

#### Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 28
3463 Valley Road, NE
John & Winter Whitney, hosts
(404) 442-7474

Reservation Deadline

→ → December 15 ← ←

\$15 Paid in Advance

Permanent Reservations are **not** valid for the Christmas party!

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#### Party Preview

When the big night for our annual Christmas party finally arrives, drop off your guests right at the front door of John & Winter Whitney's home, using their convenient circular drive. Enter the elegant dining room, where a delicious dinner buffet will be served - prepared by Cathy Conway (the talented caterer who prepared the AGO dinner at St. Luke's on November 12th!). Make your way through the cozy, fireplaced family room, to the sun room overlooking the backyard pool. By now you have probably found a glass of wine or some Christmas punch!

You may not hear the organ playing, because the room added above the garage to accommodate the Peragallo pipe organ is entirely soundproof - as is the amazing Media Room with a giant screen one level above, where you are invited to watch specially selected videos of organ performances. while relaxing on leather sofas with chenille lapblankets... Soundproofing was not entirely for the neighbors' benefit, since the Whitney family includes two preschool children, and a basset hound who might not enjoy hearing enchamade trumpets at midnight! The 18-rank instrument with some Walker digital, has no trouble dwarfing the 31-by-19 room with 21-foot ceiling, into which it was hoisted through the balcony doors in October 2003. An additional indoor balcony gives a direct view of the pipework from John's third floor study, allowing the organ to beckon him away from the computer for a bit more practice.

The organ's arrival was the culmination, not only of a 3-year 'journey' of research, planning, and building - it was also the happy fruition of a love for the pipe organ, born in John Whitney at the tender age of six! The 3-manual console alone could be a religious experience, with its polished draw-knobs and keys surrounded by the cherry hues of rich-grained African mahogany. Bring your organ shoes and a favorite seasonal piece to share with us during 'open console time'. Surprise performers, yet to be announced at this writing, will play TWICE in order to avoid overcrowding. Above all, don't wake up next morning saying, "How I wish I had invited my friend \_\_\_\_\_, who would have loved all the wonderful people, food, and music at last night's party." Think ahead right now, and send your reservations, so you can try out registrations (on the organ, that is...) YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD: December 28th is an occasion not to be missed!!!

## The Organizer

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# Deadline for **January issue: December 15**

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#### Michael Barone, Cameron Carpenter

At Spivey Hall on December 4 at 7:00 PM, Michael Barone will speak about the music that Cameron Carpenter will play at 8:15. Carpenter, now twentyone, has been studying piano and organ since age four. He studied at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, and now studies at The Juilliard School.

#### Northside Drive Baptist Church 2004 - 2005

# Handel's Messiah, Part 1

The Sanctuary Choir & Soloists
Gregg Bunn, Keyboardist
Members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra
Conducted by Gregory Colson

Sunday, December 12
Tea at 4:30 PM Messiah Part I at 5:00 PM

Friday, December 24
Christmas Eve Services 4:00 PM and 10:30 PM

#### **Coming Events**

Sunday, February 20 4:00 PM Sunday, March 20 4:00 PM Sunday, March 27 11:00 AM Sunday, April 24 4:00 PM

Watch this space for details!

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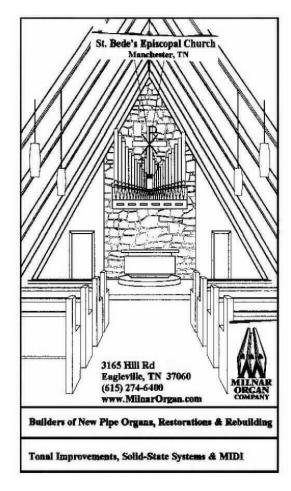
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Thanks to all of you who have shared your technical expertise with me. The number of printed copies is slowly declining.

