

The Richmond

STOPLIST

October 2025

ORGAN REPERTOIRE RECITAL SERIES

presents

Thomas Sheehan, organist

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ~ 6000 Grove Avenue

1951/1968 Aeolian-Skinner organ, 4 manuals, 63 stops



Thomas Sheehan began his new position as Director of Music at Montreal's Christ Church Cathedral in August of this year. Until then, he was the primary musician at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., where he served with distinction as Cathedral Organist and Interim Director of Music. His work there included leading all aspects of a rich and complex music program, both liturgical and concert-based, as well as playing for several high-profile civic events, including the state funeral of President Jimmy Carter. As the primary Cathedral organist, he played many services and recitals and managed the renovation project of the Cathedral's pipe organ. Prior to his time in Washington, Tom held positions at the Memorial Church at Harvard University, Saint Mark's Church in Philadelphia, and Trinity Episcopal Church in Princeton.

Tom is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music, where he received diplomas in organ and harpsichord, studying with Alan Morrison and Leon Schellhase. He holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Boston University, where he was a student of Peter

Sykes and wrote a dissertation on the work of one of his notable predecessors at the National Cathedral, Richard Wayne Dirksen. He received both the Master of Music and Bachelor of Music degrees from Westminster Choir College in Princeton as a student of Ken Cowan. In 2016, he was named one of The Diapason's "20 under 30" rising stars in the field of organ performance. He has performed as an organist throughout the United States, in Canada, and in Europe, including recital appearances in Reykjavik, Toulouse, and Montreal.

PROGRAM

Toccata kopanitsa (2004) – Timothy Tikker (b.1958)

Sasurai (Wandering): A Meditative Improvisation, op. 17 (1985) – Takashi Sakai (1948–2019)

Quatre Pèlerinages en Lorraine, op. 30 (1996) – Rachel Laurin (b. 1961–2023)

I. Cathédrale de Metz (Procession sur le Gloria XV)

II. Sanctuaire Notre-Dame de Sion: Invocation (Sur les "Litanies de Lorette")

III. Basilique de Domremy: Fileuse (Sur l'Alleluia de la fête de Saint Michel Archange)

IV. Verdun, Centre mondial de la Paix: Marche pour la Paix (Sur le répons "Da pacem, Domine")

Elegy (2016) – Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Overture to "Uncle Vanya", op. 1431 (2022) – Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

Variations on Engelberg (2017) – Mark A. Miller (b. 1967)

2025-2026 CHAPTER EVENTS

All meals are \$20 unless otherwise noted.

Friday, November 7

Chapter dinner, Organ Repertoire Reading Session

Sponsored by Morningstar Publications

Ginter Park Presbyterian Church

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Daniel Sáñez Improvisation Presentation and Workshop

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Program: 7:00 p.m.

Members gather separately for dinner on-your-own at Edo's Squid

RSVP for separate dinner deadline to be announced

Monday, February 9

Presentation on the Renovation of the Casavant organ at First Baptist Church

First Baptist Church

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 13

ORRS Recital: Monica Czausz Berney

Cannon Memorial Chapel, University of Richmond

Recital: 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22

Dong-Ill Shin Masterclass

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Program: 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24

ORRS Recital: Doug-Ill Shin

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Recital: 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 18

Chapter dinner and Scholarship Recital

Saint Bridget Catholic Church

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Program: 7:00 p.m.

DEAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS



I hope you're all back in the swing of things for the fall! September was unexpectedly busy for me between an RVA Baroque concert and the installation service for our new rector, plus all of the regular stuff, but I'm starting to feel like I'm back in the swing of things. We had a good kickoff to our Chapter's program year a few weeks ago with the hymn festival at River Road Presbyterian Church. Many thanks to Grant Holcomb for assembling and directing the program, and to the RRPC choir and Commonwealth Brass for their beautiful performances!

For October, we've decided not to have a dinner before Tom Sheehan's ORRS recital on the 7th - we had some issues securing a venue, and it was looking increasingly logistically complicated to get wrapped up and get folks over to St. Stephen's in time - so our next program will be the dinner and organ repertoire reading session on Friday, November 7 (6:00 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM program) at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church. I hope you'll be able to attend Tom's recital, though, and stick around for the reception afterwards!

As we get into the fall season, keep an eye on the "Around the Town" section in the newsletter - many of our Chapter members have concerts or special services coming up as the season continues, and it's great to support them as our schedules allow.

Best wishes for whatever you have coming up, and I hope to see you at St. Stephen's on October 7 or at another event around town!

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AROUND THE TOWN

Friday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.

