931-626-9388 (cell).

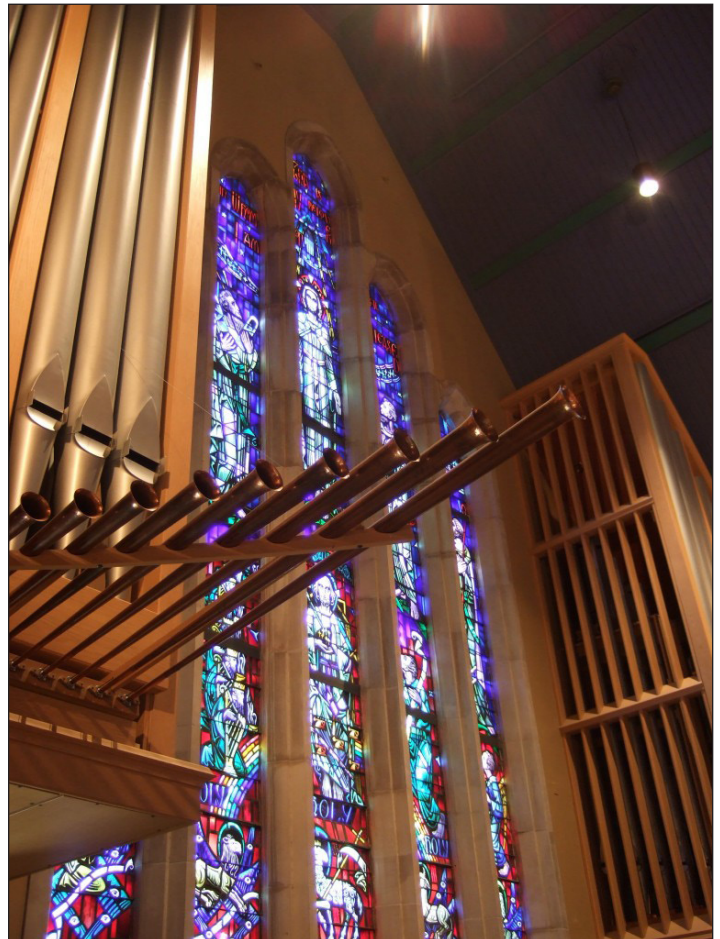
Milnar Organ Company, Eagleville, TN, is seeking an organist to assist in the fall tuning season. This is a part-time position, beginning in October and finishing before Christmas. Contact dennis@milnarorgan.com.

Rivermont Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Chattanooga, TN, is accepting applications/resumes for the part-time position of organist—responsibilities include playing organ, accompanying the choir, and accompanying occasional soloists for the 11:00 AM Sunday service and Wednesday evening choir rehearsal. Special services will also be included. Send resumes and inquiries to rpcorganist@gmail.com or mail to the church C/O Beth Russell. Mailing address is 3319 Hixson Pike, Chattanooga, TN 37415.

SUBSTITUTES

An updated substitute list is available on the chapter website: www.nashvilleago.org

Charlotte Hughes
Placement Chair



2006 Holtkamp Organ in Boe Chapel, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota

ARTS CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

NOVEMBER 2017

11/5/2017, 3:30 PM
Organ Concert
All Saints Solemn Choral Evensong, 4:00 PM
Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers
Michael Velting, Canon for Music, Conductor
Michael Gebhart, Assistant Organist and
Choirmaster, Organist

11/5/2017, 4:00 PM
Patriotic Concert to Honor Veterans
Rocky Craft, Conductor
Grace Lutheran Church
2041 Madison Street, Clarksville

11/5/2017, 6:00 PM
Requiem: Music for Our Loved Ones
Howells' *Requiem* and choral works by Tavener
St. George's Choir
Woosug Kang, Conductor
Gerry Senechal, Organist
Richard Gray, Organ Scholar
Free-will offering
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

11/5/2017, 7:00 PM
Choral Evensong for All Saints
Music by Chilcott, Stopford,
Mendelssohn, and Craig Phillips
John Semingson, Conductor
Westminster Choir
Westminster Presbyterian Church
3900 West End Avenue, Nashville

11/12/2017, 3:00 PM
Organ and Choral Recital
James Higdon, Organist, and The University Choir
Music of Jehan Alain
All Saints' Chapel
Sewanee, The University of the South
735 University Avenue, Sewanee