Betty Williford, editor

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#### **SUNDAY, 28 NOVEMBER**

4:00 PM ADVENT PROCESSION / Cathedral Choir Music by Palestrina, Guerrero, Naylor, Distler, Guest, Manz, Phillips and Beaudrot

#### **SUNDAY, 5 DECEMBER**

3:30 PM RECITAL/ Keith Weber, organ 4:00 PM EVENSONG / Schola Music by Byrd, Batten and Distler

# **SUNDAY, 12 DECEMBER** There is no recital today. 6:00 PM EVENSONG

at Church of the Nativity, Huntsville Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults Susan Brady, harp music by Stanford, Sumsion, Britten and Neswick

#### THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER

5:45 PM EVENSONG / Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults Music by Stanford, Sumsion and Neswick

#### SUNDAY, 19 DECEMBER

4:00 PM Christmas Lessons and Carols /Schola Music by Willan, Poulenc, Head, Mawby, Poston, Rorem, Willcocks, Schelat, Joubert and Weir

#### FRIDAY. 24 DECEMBER / CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00 PM and 11:00 PM PRELUDE MUSIC
Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults
Music by Gabrieli, Goss, Poulenc, Poston, Lauridsen and
Neswick
8:30 PM and 11:30 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults

Music by Praetorius, Terry, Joubert, Willcocks and Neswick

#### **SUNDAY, 26 DECEMBER**

11:15 AM LESSONS AND CAROLS and HOLY EUCHARIST

Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults Music by Terry, Willcocks, Joubert and Schelat

#### **SUNDAY, 2 JANUARY**

3:30 PM Robert Knupp, organ 4:00 PM READINGS AND MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults Susan Brady, harp featuring A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten

INFORMATION: 404-365-1050 or 404-365-1052

December 2004



#### From the Dean

My thank you list is growing! I am looking forward to writing some long-overdue, heartfelt notes of gratitude (to those who have made our recent Chapter Events

possible), as part of my Thanksgiving Weekend. I give thanks for the life of John Widener, and for the privilege and the joy of knowing him. John was present at All Saints on October 12th to share a reminiscence as part of our 90th celebration, and he and Tommy McCook made possible the unique & delicious cake which was decorated with our Chapter logo. As I've said before, the true saints of the organ world must have even more patience than it takes to learn its literature; they are found playing notes one at a time for hours on end, contorted around pipes in cramped and dusty chambers, building, repairing, maintaining, and always fighting the good fight against ignorance about acoustics and the effects of time & temperature.

That reminds me - mark your calendar now for a fascinating tour and mini-course with Questions & Answers at Parkey Organ Builders at 10am on Saturday morning, January 15th, with a light continental breakfast at 9am provided by our Host and most recent Dean, Phil Parkey. This (and Dec.28th) will be yet another opportunity to get your copy of the commemorative 90th Anniversary Booklet with a short history of our Chapter) prepared by Dan Pruitt (Dean, 1978-1980), which was handed out on October 12th, and made possible by Parkey Organ Builders! Also available in January, will be an Addendum to the Yearbook!

Ray Chenault was generous to announce that our Chapter cosponsored David Briggs' Oct. 12th concert. Actually, we sponsored the recital only with our enthusiastic presence, because our Chapter By-laws have for several decades prohibited COsponsorship of events. This means that without the kindness of AGO Members' churches (as well as of Members like Pamela Ingram who DID sponsor the 10/12 concert!) allowing an AGO event to be part of their Concert Series as All Saints did, we could not possibly afford to present the yearly slate of programming which you have come to expect! Such is the case with Bradley Welch's organ concert, coming up on February 15th, 2005 at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, so thanks to Scott Atchison and Michael Shake in advance! Events sponsored FOR US last year included Diane Belcher at St. Bartholomew's and Paul Jacobs at Spivey Hall. On Saturday, December 4th, "PIPEDREAMS" host Michael Barone will be at Spivey Hall at 7pm for a program/conversation, prior to the 8pm organ concert by Cameron Carpenter. I plan to be there, and hope that a significant portion of our Chapter might help welcome Mr. Barone back to Atlanta!

There's something CALMING about December as a blank page here before me, even though' this month has a tendency to 'triple overbook' by around the 10th...

The song "Śomewhere Over the Rainbow" (from THE WIZARD OF OZ movie, airing several times this week) nearly ended up on the cutting room floor, and "God Bless America" was cut from a Broadway musical starring Ethyl Merman, because the song was considered too wholesome to appeal to New York theatre audiences nearly 70 years ago! What meaningful moments will you or I be tempted to eliminate from our lives this holiday season

- in favor of mundane tasks or busy obligations which will not prove memorable? Unless you're out of town immediately after Christmas, please treat yourself and a friend to our annual AGO Party on Tuesday the 28th! I urge you to carpool - it is enjoyable as well as practical! Warm THANKS in advance to our Hosts, John & Winter Whitney!

