



Central Arkansas Chapter *American Guild of Organists*

The
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Mission Statement

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music. To achieve this, we encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music; inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors; provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support; nurture future generations of organists; promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

2022-2023 Officers

Bob Bidewell, *dean*
Jason Saugey, *sub-dean*
Jess Anthony, *treasurer*
Jane Gamble, *secretary*

Executive Committee

Karen Horton (2023)
Colin MacKnight (2024)
John Briggs (2025)

From the Dean

Greetings and Salutations for the New Year! I pray your Advent, Christmas, Christmastide, and Epiphany services were meaningful and beautiful. I also hope you, your family, and your choristers and bell ringers are healthy as we begin 2023!

Very special thanks to James Stanley, Organist/Director of Music at First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, for hosting our Young Artists Program in November. It was so wonderful to be in that beautiful space to hear our talented young musicians. Thanks to Chandler Freligh, Rosemary Ochoa, and Daniel Gauger for a great program. The future looks bright!

In December I asked Betty Cohen to serve as our Nominations Committee Chair as we prepare for the annual election of officers this spring. She and her committee will have more information very soon.

We had a lovely "Members and Friends Post-Holiday Gathering" at my home in early January. It was a good time to catch up, relax, and enjoy some delicious food and drink.

Thanks to all who were able to attend!

I hope you'll make plans to attend our February program at Grace Lutheran Church, Little Rock. How exciting to have David Cherwien as our guest organist for a Hymn Festival for Epiphany, Friday evening, and a Hymn Playing Workshop on Saturday! More information may be found below.

Finally, please allow me to thank our Officers and Executive Council Members for their leadership and guidance this past year. As we began to crawl out from under the COVID shutdown it was apparent we needed to get back to work. I couldn't be prouder of what we've accomplished and will accomplish in the future. If you know of someone who could benefit from being a member of our Chapter please invite them to join us!

Again, all my best to you as we begin this New Year. Take care, get some rest, hydrate, take care of "you!"

Peace,
Bob Bidewell, Dean

Upcoming Newsletter

The March 2023 *Clarion* will be published Monday, February 27. If you have any items to submit (news, events, announcements, job postings, personal ads, opinion pieces, prayer requests) please send them to adam@cacago.org. The deadline is Friday, February 24.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Christ Revealed:
A Hymn Festival for Epiphany
David Cherwien, *organist*

☉ **Friday, February 10, 2023**

6:00 P.M. – Dinner & Meeting

7:00 P.M. – Hymn Festival

📍 **Grace Lutheran Church**

5124 Hillcrest Ave.

Little Rock, Arkansas

DINNER RESERVATIONS: The cost for dinner is \$20.00. For dinner reservations, contact Dr. Jane Gamble via e-mail (dinner@cacago.org), or voice/text (901) 827-7909, or complete the dinner reservation form on the chapter website. *Please provide the names of your guests so that nametags may be printed for them.*

**Dinner reservations are due by
noon, Tuesday, February 7!**

Upcoming CACAGO Programs

Friday, February 10, 7:00 P.M.

Hymn Festival with David Cherwien

Grace Lutheran Church

5124 Hillcrest Ave.

Little Rock, Arkansas

Saturday, March 11, 10:00 A.M.

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza

First United Methodist Church

1610 Prince St.

Conway, Arkansas

Saturday, February 11, 10:00 A.M.

Organist Workshop

David Cherwien, presenter

Grace Lutheran Church

5124 Hillcrest Ave.

Little Rock, Arkansas

April, TBA

The 19th Annual Concert

Celebrating the Life of

Robert Young Ellis

Friday, March 3, 7:30 P.M.

Damin Spritzer, organist

Pulaski Heights UMC

4823 Woodlawn Dr.

Little Rock, Arkansas

Friday, May 5, 7:30 P.M.

