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## December Chapter Meeting

**Saturday, December 12**  
**10:00 AM**

## Members' Virtual Christmas Recital

Recorded in various churches

We encourage everyone to watch your email for the link for our December virtual chapter meeting. We will feature several chapter members in a Christmas recital recorded at various churches around the metropolitan area. The list of recitalists will include **Bill Callaway, Cliff Frierson, Sue Mitchell-Wallace, Becky Ramsey, Alice Walker**, and others. This will be a wonderful way to enjoy the combined and marvelous talents of so many of our members. The link should arrive in your email boxes around December 10 or 11, just prior to the recital on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss this fabulous opportunity!



# From the Dean

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Greetings, Atlanta Chapter:

As we look toward the coming holiday season and beginning of a new year, I feel both grateful and hopeful. I am grateful for the opportunities we have had to remain connected and the technology that has made it possible. I am grateful to our members Matthew Brown and Herb Buffington, who through their great skills (both musical and technical) brought us such excellent workshops in October and November. And I am grateful for our members who have continued to show a high level of support for our chapter.

As 2020 comes to a close, as difficult as it has been, I feel a strong sense of hope that we will be able to meet in person again in the coming year. We do not yet know when that will be, but with continued medical and scientific developments, I am hopeful it will happen in 2021. I am also hopeful knowing that, in the meantime, we will continue to offer ways to stay connected. Our next Chapter Zoom Meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> will give us the chance to check in and see each other, at least virtually! Vicki Fey is planning a great program of organ music for Lent and Easter in February, and we are waiting and watching to see if our April and May events may be able to happen in person.

Our Sub-Dean, Cliff Frierson, has put together an exciting virtual program of holiday music, so be sure to tune in on December 12 for a festive concert, featuring organists from our chapter and beyond.

Be well, be safe, and have a happy holiday season!

Best regards,

Peter H. Waggoner  
Dean, AGO Atlanta

## AGO Atlanta 2020-2021 Remaining Chapter Events

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**Saturday, January 23, 2021**, 7:00 PM — Chapter-wide Zoom Meeting

**Saturday, February 13, 2021**, Time TBD — Organ Music for Lent and Easter with Vicki Fey

**April, date and time TBD** — Young Members' Recital at Dunwoody United Methodist Church

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**, 10:00 AM — Chapter Meeting & Guild Service at St. David's Episcopal Church, Roswell

# December 2020 Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location	Admission
Sunday	11/29	7:00PM	Alice Walker & Becky Ramsey, <i>organ duet</i>	First Presbyterian Church, Covington	ONLINE
Friday	12/4	12 noon	Elisabeth Remy Johnson, <i>harp</i>	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	ONLINE
Sunday	12/6	3:00 PM	A Chanticleer Christmas	Spivey Hall	ONLINE \$
	12/6	3:00 PM	Candlelight & Carols with The New South Festival Singers	St. John UMC	in-person & ONLINE \$
	12/6	3:15 PM	Matthew Michael Brown, <i>organ</i>	The Cathedral of St. Philip	ONLINE
Thursday	12/10	8:00 PM	Stutzmann/ASO: Wagner/Beethoven	Atlanta Symphony Orchestra	ONLINE \$
Friday	12/11	12 noon	Atlanta Chamber Brass	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	ONLINE
Saturday	12/12	10:00 AM	AGO Atlanta Meeting: Members' Virtual Christmas Recital	Various churches	ONLINE
	12/12	3:00 PM	Calidore String Quartet: Janáček/Dvořák	Spivey Hall	ONLINE \$
Wednesday	12/16	11:00 AM	Atlanta Celli: Young People's Concert	Spivey Hall	ONLINE \$
Friday	12/18	12 noon	Teresa Moore-Mitchell, <i>soprano</i> ; Matthew Michael Brown, <i>piano</i>	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	ONLINE

## Atlanta Chapter Pandemic Assistance Grants

On August 1, 2020, the Executive Committee of AGO Atlanta approved a program of "Pandemic Assistance Grants" to be made available to chapter members who have been significantly financially impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

**Amount:** One-time grants of \$750.00 are now being offered to individual members of the Atlanta Chapter.

**Eligibility:** Current chapter members who have been furloughed or laid off from any of the following: a salaried organist position, a regular per diem organist position, or freelance organist work, the sum of which is an important component of personal income.

