

The American Guild of Organists

Windline—December 2018

Clearwater (FL) Chapter
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From the Dean:



I sat and watched a few of the Christmas cartoons from my childhood the other evening. It wasn't a planned thing -- I turned the TV on and there they were. These were classics like Frosty the Snowman, Charlie Brown Christmas and Santa Claus is Coming to Town. It was fun to see how much I remembered and how much I had forgotten. Some of those have stood the test of time, but others not as much.

It dawned on me that many of those same things could be said about our Advent and Christmas Eve services. It is hard to find the right balance between the traditions that are worth preserving and those new organ pieces, vocal solos and anthems that are worthy of being included. As always, we can't make everyone happy with our choices and there never seems to be enough slots for all the music that we would like to use. In addition, there are financial considerations, pleasing the pastor and the inevitable "whose turn is it to get to sing on Christmas Eve this year?" We've all been there and probably lost a little sleep trying to make some of those decisions!

I wish you all the best in this busy month. We are the ones who make the magic happen for our congregations year after year. It is a wondrous responsibility that requires all consuming effort. Breathe deeply and smile as often as you can. May peace and joy fill your heart.

Bradley Swope, Dean

Calendar of Area Events

(Clearwater Chapter events highlighted)

Friday, December 7 8:00 p.m.	<i>Christmas with the Master Chorale</i> with guest organist Tim Brumfield, former organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC. Tickets available at: https://christmaswiththemasterchorale.brownpapertickets.com/ Enter discount code FPC1819 for \$5 discount on tickets purchased prior to December 7 th . First Presbyterian Church, 701 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg
Saturday, December 8 7:00 p.m.	Largo High School Madrigal Singers, Gabriel Irizarry, Director Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
Sunday, December 9 3:00 p.m.	"Holiday Voices" Ruth Eckerd Hall Vocal Ensemble Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
Sunday, December 9 4:00 p.m.	"Ring, Sing and Mingle" Handbell Concert and Carol Sing Northwood Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, December 9 7:00 p.m.	"Festival of Lessons & Carols" Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Sunday, December 9 Tuesday, December 11 7:00 p.m.	Handel's <i>Messiah</i> Tampa Oratorio Singers, Nancy Callahan, Director Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa
Sunday, December 16 8:15 and 11 :00 a.m.	"Carols of Christmas" (music of John Rutter) Northwood Presbyterian, Clearwater
Sunday, December 16 3:00 p.m.	Florida Pro Musica, <i>A Renaissance Christmas</i> \$20 tickets at https://floridapromusica.com Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Petersburg
Sunday, December 16 4:00 p.m.	<i>Many Moods of Christmas</i> benefit concert for the St. Petersburg Free Clinic featuring Chancel Choir of FPC and choirs and orchestra from the Pinellas County Center for the Arts with over 130 performers. First Presbyterian Church, 701 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg
Thursday, December 27 6:30 p.m.	Chapter Christmas Dinner Beachcomber Restaurant, Clearwater Beach
Sunday, January 6, 2019 5:00 p.m.	Epiphany Feast of Lights Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Sunday, January 13 3:00 p.m.	Music for Organ and Brass with FL Orchestra Brass Quintet Tom Huffman, Kevin Johnson, Donald Rolander, Organists Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Friday, January 18 7:00 p.m.	Westminster Bell Choir of Westminster Choir College of Rider University One of the premier bell choirs of the world. Freewill offering Northwood Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
Sunday, March 3 4:00 p.m.	<i>Festival of Praise</i> concert celebrating Jack Rain's 50 th anniversary as organist at First Presbyterian Church with guest clinician Michael Hey, Associate Director of Music and Organist at St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. First Presbyterian Church, 701 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg

Chapter

Christmas Dinner



Thursday, December 27

6:30 p.m.

Bob Heilman's

Beachcomber Restaurant

447 Mandalay Ave.

Clearwater Beach

*Separate checks so each can
order what you choose.*

Check out the menu [here](#).

*Please RSVP to Cheryl Brouette
by December 26, (727) 453-0317.*

Optional carpool from First UMC, Clearwater at 6 p.m.

Christmas with the Master Chorale

Friday, December 7, 2018

8:00 p.m.



Ticket Information:

Tickets website [here](#)

\$5.00 discount for FPC on tickets purchased prior to the day of the performance.

Enter the Discount Code FPC1819

Former organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City (2002-2009), Tim Brumfield, will be guest organist for the concert. He will improvise on Christmas carols suggested by the audience.