Fred Teardo, organist

First Presbyterian Church

800 Scott St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

New Music for Organ

James Stanley, Director of Music and Worship Arts at First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, has published a new collection of hymn arrangements titled *A Firm Foundation: Organ Music on American Hymn Tunes*. "Stanley's evocative treatments provide fresh perspectives on these tunes that will be useful for preludes, offertories, and postludes." Available at lorenz.com.

Positions Available Trinity Presbyterian Church Little Rock, Arkansas

Position: Director of Music/Principal Keyboardist

Compensation: Negotiable

Job Description: Trinity Presbyterian Church is a suburban congregation of about 150 families that values musical excellence, creativity and diversity of genres. Trinity has benefited from music ministries that use a range of instruments, soloists, choral works, and guest artists with attention to including congregational participation. Chartered in 1987, we are located in west Little Rock.

The Director of Music is a part-time position that will lead and oversee our music and worship ministries. This person will work with the pastor and worship team to plan services that are centered in God-glorifying worship that is accessible, blended in musical style and tradition, inclusive, and celebrates God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ.

Please send applications to: Wanda Hartnuss, wanda.werner@att.net

Boston Avenue United Methodist Church Tulsa, Oklahoma

Position: Part-time Organist

Compensation: \$34,000-\$36,000

Job Description: We are seeking an organist who demonstrates significant performance skill and professional experience both in worship and concert settings. This person should exhibit a passion for the organ: 1) with an interest in a diverse range of organ literature; 2) through an ability to bring the liturgy to life; 3) by demonstrating excellence as an accompanist and ensemble member; and 4) by effectively building appreciation and understanding of the organ within our community. This person must also demonstrate command of the piano as an accompanying instrument within a variety of musical styles and settings.

Please send applications to: Angelyn Dale, angelyndale@bostonavenue.org

CACAGO Minutes

The Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists met November 11, 2022 at First United Methodist Church in downtown Little Rock. Following the social hour, James Stanley led the blessing for dinner. The business meeting followed, led by Dean Bob Bidewell. The cook for the evening's meal, Scott Seiderschwarz, was recognized and thanked. James Stanley, Organist and Music Director at First United Methodist, was also recognized and thanked for the church's hospitality. Karen Horton, standing in for Secretary Jane Gamble, read the minutes of the October meeting, which were approved, and then took minutes for the November meeting. Treasurer Jess Anthony presented the Treasurer's report for November 11, 2022, which showed a total income of \$8,986.96 and total expenses of \$1,672.46. There will be no December CACAGO meeting because of the demands upon the membership for Christmas services, programs, and music. Chapter members will enjoy a "14th Night" reception on January 8 at the home of Bob Bidewell.

Beau Baldwin announced St. Andrew's Madrigal Dinner January 6, with Father Shaun as cook. Tickets will go on sale Monday, November 14. Park Hill Presbyterian Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church are searching for candidates for the position of organist on their staffs. Bob Bidewell announced that "David Enlow raved about the attitude and caring personality of CACAGO". Friday, February 10 the Chapter will present David Cherwein leading a hymn festival at Grace Lutheran Church in Little Rock.

The evening's program was a recital presented by young artists in the area who are studying organ and who are interested in careers in music. The performers were Rosemarie Ochoa, Chandler Freligh, and Daniel Gauger. They played Mendelssohn's Organ Sonata No. 2, Opus 56, Bach's Organ Sonata No. 1, BWV 525, The King of Love My Shepherd Is (hymn), Howells' Master Tallis's Testament from Six Pieces for Organ, Adagio from Widor's Organ Symphony No. 2, Op. 13, and Karg-Elert's Nun danket alle Gott (Marche triomphale) from Choral-Improvisationen, Op. 65.

