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## From the 2020 National Convention Treasurer

The Steering Committee for the 2020 National AGO Convention, which our chapter is hosting in July 2020, has been hard at work. A lot of planning and coordination are already in progress and exciting plans are falling into place. The success of this convention requires that all of our local Atlanta chapter members get involved. I ask that every member join one of the many committees that are working to welcome members and friends of the American Guild of Organists from all over the country to Atlanta. Hosting a National Convention is an honor as well as a lot of work. In addition to volunteering, my hope is that you will also strongly consider contributing financially to this endeavor. The opportunity to donate toward the Convention will be available on our Atlanta AGO website. It is my privilege to serve as your Convention treasurer. I am convinced that with our Steering Committee and all members assisting, we will host a great Convention.

Steve Honeychurch, CAGO Treasurer, 2020 National AGO Convention

### **New Members**

Marilyn Oaks

**Tanya Ostrovsky** 

**Andrew Schmidt** 

**Lawrence Sumpter** 

### From the Dean

Several words come to mind as I reflect on the recital of Herb Buffington at Atlanta First United Methodist Church, Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The first word is "magnificent." The Schlueter organ at Atlanta First is absolutely magnificent. Herb really showed off the color and capabilities of this wonderful instrument. I couldn't help turning around just to see the trumpet *en chamade* during the opening "Royal Fanfares."

Another word is "resplendent" ... perhaps even "glorious." Herb masterfully and passionately played a very diverse and challenging program. From the stunning fanfares, to the beautiful Mendelssohn, to the splendid Bach, to the marvelous Franck, we are uplifted, moved, and thrilled by the music! It was a fantastic evening and I am so grateful to have experienced such a superb performance.

After the dinner meeting and recital there was a lot of buzz, not only about the wonderful recital, but also about the new feature provided to us by Windsor Music of Spencer, NC ... adjacent to my hometown of Salisbury, I might add! Frank and Kathy Pifferetti provided a wide assortment of new and used choral and organ music. In addition to being extremely knowledgeable (even impassioned) about organ and choral music, Frank and Kathy are a delightful couple who provided a friendly, comprehensive browsing and shopping experience for our members. We look forward to having them return to future chapter events. Members can also reach them at <a href="windsormusic1@yahoo.com">windsormusic1@yahoo.com</a> with music-search questions to find that particular composition/arrangement you are seeking.

Sadly, we learned that another Chapter member, Bob Rylander, lost his battle with cancer over the weekend. We will be providing more details regarding arrangements as they become available. We also heard that our good friend and long-time member, Rosemarie Zivic, is convalescing at home. I'm sure she would love for our members to brighten her day with a card or a call. This reminds me of a very important position for which the Executive Board is searching the ideal candidate. In the past we've called this our "Sunshine" Chair .... We're thinking we may call it our "Courtesy Chair" or perhaps our "Member Care Liaison." We need someone who can have his or her finger on the pulse of the chapter and keep us informed regarding joys, concerns, illnesses, deaths, major events, etc., that touch us all. If you have that special gift of compassion and caring mixed with a dash of communication skill, and would like to provide a tremendous service to our membership, please contact me. Keeping us connected and up-to-date on the life of the chapter is critical in this rapid-paced, crazy world in which we live.

Wishing you all the blessings of the season.....May you experience the hope, love, peace, and joy of the Advent and Christmas season, as well as the promise and potential of a bright and prosperous New Year!

Blessings!