When you reserve a meal prior to an AGO event, you trust that it will be there waiting for you. We trust that you will **promptly reimburse the Chapter for dinners we had to pay for in your absence**. Speaking as one who collected all the dinner reservations for 3 consecutive years before the advent of e-mail, I can tell you that we do our very best to match up last minute requests with last minute cancellations. If you receive a bill in the mail from our Treasurer, James Mellichamp, it means no one wanted the meal you canceled. Those of us who greatly enjoy the 'fine food and fellowship' at monthly AGO events, sincerely hope dinners will not become a **financial liability for our Chapter!** 

Dr. Timothy Albrecht has completed "Five Grace Notes for Organ", dedicated to the Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and Betty Williford is preparing a computer-published version ready for distribution to you, either in December or January. The pieces were commissioned by our chapter for our members' use, but will have their official premiere in April 2005 at our post-Easter event in historic Covington! The composer writes: "Cantus firmi for Five Grace Notes come from five different sources, including a German chorale, an African-American spiritual, a medieval French carol, a 19th-century American Gospel hymn tune, and an English melody of Henry Purcell. What are the titles? Wait and see!

I will not soon forget Wilma Jensen's November 12th concert on the sublime instrument at St. Luke's! She sets an inspiring example for us in practicing, teaching, and performing. Many thanks to our Hosts. Dr. Robert Poovev and Bobby Mays. who went far beyond our dreams with dinner and all the trimmings - including Bobby's homemade cheese straws, served next to the peach punch which is rightfully famous ( - and if you think \$12. covered the cost of that dinner, you might 'purchase some swamp land in Arizona'...). Friday morning found Jeff Hardin, Michael Morgan and myself, moving 30 boxes of music and recordings from Jeff and Nicole's house to Roswell Presbyterian Church for Saturday's SALE, where we were met by Bill Evans, our gracious Host for Wilma's Organ Masterclass, which would be attended by more than 30 people. (PLEASE contact Jeff Hardin if you are interested in taking over the sales&storage of our used music! & THANKS to Jeff!) Next morning, after hearing the wonderful Casavant organ played by 7 organists (whose teachers included James Mellichamp. Sarah Hawbecker, Timothy Albrecht, and Sarah Martin) benefiting from Dr. Jensen's wisdom, Wilma Jensen herself was among those looking through the piles of used music. She explained to me in an e-mail thank you note a few days later, that she searched for and brought home several selections for her 13vear-old student. Parker Ramsev, who attended our Pipe Organ Encounter last June, and who also studies the harp with his mother. Did I remember Parker? Part of my hope for the future is founded on Parker, playing John Rutter's Toccata in Seven from memory, while wearing high-topped black sneakers!

JOANNE RROWN, CAGO, Dean

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#### Organ at Whitney Residence

The organ at the Whitney residence was built by the Peragallo Pipe Organ Company in 2003 and is Opus 652. The tonal design is French Romantic, containing 20 ranks of pipe work and 6 "ranks" of Walker digital (mostly for 16' and 32' stops). The organ is controlled by a three manual movable console. The tallest pipe in the organ is a 16' Contra-Trumpette with full-length resonators. Despite its small size, the organ is scaled to produce an amazingly full sound with a wide range of tonal color. The music room was specifically designed for the organ, producing approximately one second of reverberation while also being sound proof.

The organ was featured in Peragallo's full page ad in the May 2004 issue of *The American Organist*, page 33.

You are invited to bring your playing shoes and music for Open Console.

#### John T. Widener 1922-2004

When John Widener shared his memory of Marcel Dupré with the chapter at its 90th anniversary celebration in October, we didn't dream that it would be the last time he would be with us. He died on November 4. He had installed and maintained organs for many of us since he started his business in 1950. Widener & Co. has installed over two hundred organs in the southeast, and maintains the organs at eighty-five Atlanta area churches. John has been a faithful member of the chapter for over fifty years.

John is survived by two daughters, Janet W. Sims of Lawrenceville, and Pat Widener of Monroe, and a grandson, Jeffrey Sims of Lawrenceville. The Rev. John Byers officiated at his funeral, and Sue Goddard was organist. A memorial concert is planned at Grace United Methodist Church.

