



THE EN CHAMADE

Newsletter of the American Guild of Organists, Memphis Chapter, April 2023

From the Dean . . .

Reflect and Pause

In a play that I attended a needlework piece that had the words, Reflect and Pause, in it was discussed. The order of the words is not the usual one. However, this practice can be useful. During this season of Lent reflection is a good thing. We can reflect on the state of our personal and professional lives. After reflection, we can pause and wait for direction to see if we need to change directions, or stay the current course. Sometimes things are not where we want them because the process will take more time. At other times new directions are needed. Many times a pause for a day or two after our reflection will clear our minds, and the direction for future activities becomes clear.

I hope that you will Reflect and Pause during this season, and look forward to our meeting in May. During the business of the season, enjoy the music.

Terry McRoberts, Dean

**There will be no Memphis AGO Chapter Meeting in April 2023,
as this time would fall into Holy Week.**

**Our next and final meeting for the 2022-23 year will be on May 8, at St.
Peter's RC Church, Downtown, Memphis. (See next page.)**

St. Peter Church – 190 Adams, Memphis

**Final Chapter dinner, meeting and program of the year with guest artist
Dr. Jennifer Pascual.**

Gathering – 6 PM in Parish Hall

**Dinner - 6:30 PM (reservations required), followed by Members meeting
7:30 PM - Dr. Jennifer Pascual will speak on "Chant-based Works for the
Organ" and play select examples from the repertoire on the Casavant
organ.**



ST. PETER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Dominican Parish • Established 1840

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CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION:

CASAVANT OPUS 968

May 7, 2023 at 3PM

Jennifer Pascual

Music Director-Organist at
St. Patrick Cathedral, New York City.

Dr. Pascual will present a recital to mark the centennial of St. Peter's Casavant pipe organ. The next evening she will present a program for the Memphis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. For more details, contact Jane Scharding Smedley at mrsjane@stpeterchurch.org.

Please visit stpeterchurch.org/music for updates.

St. Peter Church • 190 Adams Ave. • Memphis, TN 38103 • (901) 527-8282



Election of Memphis Chapter AGO Officers for 2023-2024

The Memphis Chapter AGO Nominations Committee presents the following slate of officers who have agreed to serve in these positions next year.

Dean: Terry McRoberts

Sub-Dean: John Palmer

Secretary: Dennis Wujcik

Treasurer: Karen Strawhecker

Registrar: Sondra Tucker

Member-at-Large, Media: Marcus Browning

Member-at-Large, Finance: Carl Blankenship

Member-at-Large, Program: Jane Scharding Smedley

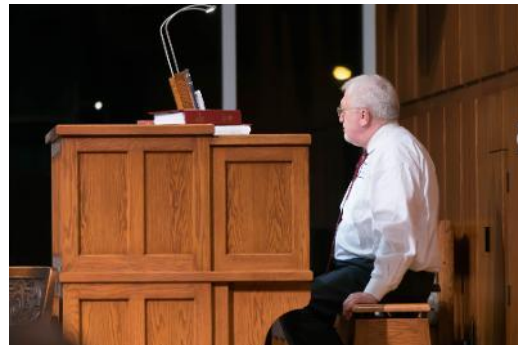
Voting will be electronically done, April 17-21, using OpaVote. (Directions will be in a voting reminder e-mail later.) If you have any trouble voting electronically, please contact Secretary Martha Israel: marthaisrael809@gmail.com.

This year's Nominations Committee members were:

André Duvall (chair), Marcus Browning, Joel Chapman,
Carol Craig, Jane Scharding Smedley



Our **March 6th** meeting was held at St. George's Episcopal Church in Germantown. Following a very tasty dinner of Irish stew, the Chapter convened for a business meeting. All proceeded to the church for a Service of Night Prayer, or Compline. Organists Angela Saunders and John Palmer played the service. Thanks go to Carolyn Mason, who organized the event, and to Lucas Fletcher, our gracious host. (*Photos courtesy of Jean Jones.*)



POSITIONS OPEN

Trinity United Methodist Church

1738 Galloway Ave., Memphis, TN 38112

Director of Music Ministries/Church Pianist
Play for worship services - Sunday at 11:00.
Accompany choir - Wednesday rehearsal - 5:30 - 7:00.
Sunday morning warmup - 10:30
Yamaha grand piano
Teach the choir new hymns and anthems and help build the choir.
For more details contact Rev. Sara Corum at bechrist77@gmail.com

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First United Methodist Church

Holly Springs, Mississippi
Seeking a new organist. Small Pilcher organ.