Saint Benedict Catholic Church

300 N Sheppard St, Richmond

Three Notch'd Road: The Virginia Baroque Ensemble in
"Jesu, Joy"

Bach Cantatas 131 & 147

Utilizing period instruments, organist and Bach expert Todd Fickley guest directs the opening concert of Three Notch'd Road's 15th season. The program features two cantatas, the organ solo Fantasia in G, BWV 572, and the cheerful instrumental Sinfonia from BWV 29. Cantata 147 is a mature masterwork from Bach's late Leipzig period and includes the beloved "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" melody and festive virtuoso writing for trumpet. Cantata 131 is a setting of Psalm 130, full of pathos, and possibly the earliest cantata we have of Bach. Free-will offering. Parking lot available behind the church off N Belmont Ave.

Friday, October 17, 7:00 PM

Saint Bede Catholic Church

3686 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg

Latin Inspirations: Organ Music of the Americas

Organist Dr. Emma Whitten explores the vibrant Hispanic musical heritage of the Americas, from early works of the Spanish colonial period to contemporary American works inspired by Latin dance. In celebration of the 20th anniversary of Saint Bede's Buzard organ, Emma will perform a variety of works showcasing the organ's versatility and colorful tonal design. For more information about this free concert, visit www.bedeva.org/concerts, or call (757) 229-3631.

Sunday, October 19, 5:00 PM

Choral Evensong

The St. Mary's Choir, under the direction of Dr. Ryan Tibbetts, will offer a service of Choral Evensong, featuring music of John Rutter, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, Rosephanye Powell, and others. A light reception will follow. All are welcome!

Sunday, November 2, 4:00 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Capitol Square

Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Souls' Day

The St. Paul's Choir, under the direction of Dr. Christopher Reynolds will present a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, November 3rd at 4:00 pm. The choir will perform works by Robert Lehman, T. Tertius Noble, and C. Hubert H. Parry. A festive reception will be held afterwards. Childcare is provided and all are welcome.

Sunday, November 9, 10:30 a.m.

Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

8 North Laurel Street, Richmond

Virginia Commonwealth University's Vox Concordia Treble Choir and Vocal Chamber Ensemble, conducted by Lisa Fusco, will sing anthems and lead the hymns and service music at the worship service. Parking is available in the rear church lot, and there will be free parking in the VCU deck at Laurel and Main Streets. For more information, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis at emelcherdavis@ghtc.org or at (804) 359-5628, ext. 18.

Sunday, November 9, 4:00 p.m.

Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

8 North Laurel Street, Richmond

The Choral Evensong for Veterans Day and Day of Remembrance will include music by Casarella, Stanford, and Vaughan Williams sung by the Parish Choir, accompanied by Luke Brennan, Assistant Choirmaster & Organist, and conducted by Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis, Choirmaster & Organist. Parking is available in the rear church lot, and there will be free parking at the VCU deck at Laurel and Main Streets. For more information, please contact Dr. Davis at emelcherdavis@ghtc.org or at (804) 359-5628, ext. 18.

Sunday, December 7, 4:00 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Capitol Square

A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

The St. Paul's Choir will present a service of Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 7th at 4:00 pm. The choir will present pieces by Palestrina, Howard Helvey, Paul Manz, Mark Sirett, and others. A festive reception will be held afterwards. Childcare is provided and all are welcome.

The Richmond Chapter of the American Guild of Organists
ORGAN REPERTOIRE RECITAL SERIES
62nd Season 2025-2026



Thomas Sheehan

Cathedral Organist and Interim Director of Music
The National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

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Monica Czausz Berney

International concert organist and Director of Music and Organist
St. Paul's Parish, K Street, Washington, D.C.

Friday, March 13, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

Cannon Memorial Chapel • University of Richmond

COSPONSORED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND MUSIC DEPARTMENT
1961 Rudolf von Beckerath organ, 26 stops



Dong-Il Shin

International organ concert virtuoso. Winner of the Grand Prix de Chartres, the St. Albans International Organ Competition, and three other international organ competitions. Professor of Organ at Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea

Friday, April 24, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart • 823 Cathedral Place

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2024 and 2022 Juget-Sinclair gallery and choir organs, 3 manuals, 88 stops

Music for a Cathedral Space

2025–2026 Concert Season

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Robert Gallagher

September 19, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

Bálint Karosi

November 21, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

Commonwealth Catholic Charities

Holiday Festival of Music

December 1, 2025 | 7:00 p.m.

Purchase tickets at cccfoa.org

Advent Lessons & Carols

December 12, 2025

7:00 p.m. Organ Prelude

7:30 p.m. Liturgy

Dong-Il Shin

April 24, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

Alyssa Santos

May 22, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.