David Barber, Ed. D. david.barber@charter.net Dean, Atlanta AGO

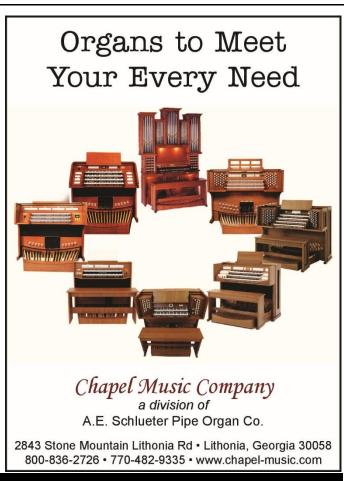
### 2017-2018 AGO Meetings & Programs

Date	Location	Program/Artist	Dinner, Reception, etc.	
January 1-9-2018 (Tuesday) 7:30 pm	Johns Creek United Methodist Church 11180 Medlock Bridge Rd Johns Creek, GA 30097  Hosts Kenneth Axelson, Jeremy Rush	Samuel Metzger, organ	Punch Bowl 6:30 pm Meeting 7:00 pm (no dinner) Recital 7:30 pm Reception following	
February 2-6-2018 (Tuesday) 7:30 pm	Trinity Presbyterian Church 3003 Howell Mill Rd Atlanta, GA 30327 Host Norman Mackenzie	Katelyn Emerson, <i>organ</i> Winner, National Young Artists Competition	Punch Bowl 6:00 pm Dinner Meeting 6:30 pm Recital 7:30 pm	
<b>March</b> 3-3-2018 (Saturday) 10 am	Choir Room Peachtree Road United Methodist Church 3180 Peachtree Rd, Atlanta Atlanta, GA 30305 Hosts Scott Atchison, Nicole Marane	Choral Reading Session	Session One 10:00-11:15 am Box Lunch 11:15-11:45 am Session Two 11:45 am-1:00 pm	
April 4-21-2018 (Saturday)	Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 731 Peachtree St NE Atlanta, GA 30308 Host Sarah Hawbecker	Taylor Organ Competition	Reception following the competition	
<b>May</b> 5-8-2018 (Tuesday) 7:30 pm	Cannon Chapel Candler School of Theology, Emory University 515 South Kilgo Cir NE Atlanta, GA 30322 Hosts David Daniel, Randy Elkins	Guild Service Don Saliers & John Beyers, Worship Leaders	Punch Bowl 6:00 pm Dinner Meeting 6:30 pm Service 7:30 pm	

### December 2017 Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location	Admission <sup>1</sup>
Friday	12/1 12/1	8:00 PM 8:00 PM	A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols Concert: "Joyeux Noel"; Festival Singers of Atlanta	Glenn Memorial UMC Northside Drive Baptist Church	\$
Saturday	12/2	8:00 PM	A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols	Glenn Memorial UMC	\$
Sunday	12/3 12/3	11:00 AM 4:00 PM	Britten, A Ceremony of Carols, combined choirs Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols, Cathedral Choir	First Presbyterian Church, Covington The Cathedral of St. Philip	
Tuesday	12/5	11:45 AM	ASO Free Christmas Concert	First Presbyterian Church	
Saturday	12/9 12/9 12/9	2:00 PM 8:00 PM 8:00 PM	ASO/ASOC/Mackenzie: Christmas with the ASO ASO/ASOC/Mackenzie: Christmas with the ASO Christmas with Atlanta Master Chorale	Symphony Hall \$ Symphony Hall \$ Schwartz Center, Emory \$	
Sunday	12/10 12/10 12/10 12/10 12/10 12/10 12/10	11:00 AM 11:00 AM 3:00 PM 3:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Britten, A Ceremony of Carols, combined choirs Lessons & Carols ASO/ASOC/Mackenzie: Christmas with the ASO Christmas Concert, Atlanta Philharmonic Christmas with Atlanta Master Chorale Advent Lessons & Carols: The 'O' Antiphons Christmas Concert; Atchison, conductor, Marane, organ	Epiphany Lutheran Church, Conyers Peachtree Road Lutheran Church Symphony Hall \$ North Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur Schwartz Center, Emory \$ St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church Peachtree Road UMC	
Friday	12/15	7:00 PM	Christmas Concert, Georgia Boy Choir	Peachtree Road UMC	\$
Saturday	12/16	7:00 PM	Christmas Concert, Georgia Boy Choir	Peachtree Road UMC	\$
Sunday	12/17 12/17 12/17 12/17 12/17	9:45 AM 4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Christmas Concert: Charpentier, Messe de minuit pour Noël A Festival of Nine Christmas Lessons & Carols, Cathedral Schola Christmas Concert, Atchison/Marane/Fletcher, conductors Christmas on Clairemont Special Advent Compline	First Presbyterian Church The Cathedral of St. Philip Peachtree Road UMC First Baptist Church, Decatur St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	
Thursday	12/21	8:00 PM	ASO/ASOC/Mackenzie at UGA: Mozart/Handel	Hodgson Hall, UGA	\$
Friday	12/22	8:00 PM	ASO/ASOC/Mackenzie at UGA: Mozart/Handel	Symphony Hall	SOLD OUT
Saturday	12/23	8:00 PM	New Trinity Baroque Christmas Candlelight Concert	St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	