A contribution from the chapter has been made to the Scholarship Fund in John's memory. Other memorial contributions are being received.

## Christmas Party Parking

You are encouraged to carpool to the Christmas party. Parking at the Whitney residence is limited. You may park on only one side of the street.

If you would like to meet others and ride together, you may park in Peachtree Road United Methodist Church's lower back parking lot off Mathieson Place. It is located ACROSS the street from the rear of the church complex. It is well lighted, but please use common sense about what you leave in your vehicle.

#### Scholarship Available

Full-tuition scholarships to Carson-Newman College are available in organ. Application must be completed by Jan. 17, 2005. For information contact <a href="https://www.cn.edu/link/music.">www.cn.edu/link/music.</a>>.

# December Performance Calendar

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| Wed., Dec. 1, 7:00 PM                                     | Otterbein College Concert Choir                            | St. Andrew UMC, Marietta   |
| Wed., Dec. 1, 8:00 PM                                     | Joyful Noise Concert                                       | Gaines Chapel, Agnes Scott College, Decatur                      |
| T/F, Dec. 2/3, 8:00 PM                                    | ASO; Gospel Christmas                                      | Symphony Hall, Atlanta   |
| Fri., Dec. 3, 7:30 PM                                     | Annual Boar's Head Ceremony & Concert                      | Conant PA Center, Oglethorpe U., Atlanta                         |
| Fri., Dec. 3, 8:00 PM                                     | Michael O'Neal Singers                                     | Roswell UMC, Roswell   |
| Fri., Dec. 3, 8:00 PM<br>Fri., Dec. 3, 8:15 PM            | Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols Moscow Boys Choir        | Glenn Mem. Aud., Emory U., Atlanta<br>Spivey Hall, Morrow        |
| F/S, Dec. 3/4, 7:30 PM                                    | Concert of Lessons and Carols                              | Piedmont College, Demorest                                       |
| F/S/S, Dec. 3/4/5, 8:00 PM                                | Morehouse-Spelman Glee Clubs                               | MLK Jr. Chapel, Morehouse College, Atlanta                       |
| Sat., Dec. 4, 5&8 PM                                      | Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols                          | Glenn Mem. Aud., Emory U., Atlanta                               |
| Sat., Dec. 4, 7:00 PM                                     | Michael Barone, pre-concert lecture                        | Spivey Hall, Morrow  |
| Sat., Dec. 4, 8:15 PM                                     | Cameron Carpenter, organ                                   | Spivey Hall, Morrow  |
| Sat., Dec. 4, 2 & 8 PM                                    | ASO; Gospel Christmas                                      | Symphony Hall, Atlanta   |
| Sun., Dec. 5, 11:00 AM                                    | Saint-Saens: Christmas Oratorio                            | Covenant Presbyterian Church, Atlanta                            |
| Sun., Dec. 5, 11:00 AM                                    | Handel: Messiah, Part I                                    | Peachtree Christian Church, Atlanta                              |
| Sun., Dec. 5, 3:00 PM                                     | Collegiate Chorale/Sotto Voce Concert                      | Maclean Aud., Agnes Scott College, Decatur                       |
| Sun., Dec. 5, 3:00 PM<br>Sun., Dec. 5, 1:30 & 3:30 PM ASO | Spivey Hall Children's Choir                               | Spivey Hall, Morrow  |
| Sun., Dec. 5, 4:00 PM                                     | Handel: Messiah  | Symphony Hall, Atlanta<br>Roswell Presbyterian Church            |
| Sun., Dec. 5, 4:30 PM                                     | The Zephyr Brass Choir: The Not So Silent Night            | First UMC, Atlanta   |
| Sun., Dec. 5, 6:00 PM                                     | Handel: Messiah  | St. Mark AME Church, Atlanta                                     |
| Sun., Dec. 5, 6:00 PM                                     | Harmony & Choral Guild of Atlanta                          | Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta                                      |
| Sun., Dec. 5, 3:00 PM                                     | Measha Brueggergosman, soprano                             | Spivey Hall, Morrow  |
| Sun., Dec. 5, 3:00 PM                                     | Michael O'Neal Singers                                     | Roswell UMC, Roswell   |
| Sun., Dec. 5, 3:30 PM                                     | Keith Weber, organ   | The Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta                             |
| Sun., Dec. 5, 6:00 PM                                     | The Great Tree Lighting                                    | Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta                                      |
| Sun., Dec. 5, 7:00 PM                                     | The 29th Annual MESSIAH Sing-along                         | St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Atlanta                             |
| Thurs., Dec. 9, 7:00 PM                                   | Spivey Hall Young Artists                                  | Spivey Hall, Morrow  |
| T/F/S, Dec. 9/10/11, 8:00 PM Chris                        |  | Symphony Hall, Atlanta   |
