

# *The American Guild of Organists*

**Windline—October 2023**

**Clearwater (FL) Chapter**

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Friends,

Just a couple weeks ago, we kicked off our program year with an opening potluck dinner at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. It was great to catch up with our colleagues after a busy summer. Several of our members enjoyed a European *holiday*, and it was nice to hear of their adventures!

Several exciting events are coming up this fall at St. Alfred's Episcopal Church. If you haven't already, call the church office (727-785-1601) and reserve your ticket for the inaugural recital of Casavant op. 3951 on Friday October 27 featuring Thomas Sheehan from Washington National Cathedral. This is a ticketed event (free) and they are anticipating a full house. A group of us will meet at Sonny's near the church for Dutch-treat dinner beforehand. Call or email Bob Booth if you will be joining us (727)244-5099, [rleroy48@yahoo.com](mailto:rleroy48@yahoo.com).

Just two weeks later on November 12 at 4pm, the AGO Clearwater Chapter is privileged to welcome the new organ in a recital featuring Carl Gravander, Thomas Huffman, Kevin Johnson, Bradley Swope, and Shawn Thomas. Sub-dean Timothy Belk has promised another fabulous reception, and an offering will be collected to advance the work of our chapter.

Finally, Advent is just around the corner. If you are interested in playing on one of the Advent recitals listed on page 5, please let me know.

*Shawn Thomas, Dean*

# ***St. Alfred's Casavant Organ Dedicatory Recital***

**Tickets Available Now**

**Thomas Sheehan, Organist**

**Friday, October 27, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

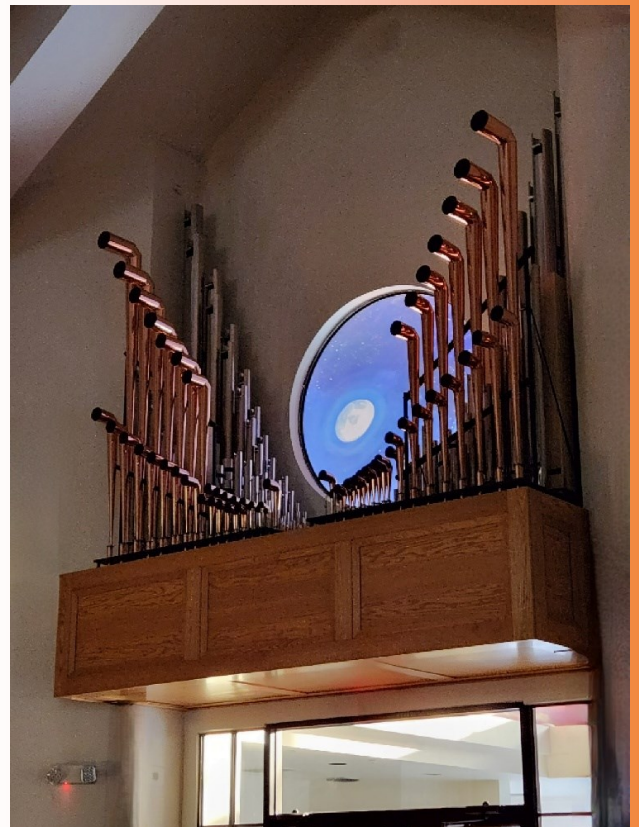
St. Alfred's Episcopal Church, Palm Harbor, Florida, is pleased to present Thomas Sheehan, Organist and Assistant Director of Music at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC in a Dedicatory Recital on the Church's new Casavant Pipe Organ.

A special reception will follow the recital in the Church Courtyard.



← *The console with Great and Pedal behind the choir loft.*

*The Antiphonal Organ over the West Door. →*



The program is free, but tickets are required. Because of the anticipated popularity, tickets will be limited to 2 per household and are on a first come-first served basis.

To request tickets, please send an email to: [Tickets@stalfreds.net](mailto:Tickets@stalfreds.net).

Please include the number of tickets (limit 2 per household) and a mailing address. Tickets will be mailed to the address you provide in advance of the concert.



# ***Concerts at Peace Memorial***

## ***2023-2024 Season***

*October-March*

*Second Sundays at 3:00 p.m.*

### **Sunday, October 8**

Michael Klotz, Viola and Grigorios Zamparas, Piano

Renowned violist and pianist present a classical program including a transcription of Mendelssohn's Cello Concerto

### **Sunday, October 29**

#### ***SPOOKTACULAR***

Featuring theater organist, John McCall

A fun afternoon as the maestro spins a musical web through a spooky silent film for all ages. FRIENDLY costumes are encouraged. Treat bags for everyone!



### **Sunday, November 12**

Heather Thorn, Xylophone

This talented percussionist is joined by vocalist Krissy Vavrek and top-notch band "Vivacity" in a program featuring favorite silver screen selections.

### **Sunday, December 10**

Angela Massey, Flute and Rachel O'Brien, Harp

Celebrate the season with popular and sacred sounds of Christmas.