Young Organist Competition 2018



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### Around the Chapter

#### **Christmas on Clairemont Concert**

Christmas on Clairemont is a collaborative holiday spectacular hosted by Daniel Solberg at First Baptist of Decatur, GA, with full orchestra, a symphonic organ solo by Justin Maxey, and a festival chorus of a hundred local voices.

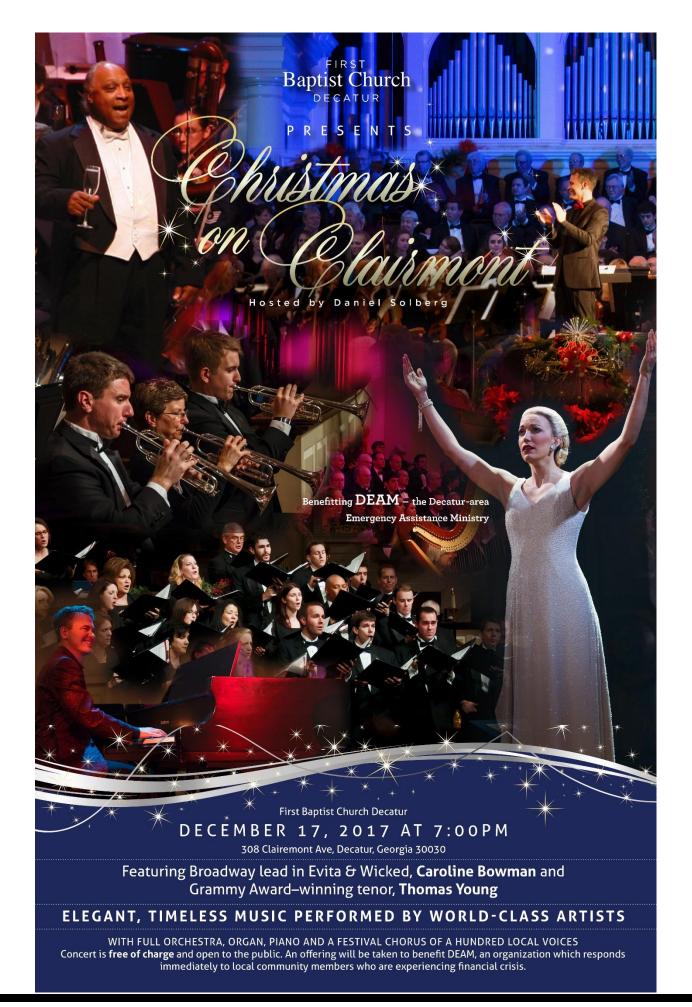
On Sunday, December 17 at 7pm, Christmas on Clairemont will feature Broadway lead Caroline Bowman and Grammy award-wining tenor Thomas Young. Bowman is known for her lead roles on Broadway in *Evita, Wicked*, and *Kinky Boots* and Young is recognizable from his television appearances with the group, Three Mo' Tenors. The concert is free of charge and open to the public, but an offering to benefit the Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry is encouraged. DEAM is a not-for-profit organization which provides immediate, emergency relief to 250 local families a month in the Decatur/Dekalb county area, assisting the homeless and often preventing homelessness. Come enjoy an evening of "elegant, timeless music performed by world-class artists!" Singers, come join the choir, and enjoy the best seat in the house! Sign up at christmasonclairemont.com