| Fri., Dec. 10, 7:00 PM                                    | Spivey Hall Children's Choir<br>Christmas Festival Concert | Spivey Hall, Morrow  |
| Fri., Dec. 10, 7:30 PM<br>Sat., Dec. 11, 3:00 PM          | Spivey Hall Children's Choir                               | Roswell UMC, Roswell<br>Spivey Hall, Morrow                      |
| Sat., Dec. 11, 2:00 PM                                    | Christmas with the ASO/ Scott                              | Symphony Hall, Atlanta   |
| Sat., Dec. 11, 8:00 PM                                    | William Baker Festival Singers                             | St. Mark UMC, Atlanta  |
| Sat., Dec. 11, 7:00 PM                                    | Atlanta Boy Choir  | Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Monastery, Conyers                   |
| Sat., Dec. 11, 7:30 PM                                    | Conyers-Covington Choral Guild, et al.                     | Clayton County Schools PA Center, Jonesboro                      |
| Sat., Dec. 11, 7:30 PM                                    | Georgia Young Singers                                      | Covenant Presbyterian Church, Atlanta                            |
| Sat., Dec. 11, 8:15 PM                                    | Atlanta Singers  | Spivey Hall, Morrow  |
| S/S, Dec. 11/12, 8:00 PM                                  | Atlanta Celtic Christmas Concert                           | Schwartz Center, Emory U., Atlanta                               |
| Sun., Dec. 12, 1:30 & 3:30 PM AS                          | <del>-</del>   | Symphony Hall, Atlanta   |
| Sun., Dec. 12, 3:00 PM                                    | Spivey Hall Children's Choir                               | Spivey Hall, Morrow  |
| Sun., Dec. 12, 3:00 PM<br>Sun., Dec. 12, 4:00 PM          | Decatur Civic Chorus                                       | First Baptist Church of Decatur, Decatur                         |
| Sun., Dec. 12, 4:00 PM                                    | Handel: Messiah Part I<br>William Baker Festival Singers   | Northside Drive Baptist Church, Atlanta<br>St. Mark UMC, Atlanta |
| Sun., Dec. 12, 4:00 PM                                    | Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols                        | Lutheran Church of the Messiah, Decatur                          |
| Fri., Dec. 12, 4 & 6:30 PM                                | Christmas Festival Concert                                 | Roswell UMC, Roswell   |
| Fri., Dec. 12, 4 & 6:30 PM                                | Holiday Concert & Sing-Along                               | Carlos Museum, Emory U., Atlanta                                 |
| Sun., Dec. 12, 7:00 PM                                    | The Many Moods of Christmas                                | Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta                                      |
| Th., Dec. 16, 8:00 PM                                     | AS)/ASOCC/Mackenzie: Messiah                               | Symphony Hall, Atlanta   |
| F/S, Dec. 17/18, 8:00 PM                                  | ASO/Krajewski; Von Trapp Children                          | Symphony Hall, Atlanta   |
| Sat., Dec. 18, 7:00 PM                                    | First Congregational Choir & Orchestra                     | First Congregational Church, Atlanta                             |
| Sat., Dec. 18, 7:30 PM                                    | Atlanta Sacred Chorale & Guests                            | Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta                     |
| S/S, Dec. 18/19, 2:00 PM                                  | ASO/Krajewski; Von Trapp Children                          | Symphony Hall, Atlanta   |
| Sun., Dec. 19, 4:00 PM                                    | Christmas Lessons & Carols                                 | The Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta                             |
| Sun., Dec. 19, 5:00 PM                                    | Advent Vespers   | Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Atlanta                         |
| Sun., Dec. 19, 9:00 PM                                    | Advent Lessons & Carols                                    | The Cathedral of Christ the King, Atlanta                        |
| Sun., Dec. 19, 7:00 PM<br>Tues., Dec. 19, 8:00 PM         | A Festival of Lessons & Carols ASO/ PDQ Bach               | St. Luke's Episcopal Church<br>Symphony Hall, Atlanta            |
| Fri., Dec. 24, Noon                                       | The First Communion of Christmas                           | Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta                                      |
| Fri., Dec. 24, 5:00 PM                                    | Family Service & Christmas Pageant                         | Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta                                      |
| Fri., Dec. 24, 8 & 10:30 PM Festiva                       |  | Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta                                      |
| Fri., Dec. 24, 10:30 PM                                   | Carols, Candlelight & Communion                            | Northside Drive Baptist Church, Atlanta                          |
| Sun., 01 02, 4:00 PM                                      | Britten: A Ceremony of Carols                              | Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta                                 |
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#### 2004-2005 Events