11/30/2017, 7:30 PM
Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*
MTSU Women's Chorale
Angela Tipps, Conductor
MTSU Wright Music Building
1439 Faulkinberry Drive, Murfreesboro

DECEMBER 2017

12/2/2017, 5:00 and 8:00 PM
12/3/2017, 5:00 PM
Lessons and Carols
All Saints' Chapel
Sewanee, The University of the South
735 University Avenue, Sewanee
Tickets available on the university website in November
www.sewanee.edu

12/3/2017, 4:00 PM
Music City Strings
Christmas Favorites
Rocky Craft, Conductor
Grace Lutheran Church
2041 Madison Street, Clarksville

12/3/2017, 5:00 PM
Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, Part 1
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Matthew Phelps, Conductor
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

12/3/2017, 6:00 PM
Christmas at First
The Hanging of the Green with Children's,
Youth, and Adult Choirs and Orchestra
First Baptist Church
108 7th Avenue, South, Nashville

12/3/2017, 6:00 PM
Lessons and Carols
Music by Lauridsen, Kennerly, and more
St. George's Choir, Choristers,
and St. Dunstan's Choir
Woosug Kang, Conductor
Gerry Senechal, Organist
Richard Gray, Organ Scholar
Free-will offering
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville

12/4/2017 and 12/5/2017, 7:30 PM
Christmas at the Cathedral
Jackson Schoos, Conductor
The Cathedral Choir, three local Catholic
High School Choirs, and Orchestra
Cathedral of the Incarnation
2015 West End Avenue, Nashville

12/5/2017, 7:30 PM
Christmas Concert
Nashville Chamber Singers
Angela Tipps, Conductor
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
315 East Main Street, Murfreesboro

12/9/2017, 7:00 PM (*NOTE NEW DATE*)
Christmas Concert
Nashville Chamber Singers
Angela Tipps, Conductor
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

12/10/2017, 4:00 PM
Christmas Concert: Glory to God in the Highest
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra
Raphael Bundage, Director
First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Pike, Nashville

12/10/2017, 5:30 PM
Christmas Candlelight Service
Lessons and Carols
Combined Choirs and Handbell Choirs of West End
Matthew Phelps, Andrew Risinger, Allison Williams,
Carla Fox, Conductors
West End United Methodist Church
2200 West End Avenue, Nashville

12/10/2017, 6:00 PM
Feast of Lights and Carol Service
Christmas Lessons and Carols
Gayle Sullivan, Conductor
Combined Choirs, Handbells, and Orchestra
Belmont United Methodist Church
2007 Acklen Avenue, Nashville

12/10/2017, 6:00 PM
Keyboards at Christmas
First Baptist Church
108 7th Avenue, South, Nashville

12/17/2017, 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Advent Lessons and Carols
Brian Russell, Conductor
Darryl Miller, Organist
St. Andrew Lutheran Church
908 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin

12/17/2017, 8:30 and 11:00 AM
Choral Celebration for the
Third Sunday of Advent
Vivaldi's *Gloria in D*
John Semingson, Conductor
Westminster Choir and Orchestra
Westminster Presbyterian Church
3900 West End Avenue, Nashville

12/17/2017, 4:00 PM
Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols
Cathedral Choir and Senior Choristers
Michael Velting, Canon for Music, Conductor
Michael Gebhart, Assistant Organist and
Choirmaster, Organist
Christ Church Cathedral
900 Broadway, Nashville

12/17/2017, 4:00 PM
Lessons and Carols
Angela Tipps, Conductor
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
315 East Main Street, Murfreesboro

12/17/2017, 6:00 PM
Carol-Candlelight Celebration
Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra
First Baptist Church
108 7th Avenue, South, Nashville

Sharron Lyon
Arts Calendar Chair

YOUNG ORGANIST COMPETITION 2018
Sponsored by the Greater Columbia AGO Chapter

Saturday, March 10, 2018
Columbia, South Carolina

Open to Grades 8–12

First Prize: \$1500

Second Prize: \$1000

Third Prize: \$750

Hymn Playing Award: \$250

Bach Playing Award: \$250

For rules and application, see
"Young Organist Competition 2018"
at www.columbiaago.org.