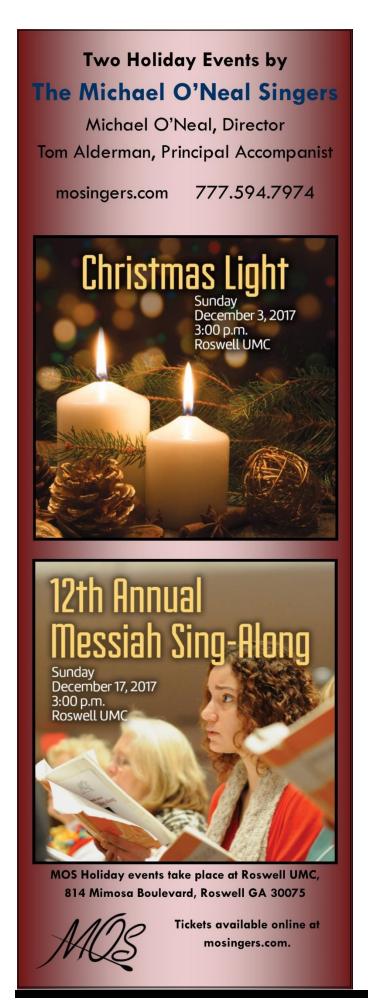
#### **Christmas Concerts around Atlanta**

- Friday, 12/1 at 8:00 PM, "Joyeux Noël," The Festival Singers of Atlanta, Northside Drive Baptist Church Chapel
- Sunday, 12/3 at 3:00 PM, "Joyeux Noël," The Festival Singers of Atlanta, Church of the Epiphany
- Tuesday, 12/5 at 11:45 AM, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert, First Presbyterian Church
- Sunday, 12/10 at 3:00 PM, Atlanta Philharmonic & N. Decatur Pres. Christmas Concert, North Decatur Presbyterian Church
- Sunday, 12/10 at 7:00 PM, Christmas Concert, Scott H. Atchison, conductor, Nicole Marane, organ, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
- Friday, 12/15 at 7:00 PM, Christmas Concert, Georgia Boy Choir, David R. White, conductor, Scott H. Atchison, organ, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
- Saturday, 12/16 at 7:00 PM, Christmas Concert, Georgia Boy Choir, David R. White, conductor, Scott H. Atchison, organ, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
- Sunday, 12/17 at 9:45 AM, Christmas Concert: Charpentier's Messe de minuit pour Noël, FPC Choir & Orchestra, Dr. Daniel Bara, conductor, First Presbyterian Church
- Sunday, 12/17 at 5:30 PM, Christmas Concert, Scott H. Atchison, Nicole Marane, Kathy Fletcher, conductors, Peachtree Road United Methodist Church
- Saturday, 12/23 at 8:00 PM, New Trinity Baroque Christmas Candlelight Concert, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

#### Lessons & Carols & Other Services

- Sunday, 12/3 at 11:00 AM, Britten's Ceremony of Carols, choirs of First Presbyterian Church, Covington, and Epiphany Lutheran Church, Conyers, First Presbyterian Church, Covington
- Sunday, 12/3 at 4:00 PM, Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols, Cathedral Choir, The Cathedral of St. Philip
- Sunday, 12/10 at 10:00 AM, Britten's Ceremony of Carols, choirs of First Presbyterian Church, Covington, and Epiphany Lutheran Church, Conyers, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Conyers
- Sunday, 12/10 at 11:00 AM, Lessons & Carols, the Choir, Orchestra, and Organ of Peachtree Road Lutheran Church
- Sunday, 12/10 at 6:00 PM, Advent Lessons & Carols: The 'O' Antiphons, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
- Sunday, 12/17 at 4:00 PM, A Festival of Nine Christmas Lessons & Carols by Candlelight, Cathedral Schola, The Cathedral of St. Philip
- Sunday, 12/17 at 8:00 PM, Special Advent Compline, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church





### Furman University Church Music Conference to Feature Organ Recital with Nigel Potts

The Furman University Department of Music will host its 2018 Church Music Conference on campus Thursday and Friday, Jan. 25 and 26, with guest clinicians Donald McCullough and Nola Reed Knouse. The conference also features an organ concert Thursday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. in Daniel Memorial Chapel by organist Nigel Potts with soprano Sarah Rose Taylor.

Hosted by Furman music faculty members Charles Tompkins and Hugh Ferguson Floyd, the 2018 Church Music Conference runs Thursday, Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. through 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26. Registration for the conference is \$75 on or before Jan. 6, and \$95 after that date as space remains. Registration for full-time students is \$40. Fees include two days of conference sessions, the Thursday evening organ recital, a conference music packet and a Friday luncheon.