Tues., Dec. 28: Christmas Party Home of John & Winter Whitney

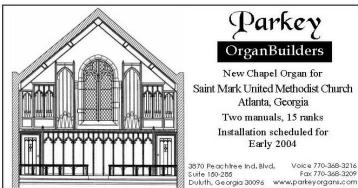
Sat., Jan. 15: Masterclass Parkey Organ Builders Shop, Duluth

Tues., Feb. 15: Bradley Welch, organ Peachtree Road UMC, Atlanta

Tues., Apr. 12: Anna Davis, organ First Presbyterian, Covington A. Walker & B. Ramsey, organists First UMC, Covington

Tues., May 10: Faythe Freese, organ Central Presbyterian, Atlanta

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Organist/Pianist, The Lutheran Church of the **Apostles,** (Sandy Springs). For further information, please call Carolyn A. Erling at 770-551-0010 and leave a message.

Organist, The Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, (1200 Indian Hills Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068-2552. 770-971-2738) Send resume or contact Jerid Morisco at 404-643-8586 or e-mail at musicdirector@lcilutheran.org.

# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT PEACHTREE

#### Messiah Sing-along

Sunday, December 5 - 6:00 pm

Soloists and members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra join the Peachtree Chancel Choir and audience in performing Handel's monumental oratorio. Those wishing to sing should arrive before 5:45 for seating.

#### **Christmas Festival Concert**

Sunday, December 12 - 6:00 pm

Christ's coming is celebrated through inspired choral and insturmental performances, the singing of familiar congregational carols, and the reading of Holy Scripture. Conductors Bryan Priddy, Mary Hoffman, and Jeremy Rush lead Peachtree's choirs and handbell ensembles. The Festival Brass and Percussion Ensemble, along with Principal Organist Nicholas Bowden, will accompany the program's festive works and carols. The featured choral work is the Gloria by John Rutter.

#### Nicholas Bowden & Friends **Holiday Concert**

Sunday, December 19 - 6:00 pm An Atlanta tradition! Join Peachtree's Principal Organist for the 11th Annual "Nick & Friends" Holiday Concert, featuring seasonal favorites for organ, chorus, brass, and soloists.

#### **Christmas Eve Services**

12:00 Noon - Cristmas Communion (Kellett Chapel) 3:00 pm - Family Service with Children's Drama 5:00 pm - family candlelight Service with Children's Drama 7:00 & 9:00 pm - Traditional Candlelight with Festive Brass 11:00 pm - Candlelight with Chamber Choir and Strings



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# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Betty Williford, editor
The Organizer





# AGO 2007 REGIONAL PEP RALLY!

Your Past Dean and Regional Chair, Sarah Hawbecker, and I were privileged to attend recently an all-day session on How to Plan and Execute a Regional Convention at AGO Headquarters in NYC. As a result, we have plenty of information to share with you AND to gather from you! To that end, your 2007 Regional Convention Co-Chairs, John Brandt and I, are calling a brainstorming session for Saturday, 8 January from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the music suite of the Cathedral of St. Philip (2744 Peachtree Rd. NW / tel: 404-365-1051).

Come one, come all – and let's continue the process of planning for our exciting Regional Convention in 2007!

BRUCE NESWICK