Upcoming Chapter Programs 2018-19

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| Thursday, December 27 | Christmas Dinner at the Beachcomber Restaurant, Clearwater Beach |
| 6:30 p.m. | |
| Sunday, January 13 | Music for Organ and Brass with the FL Orchestra Brass Quintet, |
| 3:00 p.m. | Tom Huffman, Kevin Johnson, Donald Rolander, Organists |
| | Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater (Church Concert series) |
| Sunday, January 20 | Paul Jacobs, Organist |
| 3:00 p.m. | Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo |
| Sunday, March 24 | Bach-a-Thon Celebration of Bach's birthday at Prince of |
| Noon-4:00 p.m. | Peace Lutheran, Largo. Four hours of original works by the master. |
| Sunday, May 5 | Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers at Trinity Presbyterian |
| 6:00 p.m. | Church, Clearwater. |

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Indialantic FL

Full-time Director of Music Ministry/Organist. Located on the Space Coast in Indialantic FL. Traditional choir of 30+, oversee the contemporary praise team with its own leader, 2 bell choirs and youth choirs/musicians as well as play pipe organ, Allen organ, and Bösendorfer grand piano. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience. Contact mtoms@epcfl.org. [Click here](#) for church website.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Tampa seeks a qualified individual for the position of Music Director. The person called to this position will serve as organist, director of the adult choir, and liturgical music planner and coordinator. This position is part-time; no relocation offered. The Music Director develops and leads worship and music and has overall responsibility for the music program at St. Mark's. Duties include playing for Sunday 8:00 a.m. services and leading a 20-voice choir for Sunday 10:15 a.m. services, conducting weekly two-hour rehearsals Wednesday evenings, and various special events and services throughout the year. Participation in regular liturgical planning meetings, communication with musicians, and selecting all music for approval by the Rector are also part of the position responsibilities. Visit our music page at www.stmarkstampa.org/music.html for a detailed job description and application instructions.

Lake Magdalene United Methodist, Tampa is accepting applications for the position of Organist/Accompanist. Classical music program, Rodgers 3 manual organ Model 950. Wednesday evening rehearsals, two Sunday morning services, concerts, special rehearsals and services Holy Week, Christmas. Primary skills: skilled organist and accompanist for a traditional, classical music program; outstanding sight-reading ability, ability to work well with people, strong Christian faith. Part-time, salaried. Professional player with 10 years experience preferred. Send resume and audio/video links to: dcompher@lmumc.org

BACH-A-THON, MARCH 24, 2019

Four hours of J.S. Bach's music at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Largo. Contact Shawn Thomas to arrange a playing time. shawn@poplargo.org.

SUBSTITUTES AVAILABLE

(O=Organist only; O/D=Organist/Director; D=Director only; V=Vocalist)

Please send updates or corrections for this list to Placement Coordinator Priscilla Ortoski by call (727) 845-4745 or emailing tap.tortoski1@verizon.net. Inclusion in the lists below does not constitute the Chapter's endorsement of skills, and thus it encourages interviews with prospective substitutes. Those listed must be a member of The American Guild of Organists.

Peggy BeVille	(727) 726-8457	O
	(727) 403-8166 (cell)	
Cheryl Brouette	(727) 453-0317	O
Brent Douglas	(727) 459-7025	O, O/D
Grayce Hillman	(727) 642-7322	O, O/D, V
Roberta Hoopes	(727) 442-8333	D
Matt Lancaster	(727) 313-5129	O
Mark Prater, AAGO, ChM	(727) 536-2698	O, O/D
Dr. Sandra Rogers	(727) 560-2376	O, O/D, V
Donald Rolander	(727) 392-4442	O, O/D
	(727) 804-6314 (cell)	
Robert Shone, CAGO	(727) 789-6527	O, O/D
	rcshone@aol.com	
Dr. Linda Pointer	(727) 441-1099	O, O/D
Herman G. (George) Fisher	(727) 339-3077	O
	(239) 398-4966 (cell)	



AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS—NOT SUNDAY MORNING

Stephen Allen	(813) 968-7095	O, O/D
Tom Huffman	(727) 409-8726	O, O/D

Clearwater AGO 2018-2019 Officers

DEAN: Bradley Swope
bswope@tampabay.rr.com

SUB-DEAN: Mark Prater, AAGO, Ch.M

SECRETARY: Dr. Linda Pointer

TREASURER: Bob Booth

BOARD MEMBERS

Stephen Allen (2019)
Matthew Burke (2019)
Cheryl Brouette, CAGO (2020)
Shawn Thomas (2020)
Tom Huffman (2021)
Don Rolander (2021)

Board Meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM at: First United Methodist Church of Clearwater, 411 Turner St.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

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