Respectfully submitted
with thanks to Karen Horton,
Jane Gamble,
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

INCOME		EXPENSES	
REVENUE		ADMINISTRATIVE	
Dues	\$1,800.00	Dues to National	
Ad Sales		Catering/Reception	\$1,480.00
Meals	\$1,100.00	Marketing/Public Relations	
Carry Over (FY22)	\$3,789.82	Remaining Expenses	\$578.96
Other/Mail			<u>\$2,058.96</u>
	<u>\$6,689.82</u>		
SUPPORT		ARTISTIC	
Individuals	\$3,065.14	Artist Fees/Housing	\$5,421.54
Corporate/Church	\$3,580.00	Remaining Expenses (ACH)	
Endowment	\$1,312.18	Tech/Production	
	<u>\$7,957.32</u>		<u>\$5,421.54</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,647.14	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,480.50
		BALANCE	\$7,166.64

Organ Dedication Concert
Ken Cowan, organist

Friday, January 27 • 7:30 P.M.

Second Presbyterian Church
600 Pleasant Valley Dr
Little Rock, AR 72227-2149

Organist Ken Cowan will perform the dedication concert for the new Nichols & Simpson, Inc. organ.

Diocesan Convention Concert

Friday, February 17 • 6:00 P.M.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
310 W 17th St
Little Rock, AR 72206-1461

The Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas will hold its annual convention service at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. This liturgy will be a combined choral evensong/choral eucharist, including the Leighton Preces and Responses, chanted psalms, a choral Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, a choral Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus, and anthems, including Bairstow's *Blessed city, heavenly Salem*. The Choir of Trinity Cathedral will sing, and guest organist David Enlow will accompany. Prelude to begin at 5:45 p.m. Reception to follow.

Lenten Organ Concert
Jess Anthony, organist

Sunday, February 19 • 3:00 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church
800 Scott St
Little Rock, AR 72201-4614

Works by Bach, Boehm, Benoist, Franck, and all eleven Brahms chorales.

Concordia College Choir

Wednesday, March 8 • 7:30 P.M.

St. James United Methodist Church
321 Pleasant Valley Dr
Little Rock, AR 72212-3157

The Concordia College Choir from Moorhead, MN will present a concert at St. James UMC. Tickets are available online through Eventbrite.

Organ Concert
Jane Gamble, organist

Thursday, March 9 • 7:00 P.M.

Christ Episcopal Church
509 Scott St
Little Rock, AR 72201-3807

The program will include music by Guilman, Howells, Bach, Jongen, and Paulus, and is part of the Arts@ChristChurch concert series.

Arts Calendar

Friday, January 27 – 7:30 P.M.

Organ Dedication Concert: Ken Cowan, organist
Second Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, January 28 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, January 29 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Friday, February 10 – 7:00 P.M.

CACAGO: Hymn Festival
Grace Lutheran Church
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, February 11 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Pops: Dancing & Romancing
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, February 12 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Pops: Dancing & Romancing
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Tuesday, February 14 – 7:00 P.M.

ASO Chamber: Bach, Beethoven
Clinton Presidential Center
Little Rock, AR

Thursday, February 23 – 7:30 P.M.

Little Rock Winds: The Essential John Williams
Second Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, February 25 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO: Rachmaninoff Paganini Variations for Piano
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, February 26 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO: Rachmaninoff Paganini Variations for Piano
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Friday, March 3 – 7:30 P.M.

CACAGO: Damin Spritzer, organist
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, March 5 – 3:00 P.M.

Arkansas Chamber Singers
St. Edward Catholic Church
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, March 11 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Pops: Jurassic Park
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, March 11 – 10:00 A.M.

CACAGO: Pedals, Pipes & Pizza
First United Methodist Church
Conway, AR

Sunday, March 12 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Pops: Jurassic Park
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Saturday, April 1 – 7:30 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Zuill Bailey Plays Dvorak
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, April 2 – 3:00 P.M.

ASO Masterworks: Zuill Bailey Plays Dvorak
Robinson Center Music Hall
Little Rock, AR

Tuesday, April 4 – 7:00 P.M.

ASO Chamber: Zuill Bailey
Clinton Presidential Center
Little Rock, AR

Sunday, April 16 – 2:00 P.M.

River City Men's Chorus
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR

Monday, April 17 – 7:00 P.M.

River City Men's Chorus
Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church
Little Rock, AR