Choir practice - 9:00 a.m. Worship service -11:00 a.m. Practice time -10:00 a.m.
Contact Matthew Haynes for information. Hayner.matthew@gmail.com

Wesleyan Hills United Methodist Church

Memphis, Tenn. Seeking a pianist to play for service and accompany the choir. Contact Pastor Susan Sharpe - drsharp@wesleyanhillsumc.org

St. Paul United Methodist Church

2949 Davies Plantation, Lakeland, Tenn. Seeking a pianist.
Sunday - 9am - 12noon - practice with the band and prepare for worship. Play for all Sunday worship services and special worship services. Wednesday 6-8 pm - play for choir practice.
Contact information not given.

Submitted by Phil Brown, Pacement Coordinator

EXAMS AND PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS

AGO exam season is winding down, and spring is really here... you're busy indeed for now. I'm hoping, as time eventually allows, you'll continue to grow and nurture your musicianship.

Whether or not you're preparing for AGO certification, these Webinars are engaging and highly worthwhile.

Here's what's coming up next. You simply register, no cost, on the AGO site at <https://www.agohq.org/webinars/>

- Monday, April 17, 7 pm ET

Certification: Renaissance Counterpoint (FAGO)

- Monday, April 24, 7 pm ET

Transposition (CAGO, AAGO and FAGO)

- Monday, May 1, 7 pm ET

Orchestrations

It's not too early to plan for 2023 (Fall) and 2024!

Applications for certification exams will resume in September.

Meanwhile, you can find certification information on the AGO HQ site at <https://www.agohq.org/certification/>

Get Involved... here's AGO's participation checklist.

How many apply to you?

- Participated on a committee at any level***
- Took part in a competition**

- Wrote an article in The American Organist (Memphis Chapter has had two contributing writers lately!)**
- Gave a presentation at a chapter event or convention**
- Received an AGO-funded scholarship or award***
- Took an AGO certification exam**
- Other: Attended a regional or national convention**

*** I have to mention a great example: Justin Little’s commendable work on our Memphis Chapter website. I’m beginning use this site again, very helpful! If you haven’t been for a few years, go to <https://www.agomemphis.org/ago-executive-board/>**

Grow your Talent...

Go to “Find An Organ Teacher – Memphis Area, “ posted on the Memphis Chapter site at <https://www.agomemphis.org/find-an-organ-teacher/>, and the AGO HQ site at <https://www.agohq.org/find-an-organ-teacher/> .

--Lyn Joyner, Exam Coordinator/Professional Concerns, lyn.joyner@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, APRIL 1 TO MAY 31, 2023

All events are free admission unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday) at 5:00pm

A Meditation on the Passion of Christ with Carols

The chanting of Antiphons and the Gospels to Ancient Plainchant

arr. John Rutter, I wonder as I wander

Richard Lloyd, The ballad of the Judas tree

Clemens non Papa, Adoramus te

Herbert Sumsion, There is a green hill far away

Grace-St. Luke’s Episcopal Church

1720 Peabody Ave., Memphis

www.gracestlukes.org

Friday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Choir of Clare College, Cambridge

Since the founding of a mixed voice choir in 1972, the Choir of Clare College has gained an international reputation as one of the world’s leading university choirs. In addition to its primary function of leading services

three times a week in the College chapel, the Choir keeps an active schedule recording, broadcasting, and performing. Former directors have included John Rutter and Timothy Brown. Under the direction of Graham Ross, Director of Music since 2010, it has been praised for its consistently 'thrilling' and 'outstanding' performances worldwide. Join us for this FREE concert, sponsored by the Friends of Music at Calvary. The program features music by Byrd, Britten, Bernstein, Caroline Shaw, Samuel Barber, Nico Muhly, Finzi, Pärt, Héloïse Werner, David Lang, Howells, and Whitacre. A festive reception follows. Free, secure parking is available in Calvary's back parking lot. [A Video Introduction to the Choir](#)
Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N. 2nd Street, Memphis

