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Windline—November 2019

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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124,000 views!

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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, Nov. 6—9:00 a.m.

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I'm sorry to say that 124,000 was not the number of persons who attended *Pipescreams*, but it is the current number of views on YouTube in one week since National Cathedral Organists Tom Sheehan and George Fergus posted their duet video of "Baby Shark." If you haven't seen it, just [click here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSDqYypxfz8) or type in this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSDqYypxfz8>

While no one would claim the song is a masterpiece of music literature, the video is fun, clever and presents a clear view of how the organ is played in less than two minutes. Wearing the Washington Nationals baseball hats and jacket was an excellent shout out to the home team hoping to win the World Series. Let's not stop learning and performing the Bach Passacaglia, of course, but we should remember to be creative and make people laugh and smile with our music -- which brings me right back to *Pipescreams*. As always, it was a wonderful program of serious music, spooky music, costumes, and Halloween "Scarols." I will personally never get tired of listening to Rossini's Cat Duet! My thanks to Stephen Allen, Frederica Peebles and the staff at First Presbyterian Church. Bravo to all the performers for their skill and good humor. It was a great night!

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P.S. Next year, we need more singers, especially men.



Chapter Programs 2019-2020

November

Saturday, November 23 starting at 1:00 p.m.

A Chapter Picnic at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor, Shelter #8

December

Sunday, December 29 gather at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Dinner and Party at the home of Bobbie Hoopes, 1013 Woodside Dr., Clearwater

January

Saturday, January 25

Conducting Workshop with Dr. Lei Yu. Morning workshop, exact time and place TBA

February

Sunday, February 16 at 3:00 p.m.

Three-Organ Spectacular at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Largo

March

Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.

The Concordia Choir from Moorhead MN conducted by René Clausen in his final tour before retirement.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Largo (free tickets required)

April

Sunday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m.

Rising Star Recital by Audrey Thomas from University of Notre Dame

Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

May

Sunday, May 3 at 5:30

Closing Banquet and Installation of Officers. Catered dinner at St. Alfred's Episcopal, Palm Harbor

Kevin Johnson, Host

Chapter Picnic

Saturday, November 23

Meet at 1:00 p.m.

(eat at 2:00 p.m.)

Come to Philippe Park in Safety Harbor

Shelter #8

Chapter will provide meat and drinks

Bring a dish to share

(no alcohol in the park)



Stephen L. Allen celebrated 30 years of service as Director of Music/Organist to First Presbyterian Church, Dune-din, Florida on October 15, 2019. He studied organ with John Muller at the North Carolina School of the Arts, with Donna Robertson at Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC with Schuyler Robinson at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, NC and with John Brock at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He has served churches in North Caro-

lina, Tennessee, Florida and in Olafsvik, Iceland as well as several terms as Clearwater Chapter Dean and other offices in the chapter. Retiring from full-time service in December of 2019, he will continue his duties as Director of Music/Organist for the church's Sanctuary and Handbell choirs.

Calendar of Area Events

(Clearwater Chapter events highlighted)

Sunday, November 3 6:00 p.m.	Mendelssohn's <i>Elijah</i> Tampa Oratorio Singers Palm Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa
Sunday, November 10 3:00 p.m.	"Fall Back in Love" Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater Jazz Combo Swing State
November 17, 19, 24	Tampa Bay Symphony (check website: tampabaysymphony.com) Mark Sforzini, Music Director Featuring Ellen dePasquale, Violin
Saturday, November 23 1:00 p.m.	Chapter Picnic Philippe Park, Safety Harbor at Shelter #8
Wednesday, December 4 7:00 p.m.	31st Annual Wallace Gause Memorial Concert First United Methodist, Clearwater Featuring Pinellas Youth Symphony, Largo HS Madrigal Singers East Lake HS Madrigal Singers, First UMC Chancel Choir
Sunday, December 8 3:00 p.m.	"Holiday Hits & Handel" Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater Tampa Oratorio Singers; Nancy Callahan, Director
Sunday, December 8 5:00 p.m.	"Ring, Sing and Mingle" Northwood Presbyterian Church, Clearwater Holiday music by the church's five handbell choirs
Monday, December 9 7:00 p.m.	Tampa Oratorio Society Handel's <i>Messiah</i> Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa (repeat on Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.)
Sunday, December 15 7:00 p.m.	Festival of Lessons & Carols Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo (free tickets are required, call 727 585-9969)
Sunday, December 29 5:00 p.m.	Chapter Christmas Gathering/Dinner Home of Bobbie Hoopes, 1013 Woodside Dr., Clearwater
Sunday, January 12 3:00 p.m.	"Voices & Spirits Soar" The Tampa Bay Spiritual Ensemble Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Saturday, January 25	Conducting Workshop with Dr. Lei Yu. Morning workshop, details TBA
Sunday, January 26 3:00 p.m.	<i>Fandango!</i> Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