Tickets for the Nigel Potts and Sarah Rose Taylor recital, part of Furman's Sound Quality Concert Series/Hartness Organ Series, are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$5 for students/youth. Church Music Conference attendees receive free admission to this recital.

For the Church Music Conference, clinician Donald McCullough, noted choral conductor, composer and church musician, will present sessions on vocal/choral and rehearsal techniques. Clinician Nola Reed Knouse, president of The Moravian Music Foundation, will lecture on the Moravian sacred music tradition. Both clinicians will lead choral reading sessions. Nigel Potts, organist and master of the choristers at Grace Cathedral (Episcopal) in Charleston, SC, will perform a recital on Furman's C.B. Fisk organ. Potts' wife and acclaimed soprano Sarah Rose Taylor will join the program for a performance of Edward Elgar's song cycle "Sea Pictures."

Founded in 1971, the Furman University Church Music Conference is made possible through an endowment from the Thomson Foundation as a memorial to Waddy Randolph Thomson and Pauline Blackwell Thomson. Each year, distinguished musicians of national prominence present sessions on subjects related to the study and practice of church music.

More information about the Furman Church Music Conference may be obtained from the Furman Music Department at 864-294-2086, or email the department at FurmanMusic@furman.edu.

### The Cathedral of St. Philip

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



December 3, Advent 1

### 4 p.m. Advent Procession of Lessons & Carols Cathedral Choir

The Great O Antiphons

Richard Marlow, Matin Responsory

"Lo! he comes with clouds descending" (Helmsley)

Boris Ord, Adam lay ybounden

"Creator of the stars of night" (Conditor alme siderum)

Paul Manz, E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

"Come, thou Redeemer of the earth" (Puer nobis nascitur)

Bob Chilcott, There's a Rose in the middle of winter

"Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming" (Es ist ein Ros entstprungen)

"The King shall come when morning dawns" (St. Stephen)

Javier Busto, Ave Maria

Francis Pott, Balulalow

"The angel Gabriel from heaven came" (Gabriel's Message)

Arvo Pärt, Magnificat

Peter Hallock, Advent Calendar

"O come, O come, Emmanuel" (Veni, veni Emmanuel)

#### Sunday, December 17, Advent 3

### 4 p.m. A Festival of Nine Christmas Lessons & Carols by Candlelight, Cathedral Schola

"Once in royal David's city" (Irby)

Elizabeth Poston, Jesus Christ the apple tree

Eric Whitacre, Lux arumque

Herbert Howells, A Spotless Rose

"Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming" (Es ist ein Ros entsprungen)

Charles Beaudrot, Comfort, comfort ye my people

arr. Stephen Cleobury, Joys Seven

"Ye who claim the faith of Jesus" (Julion)

Harold Darke, In the bleak midwinter

arr. Paul Halley, What Child is this

Peter Warlock, Bethlehem Down

arr. Dale Adelmann, Of the Father's love begotten (Divinum mysterium) arr. Gustav Holst, Christmas Day (Choral Fantasy on Christmas Carols) "Angels we have heard on high" (Gloria)

#### Sunday, December 24

4 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant & Holy Eucharist Cathedral Choristers & Cathedral Staff Singers

8 & 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Prelude Music Cathedral Choir

8:30 p.m. & 11:30 p.m. Festival Christmas Eucharist Cathedral Choir & Brass & Timpani

### Positions Available

Complete details on these and other positions may be found at the chapter's website: <a href="https://www.agoatlanta.org">www.agoatlanta.org</a> then click on "employment."

#### Music Director/Keyboardist

**Grace-Calvary Episcopal Church**, Clarkesville, seeks a part-time organist. Send resumes to <a href="mailto:gcalvary@windstream.net">gcalvary@windstream.net</a>.

Grace Presbyterian Church, Dawsonville, seeks a part-time pianist. Contact Jeanne Luke at JLukeMasterTeacher@gmail.com for more information.

**New South Festival Singers** (formerly Lynn Swanson Festival Singers) seeks a Music Director & Conductor. Send applications to William Baker Choral Foundation, 5450 Buena Vista Street, Suite 100, Roeland Park, KS 66205.

