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January Choral Workshop Spread the Word, It's Free!

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Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 8—9:00 a.m.

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Mark your calendars now for our choral workshop with Dr. Lei Yu, which will be held on Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Clearwater.



Dr. Lei Yu, is principal guest conductor of The Harmonia Choir in both Beijing and Kunming, China. She travels to China twice per year to train music educators and conductors. Dr. Yu has been the music director at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester, Mass. She has been the conductor of the Boston University Women's Chorus, the Boulder Chorale, the Schola Cantorum of Kansas City, and the Beijing University Chorus. She received her doctorate from Boston University, studying with Ann Howard Jones. One of my favorite quotes about choral conducting comes from Dr. Jones:

"I know of no other activity where access to the most profound artistic works can be made possible and satisfying for the participant who has limited skills as an individual but whose capacity is enlarged by the group."

We have all experienced that thrill and miracle of choral music, where the result is so much more than the sum of its parts!



(Dean's Message continued)

The morning workshop will include a segment on choral technique, a segment on expressive gestures entitled "Conducting the Image of Music" and a masterclass opportunity for three or four participants. If you would like to be considered for the masterclass, please get in touch with me (727.207.4205) and suggest a piece or two you might conduct. This could also include conducting from the organ console. Dr. Yu will choose from the list of pieces for the masterclass.

Please help spread the word about this workshop to public school choral conductors, college music majors and others you know who may be interested. This will be a helpful and inspiring Saturday morning workshop!

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January Choral Workshop



with

Dr. Lei Yu

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Trinity Presbyterian Church

2001 Rainbow Dr.

Clearwater FL

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Choral Techniques and "Conducting the Image of Music"

Using Expressive Gestures

There is opportunity for three or four chapter members to conduct a piece in a master class style setting. If interested, choose a choral piece to conduct and contact Bradley Swope, Dean.

Chapter Christmas Dinner and Party

*Sunday, December 29 at 5:00 p.m.
(dinner at 6:00 p.m.)*

*Home of Bobbie Hoopes
1013 Woodside Ave., Clearwater*

Chapter will provide a ham and drinks.

Please bring a side dish to share.

RSVP to Bobbie by December 20

(727) 442-8333

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Chapter Programs 2019-2020

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 Ave., Clearwater

January

Saturday, January 25, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Conducting Workshop with Dr. Lei Yu. Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater

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

Calendar of Area Events

(Clearwater Chapter events highlighted)

Sunday, December 8	“Let Heaven and Nature Sing”
2:00 and 4:00 p.m.	University of Tampa, Sykes Chapel
Sunday, December 8	“Holiday Hits & Handel”
3:00 p.m.	Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater Tampa Oratorio Singers; Nancy Callahan, Director
Sunday, December 8	“Ring, Sing and Mingle”
5:00 p.m.	Northwood Presbyterian Church, Clearwater Holiday music by the church’s five handbell choirs
Monday, December 9	Tampa Oratorio Society
7:00 p.m.	Handel’s <i>Messiah</i> Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa (repeat on Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.)
Wednesday, December 11	Christmas program with choir and soloists
7:00 p.m.	Chapel by the Sea, Clearwater Beach Dr. Linda Pointer, Director
Sunday, December 15	Festival of Lessons & Carols
7:00 p.m.	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo (free tickets are required, call 727 585-9969)
Sunday, December 29	Chapter Christmas Gathering/Dinner
5:00 p.m.	Home of Bobbie Hoopes, 1013 Woodside Dr., Clearwater
Sunday, January 12	“Voices & Spirits Soar” The Tampa Bay Spiritual Ensemble
3:00 p.m.	Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Saturday, January 25	Choral Workshop with Dr. Lei Yu
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater
Sunday, January 26	<i>Fandango!</i>
3:00 p.m.	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Sunday, February 9	“Cupid Does Jazz”
3:00 p.m.	Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater
Saturday, February 15	Dinner and Hymn Sing! (tickets \$15) call (727) 585-9969
6:00 p.m.	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo
Sunday, February 16	Three-Organ Spectacular!
3:00 p.m.	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo Music for three organs plus Vierne’s <i>Messe Solennelle</i> for choir and two organs



Audrey Thomas

Organist

Sunday, April 19, 2020

3:00pm

Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church

110 South Ft. Harrison Ave.

Clearwater, FL

A native of St. Louis, Audrey received her Bachelor of Music from the University of Kansas and is currently a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame. In 2018, she won 2nd prize in the Fort Wayne National Organ Competition.

Free Admission

Sponsored by the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

The Concordia Choir



LARGO

Mar. 5 - 7:00 p.m.
Prince of Peace
Lutheran Church



René Clausen, Conductor

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.

Position Available

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



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

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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)	
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	rcshone@aol.com	
Dr. Linda Pointer	(727) 441-1099	O, O/D
Herman G. (George) Fisher	(727) 339-3077	O
	(239) 398-4966 (cell)	

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

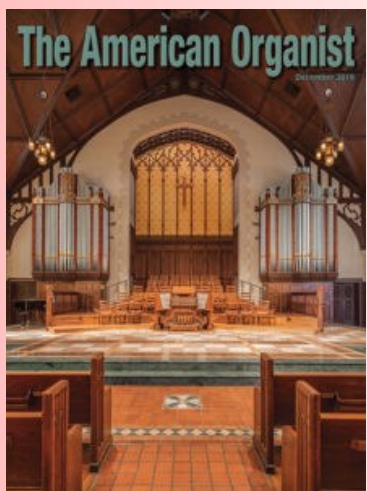
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