Pipescreams 2019

Steve Allen and Bob Moncrief



Bradley Swope, Sandra Rogers, Cheryl Brouette

Betty Dethmers and Steve Allen
Tom Huffman, Sandra Rogers, Cheryl Brouette
Carol Alexander and the Spectre Singers



Steve Allen with curious kids after the concert

pipescreams 2019



The cats Erika Van Gorden and Betsy Clement with Beth Kendell



PIPESCREAMS

Monday, October 28, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
(A hauntingly boo-tiful program of music!)

Presented by the Clearwater Florida Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
and
The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, Florida
(455 Scotland Street)

Toccata and Fugue in d minor	Bradley Swope, Organ	J. S. Bach
Duetto Buffo di Due Gatti	Betsy Clement and Erika Van Gorden, Soprano Gatti Tom Huffman, Piano	Rossini
Allegro vivo e Maestoso	Cheryl Brouette, Organ	Benoi
Melodie from "Orpheus"	Betty Dethmers, Organ Cheryl Brouette, Piano	von Gluck
A Foggy Day	Cheryl Brouette and Betty Dethmers, Organ	Gershwin
Gretchen am Spinnrade Lied der Mignon Die Junge Nonne	Sandra Rogers, Soprano Stephen L. Allen, Piano	Schuber
Largo from "Xerxes"	Stephen L. Allen, Organ Betty Dethmers, Piano	Handel, arr. Stoughton
Ghouls and Gremlins (Op. 31)	Tom Huffman and Stephen L. Allen, Organ	Janzer
Toccata on KING'S WESTON	Tom Huffman, Organ	Uppercue
Ghoultide Scarols	(A Narrative Poem and Ghoultide Scarols by Judy Beglau & Thomas Pavlechko) "Deck the Hall with Web and Spider" "Down in the Graveyard" "Bad King Mephistopheles" "We Wish You a Spooky Ghoultide" (sing along)	
"Spectre Singers" – Carol Alexander, Conductor; Tom Huffman & Betty Dethmers, Orghoul Accompanists Soprano: Betsy Clement, Sandy Fisher, Dana Jones, Carla Kranz, Kathy Pollak, Erika Van Gorden Alto: Amy Kroll, Mitz Kurmas, Renata Schwartz Tenor: John Brockman, Bob Moncrief Bass: Denny Smith, Bradley Swope		



Sanctuary Decorations



Denny Smith with Bradley and Bob



Positions Available

Chapel by the Sea, Clearwater Beach

Organist/Choir Director at Chapel by the Sea, 54 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater Beach FL 33767

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Contact church office at (727) 446-0430 for complete job description and application process.

First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, Florida

Full time Organist position at a 1,200-member congregation for Sunday worship services in the sanctuary and chapel, special services and events, and to provide rehearsal accompaniment for adult, youth, children's choirs, soloists and ensembles. The organist will provide music consultation and play for weddings and funerals as well as assistance with the advertising, marketing and public relations matters related to the Performing Arts Series. The organist will also serve as a consultant regarding the planned renovation and expansion of the ranks and voicing of the church's four manual Austin pipe organ. Applicants should have a bachelor's and/or master's degree in organ and should demonstrate a high level of competence and experience as a church organist and accompanist. The organist will report to the Director of Fine Arts Ministries. Approximate salary is \$40,000.

The sanctuary features an Austin Organ with a new console arriving early 2020 and a Steinway grand piano. First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland is situated within a few blocks of Florida Southern College and is less than two miles from Southeastern University. FPC Lakeland belongs to the Presbyterian Church, USA.

For additional information contact Dr. Daniel A. Gordon, Director of Fine Arts Ministries at dangordon@fpclakeland.org or at 863-686-7187.

Apply to: Organ Search Committee, First Presbyterian Church 175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33812

The Concordia Choir



Hear one of the nation's finest college choirs perform Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Conductor René Clausen, celebrating his 34th and final year at Concordia, conducts the 73-voice a cappella choir in a varied concert, including works by Alexandre Gretchaninoff, Shawn Kirchner, Stephen Paulus, Felix Mendelssohn, J.S. Bach, and

René Clausen. The final set includes a number of hymns, folk songs and spirituals.

This concert is sponsored by the Art For Faith's Sake Concert Series. **A free ticket is required** - call (727) 585-9969, [click here](#), or visit <https://tinyurl.com/ConcordiaTicketsLargoFL> for tickets.

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



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