

The American Guild of Organists

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Clearwater (FL) Chapter

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FROM THE DEAN

I hope you have been watching our own Clearwater AGO “12 Days of Christmas Organ Festival.” The performances are wonderful and the audio/video quality is impressive! Make yourself a cup of coffee and go to [American Guild of Organists - Clearwater Chapter | Facebook](#) to enjoy this excellent sampling of the talents of our members. Many thanks to Shawn Thomas for his hours of recording and editing – I wish I could confer on him an honorary degree in broadcasting.



2020 was certainly a year for trying new things out of necessity. We now livestream from multiple cameras at my church every week. A year ago, I would have laughed out loud if you had suggested to me that I would be in charge of such a project. Many of you also had to adapt in unexpected ways at home and work. It was both frustrating and exciting to be forced to learn some new skills.

We also have our own stories of pain and loss. My sister's father-in-law died of COVID-19 less than a week after contracting it at a church event in Indiana. The even more sudden death of Rosemary Collins is a shocking tragedy for her family, Clearwater High School and Trinity Presbyterian. Please stay in touch with people you know who have suffered loss this year. This type of grief takes a long time to heal.

So with gratitude for all you have done for others in 2020 and all you will continue to do in 2021 to keep music and worship alive in your schools and houses of worship, I wish you a happier and better New Year. My own wish is to be able to restart our choirs by September, maybe even earlier.

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CONCERTS AT PEACE MEMORIAL

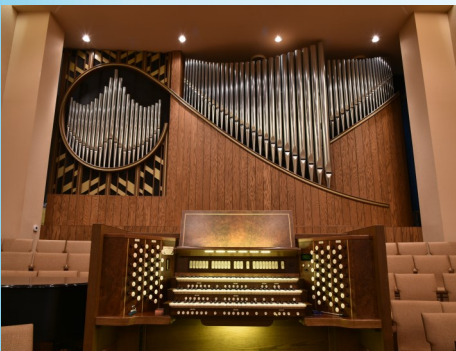
The concert series at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church in Clearwater continues. Some changes due to the COVID 19 pandemic are in place. Tickets or subscriptions will need to be purchased and masks with social distancing will be required. To reserve your seat(s) please visit itickets.com or telephone 800 965-9324. For help in navigating these new procedures, telephone Timothy Belk, Director of Music/Organist at 800 479-8846.



The season continues with these 3:00 p.m. concerts:

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| Sunday, January 10 | Aspen String Trio |
| Sunday, February 14 | Qol Quartet |
| Sunday, March 14 | Dexter Kennedy, Organ |

ART FOR FAITH'S SAKE CONCERT SERIES



Prince of Peace Lutheran in Largo begins their concert series in January. All programs are at 3:00 p.m.

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| Sunday, January 31 | Astralis Chamber Ensemble
Music for Flute, Trumpet,
and Harp |
| Sunday, February 21 | Three Organ Spectacular!
Music for Choir, Handbells
and three Organs |
| Sunday, March 28 | Ring Sarasota
Florida's premier Handbell
ensemble |



If you missed viewing any of the “12 Days” performances, go to the Clearwater Chapter [website](#) or to the [YouTube](#) page and watch or rewatch any day of your choice. Many thanks to all the performers and to Shawn Thomas who managed all the details of recording/posting, etc.

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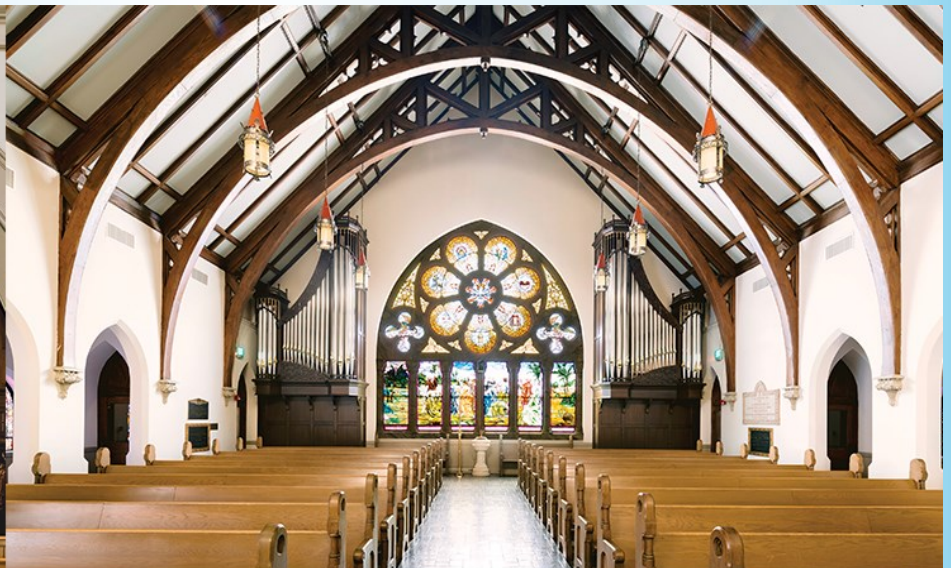
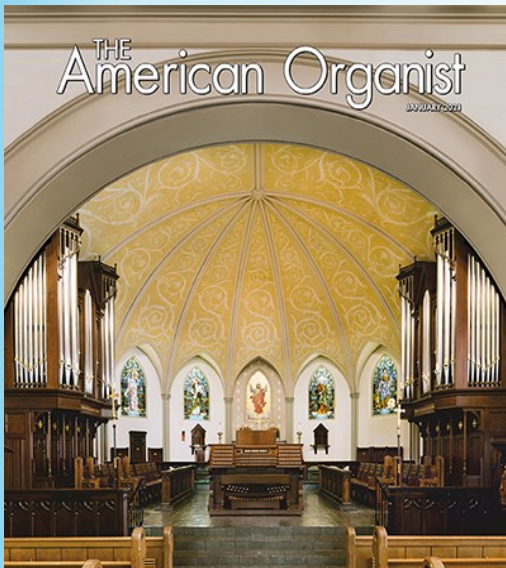
(O=Organist only; O/D=Organist/Director; D=Director only; V=Vocalist)

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January's TAO features a Goulding & Wood Pipe Organ installation
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