**Applications:** Please email Peter Waggoner, Dean, at [peter.waggoner@stjamesmarietta](mailto:peter.waggoner@stjamesmarietta), and include your answers to the questions below. All applications and inquiries are confidential. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all available funds are disbursed.

Name of applicant:

Name and address of furloughing or terminating institution(s):

Position at institution(s):

Date(s) laid off/furloughed:

Date expected to return to work (if known and applicable):

Is this lost income considered significant income for you?

Additional information or comments you would like to share:



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# LUNCHTIME LIVE!

*An Advent Series*

St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
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The Reverend Ed Bacon, Interim Rector  
Matthew Michael Brown, Director of Music

- December 4 Elisabeth Remy Johnson, Harpist
- December 11 Atlanta Chamber Brass
- December 19 My Soul Doth Magnify:  
Songs and Spirituals to the Virgin Mary  
Teresa Moore-Mitchell, Soprano  
Matthew Michael Brown, Pianist



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In keeping with guidelines set forth by the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Luke's Episcopal Church will livestream all performances. Concerts will be available via [www.stlukesatlanta.org/live](http://www.stlukesatlanta.org/live), the St. Luke's Facebook page, and the St. Luke's YouTube channel.

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# Around the Chapter

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In this most unusual time of pandemic, many churches and arts organizations are offering online virtual recitals, concerts, and services. A few of these require a paid ticket for access, but many of them are free of charge and available to anyone online. See the Calendar of Events on page 3 for a more complete listing. Below are some of the opportunities available:

## **Chapter Members Alice Walker & Becky Ramsey Perform Organ Duets for Advent & Christmas ONLINE**

On **Sunday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m.**, our own **Alice Walker and Becky Ramsey** will present a recital of traditional Advent/Christmas Carols duets for organ, recorded at First Presbyterian Church in Covington. The recital will be available at the Covington First Presbyterian Church website (FPCCOV.org) beginning November 29 and continuing through the Christmas season. All are invited to tune in at some point during the holiday season and enjoy the marvelous abilities of our chapter's own dueling sisters.

## **Lunchtime Live! An Advent Series St. Luke's Episcopal Church ONLINE**

On the first three Fridays of December, St. Luke's Episcopal Church will offer virtual noon-time recitals for the season of Advent. Performers will include:

December 4, 12 noon — Elisabeth Remy Johnson, principal harpist of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

December 11, 12 noon — Atlanta Chamber Brass

December 18, 12 noon — "My Soul Doth Magnify: (Songs and Spirituals for the Virgin Mary)," Teresa Moore-Mitchell, *soprano*; Matthew Michael Brown, *piano*

## **Candlelight & Carols The New South Festival Singers**

The New South Festival Singers have brought inspiration and seasonal joy to Atlanta during the Christmas season for 36 years. Candlelight & Carols with The New South Festival Singers is a grand celebration of Christmas traditions with beloved carols for all to sing, the thrill of a majestic pipe organ, tender sounds of the harp, and the timeless sacred classics that will warm your heart. Join us on **Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m. at St. John United Methodist Church** or livestreamed online for a celebration of Christmas you will treasure throughout the season. Visit us at [FestivalSingers.org](http://FestivalSingers.org) for more information and tickets. Please note seating is limited due to Covid-19 restrictions. Masks and social distancing will be required. The Festival Singers are certified ArtSafe by the Missouri Arts Council.

