

# *The American Guild of Organists*

## *Windline—January 2020*

Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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Thomas D. Huffman, *Windline* Editor

## 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

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.



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 Bradley Swope (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.

# Dean's Message

## "The Work of Christmas Begins"

In these few days after Christmas, I am reminded of Howard Thurman's wonderful text set to music by Dan Forrest:

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart*

--from *The Mood of Christmas*, p. 23  
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Truly there is much work to do. The decade of the 2010's was tragic in so many ways, from mass shootings to increased poverty, from political polarization to climate change impacts throughout the world, but the accelerating decline of churches has hit us especially hard. We cannot solve all these problems, of course, but I wish you a new start in a new decade, finding purpose and joy in the little victories and in the best and most beautiful music you can make each week. Do all you can to lead and inspire those in your choirs, classrooms and pews. Let the work begin!

*Bradley Swope, Dean*

P.S. Please, please plan to attend our conducting workshop on Jan. 25 and tell others about it. If you want to submit a proposed piece of music for the masterclass portion, please email me soon. This is a great opportunity!



# Chapter Programs 2020

## 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, January 12          | “Voices & Spirits Soar” The Tampa Bay Spiritual Ensemble   |
| 3:00 p.m.                   | Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater  |
| <b>Saturday, January 25</b> | <b>Choral Workshop with Dr. Lei Yu</b>   |
| <b>9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clearwater</b>   |
| 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  |
| <b>Sunday, February 16</b>  | <b>Three-Organ Spectacular!</b>  |
| <b>3:00 p.m.</b>            | <b>Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo</b>   |
|                             | <b>Music for three organs plus Vierne’s <i>Messe Solennelle</i> for choir and two organs</b>               |
| Sunday, March 1             | Composer/Pianist Mark Hayes  |
| 4:00 p.m.                   | Northwood Presbyterian, Clearwater   |
|                             | Composer weekend closing concert with Northwood choirs   |
| <b>Thursday, March 5</b>    | <b>The Concordia Choir from Moorhead MN conducted by René Clausen in his final tour before retirement.</b> |
| <b>7:00 p.m.</b>            | <b>Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo (free tickets required)</b>   |
| Sunday, March 8             | “Honoring Ludwig”  |
| 3:00 p.m.                   | Con Brio String Quartet and Sheng-Yuan Kuan, Piano   |
|                             | Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater  |
| Sunday, March 22            | Shawn Thomas, Organist   |
| 3:00 p.m.                   | Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo  |



# *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.



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the Fort Wayne National Organ Competition.

Free Admission

Sponsored by the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

**Clearwater AGO  
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first Wednesday of each month at 9:00  
AM at: First United Methodist Church  
of Clearwater, 411 Turner St.*

**Next Board Meeting:**

**Wednesday, Jan. 8—9:00 a.m.**

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**PLACEMENT**

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## 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](mailto: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.

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| Tom Huffman   | (727) 409-8726 O, O/D |

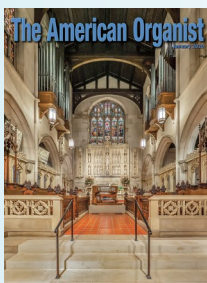
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See "Mixtures" on p. 14 about  
Chapter member Stephen Allen.

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