### **Sunday, January 14**

Bryan Hughes, Vocalist with "The Crew"

A program of great pop melodies made famous by Frank Sinatra, plus selections from the *Great American Songbook*

### **Sunday, February 11**

Jacqueline Bruce, Soprano

Celebrate music from Scotland including fun sing-alongs

### **Sunday, March 10**

James David Christie, Organist

Internationally acclaimed organist will perform music of Johann Sebastian Bach on the magnificent Casavant Organ



# Calendar of Events

(Chapter events in **bold**)

Sunday, October 8

3:00 p.m. Michael Klotz, Viola and Grigorios Zamparas, Piano  
Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

Sunday, October 15

4:00 p.m. Kevin Johnson, on the new Casavant Organ (free, no tickets required)  
St. Alfred's Episcopal, Palm Harbor

Saturday, Sunday, October 21,22

Florida Orchestra: Copland and Dvořák

**Friday, October 27**

**5:00 p.m. Dinner at Sonny's BBQ at Curlew Rd/US 19 (Dutch treat)**

**7:00 p.m. Dedication Recital at St. Alfred's Episcopal, Palm Harbor.**

**Thomas Sheehan, Organist and Associate Director of Music, Washington Cathedral. Email/phone Bob Booth by Oct 22 to reserve your spot for dinner (tickets for the concert must be acquired from St. Alfred's)**

Saturday, Sunday, October 28,29

Florida Orchestra: Rachmaninoff, Ravel, Daugherty

Sunday, October 29

3:00 p.m. *Spooktacular* featuring theatre organist John McCall  
Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

Sunday, November 5

4:00 p.m. Tampa Oratorio Singers: Beethoven's *Mass in C Major*  
Palma Ceia Presbyterian, Tampa

Tuesday, November 7

8:00 p.m. Tampa Bay Orchestra Fall Series: *Passion & Power*  
Ferguson Hall, Straz Center [Tickets here](#)

Sunday, November 12

2:30 p.m. Tampa Bay Orchestra (Same program as November 7) [tickets here](#)  
Palladium Theater, St. Petersburg

*(Calendar continued)*

Sunday, November 12

3:00 p.m. Heather Thorn, Xylophone with vocalist Krissy Vavrek and band *Vivacity*  
Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

**Sunday, November 12**

**4:00 p.m. The Clearwater AGO Welcomes Casavant op. 3951**

**Carl Gravander, Tom Huffman, Bradley Swope, Shawn Thomas, Organ  
St. Alfred's Episcopal, Palm Harbor**

Fri, Sat, Sun, November 17,18,19

Florida Orchestra: Chopin, Brahms, Wagner

Sunday, November 19

3:00 p.m. Scott Kluksdahl and Hedi Salanki, Cello and Harpsichord  
Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

Sunday, December 10

7:00 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols with Santa Lucia Procession  
Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo



## ***Music of the Season***

**Tuesday, Noon recitals**

Dec 5, St. Alfred's Episcopal, Palm Harbor

Dec 12, St. Anne of Grace Episcopal, Seminole

Dec 19, Prince of Peace Lutheran, Largo

Jan 2, Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Clearwater

# ***Positions Available***

## **Director of Music Ministry/Organist**

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Seven Springs (TPCOSS) seeks a Director of Music Ministry. A theologically conservative PCUSA church with a traditional worship service, the Adult chancel choir has between 12 and 20 members. There is a 3 manual Rodgers organ along with 4 octaves of Malmark Handbells, 2 sets of 3-octave Schulmerich choir chimes, as well as some Orff instruments. Currently there is one Sunday service at 10:00 am; music rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings. This is a part-time position requiring 15-20 hours per week. The starting salary is \$26,000. There is the possibility of continuing education funds. Resumes can be emailed to the search committee chair Deborah Haglen at: [dhaglen@hotmail.com](mailto:dhaglen@hotmail.com).

Alternatively, they can be mailed to:

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Seven Springs  
ATTN: Deborah Haglen  
4651 Little Road  
New Port Richey, FL 34655

All resumes must be received for consideration by November 1, 2023. Please include 3 references as well as an audio file (MP3) or link to your YouTube Channel to demonstrate your skill and ability. The final search process will include an interview and audition with a starting date of January 1, 2024.

For a comprehensive job description [click here](#).

## **Interim Organist**

Music Director Susan Clelland at First United Methodist in Dade City is looking for an interim organist. One service Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Salary according to experience and driving distance. Call her at 914-564-6623 for details.

## **Organist/Co-Director**

Anona United Methodist Church, located in Largo, Florida, is an inclusive and innovative church that has been serving the Tampa Bay community for over 150 years.

Anona is seeking a collaborative Keyboardist and Co-Director of Traditional Worship to provide inspirational organ and piano music and assist in shaping the environment for our Traditional Services in a team setting. This is a full-time position with benefits and will be shaped to best distribute the successful applicant's talent across our multi-ensemble music department.

- Direct Report to the Executive Pastor

- Salary is \$65,000-\$70,000/year plus benefits and offers opportunities for additional income

Email resume and links to video recordings including organ and piano work to [Jeremy@anona.com](mailto:Jeremy@anona.com)

For the complete ad [click here](#) to go to the AGO Headquarters site.



June 30-July 4, 2024

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## **The Weekend Organist: Tips and Tricks for Part-Time Church Musicians**

**J.W. Arnold, moderator**

**Monday, October 23, 7:00 p.m. ET**

When you're asked to do more with less—smaller instruments, rehearsal time, budgets, and volunteers—how do you create inspiring worship experiences?

J.W. Arnold, author of "The Weekend Organist" column in *The American Organist* magazine and the AGO's communications and marketing specialist, will lead this discussion about music, resources, and other "tricks of the trade" for part-time church musicians.

Be prepared to share your favorite composers and collections and pick up some great ideas from other part-time church musicians, too. [Click here](#) to go to the registration site.



# 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 calling (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.

Grayce Hillman	(727) 642-7322 O, O/D, V
Roberta Hoopes	(727) 560-3962 D
Dr. Linda Pointer	(727) 441-1099 O, O/D
Dr. Sandra Rogers	(727) 539-9903 O, O/D, V
Ron Turner	(727) 772-3268 O, O/D

## AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS—NOT SUNDAY MORNING

Stephen Allen	(813) 968-7095 O, O/D
Peggy BeVille	(727) 726-8457 O (727) 403-8166 (cell)
Cheryl Brouette	(727) 453-0317 O
Brent Douglas	(727) 459-7025 O, O/D
Tom Huffman	(727) 409-8726 O, O/D

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