## **Online Sunday Afternoon Recitals at the Cathedral of St. Philip**

While the normal schedule of in-person Sunday services at **the Cathedral of St. Philip** has been put on hold for the foreseeable future, many opportunities are available online. In addition to online Eucharistic services at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. on Sundays, the Cathedral also offers our **online Sunday afternoon recitals** at **3:15 p.m.** either on the Cathedral's website ([www.cathedralATL.org/concerts](http://www.cathedralATL.org/concerts)) or on one of the Cathedral's two Facebook pages, "The Cathedral of St. Philip" and "Music at the Cathedral of St. Philip." All of these recitals are also available to access in the days and weeks following the recitals. Our only recitalist for the month of December will be:

December 6, 3:15 p.m. — Matthew Michael Brown, *organ* (Music Director & Organist, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta)

## **WANTED: Used Organ**

Wanted: Used organ with full keyboards and pedals. If you have one available or know of someone, please contact chapter member Madonna Brownlee at 404-257-1163 or [brownleeken029@gmail.com](mailto:brownleeken029@gmail.com). Thank you.

## The Cathedral of St. Philip



2744 Peachtree Rd † Atlanta, GA 30305  
404-365-1050 for more information

**Sunday, December 6**

**3:15 p.m. Matthew Michael Brown, organ**

(Director of Music, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta)

George Baker, *Ricercare on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

Jehan Alain, *Deuxième Fantaisie*, JA 117

Johann Sebastian Bach, *Prelude & Fugue in B minor*, BWV 544

Flor Peeters, *Toccata, Fugue et Hymne sur Ave Maris Stella*, Op. 28

## Positions Available

Complete details on these and other positions may be found at the chapter's website: [www.agoatlanta.org](http://www.agoatlanta.org) then click on "employment."

### Music Director/Keyboardist

**Central Congregational United Church of Christ**, Atlanta, seeks a part-time organist/pianist. Send resumes to [keyboardposition@central-ucc.org](mailto:keyboardposition@central-ucc.org).

**Peachtree Road Lutheran Church**, Atlanta, seeks a Director of Music Ministries. Send resume to: [peachtreerd@earthlink.net](mailto:peachtreerd@earthlink.net).

**Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church**, Clarkesville, seeks a part-time organist. Send resumes to [gcalvary@windstream.net](mailto:gcalvary@windstream.net).

**First United Methodist Church**, Dalton, seeks an organist/pianist. Send resume to [daltonfumcmusic@gmail.com](mailto:daltonfumcmusic@gmail.com).

**First Presbyterian Church**, Dalton, seeks a Director of Music. Send resume to Rev. Will Scott at [wscott@firstpresdalton.org](mailto:wscott@firstpresdalton.org).

**Mountain View United Methodist Church**, Marietta, seeks a part-time organist/pianist. Send resume to [khginc@bellsouth.net](mailto:khginc@bellsouth.net).

**St. George Catholic Church**, Newnan, seeks a Director of Music/Organist. Send resume to [mcormier@stgeorgenewnan.org](mailto:mcormier@stgeorgenewnan.org).

**Christ Church Episcopal**, Norcross, seeks a part-time organist. Send resume to [office@ccnорcross.org](mailto:office@ccnорcross.org).

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**, Montgomery, AL, seeks a full-time Assistant Director of Music & Organist. Send resumes to [talexander@trinitypca.org](mailto:talexander@trinitypca.org).

**Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church**, Lexington, SC, seeks a part-time Organist/Music Associate. For more information, contact Hal McIntosh at [hmcintosh@saxegotha.org](mailto:hmcintosh@saxegotha.org), 803-359-7770.

### Singers

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**, Atlanta, seeks an alto staff singer. To schedule an audition, contact Jeffrey McIntyre at 404-805-4816 or [jdmatl@aol.com](mailto:jdmatl@aol.com).

**First United Methodist Church**, Atlanta, seeks a tenor staff singer. For an audition, contact Christopher Bryant at [Christopher@atlantafirstumc.org](mailto:Christopher@atlantafirstumc.org).



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