**St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church**, Atlanta, seeks an Organ Scholar. For information, contact Shannon Gallier at <a href="mailto:shannon@stbartsatlanta.org">shannon@stbartsatlanta.org</a>. or 404-634-3336, ext. 228

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Lilburn, seeks a Music Director and a part-time accompanist (two positions). Send resume or contact <a href="mailto:mdtf@goodshepherdpc.org">mdtf@goodshepherdpc.org</a>.

Church of the New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Doraville, seeks a part-time Music Director/Organist. Send résumé to <a href="mailto:cncpersonnel@gmail.com">cncpersonnel@gmail.com</a>.

Smyrna Presbyterian Church, Smyrna, seeks a part-time organist. Send cover letter and resume to James Ogburn, Choirmaster, at jameswogburn@gmail.com.

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Hapeville, seeks a part-time organist. Send resume to Andy Pitman at apitman3@icloud.com.

Carteret Street United Methodist Church, Beaufort, SC, seeks a part-time organist. Send resume and references to Cindy Keener at csumc@islc.net.

**Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church**, Sandy Springs, seeks a part-time organist. Send resume to TJ Shirley at tis@mvpchurch.org.

Martha Bowman Memorial United Methodist Church, Macon, seeks a part-time organist. For more information, contact Ellen Hanson (ethanson@cox.net) or Bernard Meyer von Bremen (gb77@bellsouth.net).

**Epiphany Episcopal Parish**, Seattle, WA, seeks a Director of Music. For more information, contact <a href="https://hurtw@icloud.com">hurtw@icloud.com</a>.

**Pilgrimage United Church of Christ**, Marietta, seeks a part-time pianist/ accompanist. Send resume to <a href="www.worship@pilgrimageucc.org">worship@pilgrimageucc.org</a>.

Milledge Avenue Baptist Church, Athens, seeks a part-time organist/ accompanist. Contact Tom Eggleston at tom@milledge.org.

St. George Catholic Church, Newnan, seeks a Director of Music/Organist. Contact Father Henry Atem at frhenry@stgeorgenewnan.org.

Hillside Presbyterian Church, Decatur, seeks a part-time Organist/Choir Director. Send resume to <a href="mailto:hillspc@bellsouth.net">hillspc@bellsouth.net</a>.

First Presbyterian Church, Covington, seeks a Director of Music. Send resume to <a href="mailto:mkthompson96@gmail.com">mkthompson96@gmail.com</a> or call 518-577-8691 for more information.

**Rock Spring Presbyterian Church** seeks a temporary part-time music director. Contact Mary Gowing at <a href="mailto:music@rspc.org">music@rspc.org</a> for information.

**Peachtree City Christian Church** seeks a part-time organist. Email <a href="mailto:rexwiseley@ptc3.com">rexwiseley@ptc3.com</a> for more information.

Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, Decatur, seeks a part-time organist. Send resumes to info@oakhurstpresbyterian.org.

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**, LaGrange, seeks a part-time organist/choirmaster. Send resume to <a href="mailto:allen@stmarkslg.org">allen@stmarkslg.org</a>.

Greenville United Methodist Church seeks a part-time pianist. Send resume to greenvilleunited@bellsouth.net.

First United Lutheran Church, Kennesaw, seeks an organist/choir director/special music coordinator. Send resume to <a href="mailto:pastor.prinsen@fulc.org">pastor.prinsen@fulc.org</a>.

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, Forest Park, seeks a choir director and pianist. Could be one position or two. Send resume to <a href="mailto:gsdurden@gmail.com">gsdurden@gmail.com</a>.

#### Singers

Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church, Atlanta, seeks a tenor staff singer. To schedule an audition, contact Steven Darsey at 404-634-3936 or stevend@glennumc.org.

**Northside Drive Baptist Church**, Atlanta, seek a tenor staff singer. To schedule an audition, contact Keith Walker at keith@northsidedrive.org.

The Cathedral of St. Philip seeks a tenor staff singer. To arrange an audition, call 404-365-1050 or email <a href="mailto:tgunter@stphilipscathedral.org">tgunter@stphilipscathedral.org</a>.

**St. Barnabas Anglican Church**, Dunwoody, seeks two or three tenor and/or bass staff singers. Email <a href="mailto:cab.ponder@gmail.com">cab.ponder@gmail.com</a> or call 678-361-4539 to schedule an audition.



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