Sunday, April 23 3:00pm

Frederick Hohman, organ

Music of Bach, Mendelssohn, Widor, and original compositions and arrangements

Saint John's Episcopal Church, 3245 Central Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

For additional information, please contact:

Dr. Vernon Snyder, Organist-Choirmaster

vernon@stjohnsmemphis.org

901-323-8597, Ex. 26

Sunday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m.

Cherry Rhodes, Organist

Concert on the newly-completed Goulding and Wood organ.

St. George's Episcopal Church, 2425 So. Germantown Rd., Germantown.

For more information, please contact music director Lucas Fletcher

at lucas@stgeorgesgermantown.org

No admission - Reception to follow

Program will include music of Bach, Guillou, Mader, Vierne, Reger, and William Grant Still.



Sunday, April 30, at 3:00 p.m.

Luna Nova Presents an Afternoon of French Music

Brian Ray, piano; Sabrina Laney Warren, soprano



Jason Oates, saxophone; Charles Lewis, flute

Jonathan Webber, clarinet

Music by Debussy, Ravel, Saint-Saens, Dukas, and others

All Saints Episcopal Church, 1508 S. White Station Road, Memphis, TN 38117

<https://www.allsaintsepiscopal.org>

<http://www.lunanova.org>

Patricia Gray, pgray@pgray.net, 901-493-0958

Lyn Joyner, lyn.joyner@gmail.com, 901- 351-8162

Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Choral Evensong for Eastertide

The Parish Choir of Church of the Holy Communion

Dr. David Perry Ouzts, organist/director

Church of the Holy Communion, 4645 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis

www.holycommunion.org

Contact: David Ouzts, douzts@holychommunion.org, 901-767-6987 ext. 4013

Music of William Smith, John Goss, Bryan Kelly, and Howard Goodall

Sunday, May 7, 5:00pm

Choral Evensong

Choir of Saint John's

Saint John's Episcopal Church

3245 Central Avenue

Memphis, TN 38111

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Sunday, May 7, 2023 | 5:00 PM

Organ Concert by Bradley

Hunter Welch

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is excited to welcome Bradley Hunter Welch for a concert on May 7th. Bradley is the resident organist of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and serves as the Artist-in-Residence at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church. Hailed as "A world-class virtuoso" and "an expert at defining darks, lights, shadows and colors," Bradley is increasingly in demand as a recitalist, concerto soloist, and collaborative artist. We are delighted to welcome him to Memphis and hope you will join us at 5 PM on May 7th!

Landry Duvall, *Director of Music Ministries*

Idlewild Presbyterian Church 1750 Union Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104 901.259.4342

www.idlewildchurch.org



Sunday, May 21 at 5:00pm

Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Ascension

with the combined choirs of GSL & Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, AL

Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church

1720 Peabody Ave

www.gracestlukes.org

George Dyson, *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D*

Margaret Burk, *Preces & Responses*, Gerald Finzi, *God is gone up*

The next issue of *En Chamade* will cover events for May, through the Summer

To submit articles, please email them to me by the 25th of the month prior to the next issue. I can accept Word, JPG, or JPEG. Email is fine, too. Forget the PDF format – they're after my money. ~ Angela G. Saunders, editor

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OFFICERS FOR 2022-2023 YEAR IN MEMPHIS CHAPTER AGO

ELECTED OFFICERS

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Sub-Dean: Alex Benford

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Registrar: Dennis Janzer

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Dinner Greeter: John Palmer

Education: Marcus Browning

Examinations/Professional Development: Lyn Joyner

Historian/Archivist: Jane Scharding Smedley

Librarian: Kelly Kramer

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Carolyn Mason

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APPOINTED OFFICERS

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