Nathan Laube

June 26, 2026 | 7:30 p.m.



Free concerts are generously made possible by the E. Rhodes and Leona Carpenter Foundation.
Cathedral of the Sacred Heart | 823 Cathedral Place, Richmond, VA 23220 | (804) 359-5651
Concert details and updates: www.richmondcathedral.org/concerts



Candlelight Concerts
& Historic Organ Recitals
October 2025

Candlelight Concerts in Bruton Parish

Thursday, October 2 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital

Maurice Clerc, internationally renowned Concert Organist & Organist Emeritus of the Cathedral in Dijon, France

Saturday, October 4 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Concert

Choir from Centenary United Methodist Church in Richmond, Virginia
Carina Brackin, Director & Organist

Thursday, October 9 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital

Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, October 11 @ 8:00 pm

Organ & Harpsichord Recital

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist at Bruton Parish

Thursday, October 16 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital

Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Friday, October 17 @ 11:00 am

Organ Performance Workshop on the organ music of Johann Sebastian Bach

Dr. James Kibbie, Organ Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Saturday, October 18 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital in honor & celebration of JanEl Will's 30 years of Music Ministry at Bruton Parish

Dr. James Kibbie, Organ Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor & esteemed Concert Artist

Sunday, October 19 @ 5:30 pm

Choral Evensong

A Song for St. Cecilia by Cecilia McDowall & Evening Canticles by Joanna Forbes L'Strange

Choirs of Bruton Parish, Rebecca Davy, Director & JanEl Will, Organist
Jeremy Garnett & Mark Nixon, Trumpeters

Thursday, October 23 @ 8:00 pm

Organ & Harpsichord Recital

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, October 25 @ 8:00 pm

Wind Ensemble Concert

USAF Langley Winds

Thursday, October 30 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital: Music of the Reformation

Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Freewill offerings are gratefully received.

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist, Dr. JanEl Will, Organist

Contact: bdavy@brutonparish.org or (757-645-3431) Website: www.brutonparish.org

HAUNTED HALLOWEEN

concert

FRI, OCT 24
7:00P



Peggy Haas Howell (Organ) & Bill Bodine (Narrator)
with **Cantate Children's and Youth Choir** and **St. John's Choir**

Featuring: *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* (Rachel Laurin), *Toccata and Fugue in D Minor* (J.S. Bach), *Danse Macabre* (Camille Saint-Saëns), *Double, Double Toil and Trouble* (John Williams) & other spooky tunes!

An offering will be taken.

St John's Episcopal Church | stjohnslynchburg.org
205 Elmwood Ave., Lynchburg VA 24503



EXCITING NEWS FOR 2025-2026!

Cantori is 20 years old this year!

As Cantori celebrates its 20th season of music-making, we are thrilled to announce our 2025 Christmas and 2026 Spring Concerts!

Our Christmas Concerts will be held:

Sunday, November 30, 2025 - 5:00 PM - Walnut Hills Baptist Church, Williamsburg

Sunday, December 7, 2025 - 5:00 PM - Abingdon Episcopal Church, White Marsh

Repertoire for both concerts will consist of some of our favorite pieces from the past 19 years, including the music of John Rutter, Morten Lauridsen, Harold Darke, and Norman Luboff. Some of the music will be accompanied by a professional string quintet, and some will be sung a cappella.

Our Spring Concerts will be held:

Saturday, April 25, 2026 - 4:00 - Historic Christ Church, Weems

This will be an a cappella concert sponsored by Historic Christ Church, including some of our favorite a cappella pieces from past spring concerts. A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert.

Sunday, May 3, 2026 - 5:00 PM - Walnut Hills Baptist Church, Williamsburg

This concert will include some of our favorite accompanied repertoire from past spring concerts, along with several a cappella pieces from the concert at Historic Christ Church. A gala celebration for present and past singers will follow at Ford's Colony Country Club. Contributor, Sponsor, and Benefactor Donors to Cantori will be eligible to purchase a special combination ticket to the concert and gala.

We are sure you will want to attend both the Christmas and Spring Concerts!
Do mark your calendars now! We look forward to seeing you there.

In honor of the 20th Anniversary, we invite you to make a special contribution to assist in marking this special year. We suggest a donation with 20 in its amount - \$120, \$200, \$220 or the like! You may send your donation to Cantori Choral Ensemble, Agnes French, Conductor, 3341 Derby Lane Williamsburg, 23185. As always, all monies received are used for the expenses of the organization.

Music Events

Pride Eucharist with
Community Pride Choir
September 26, 2025 | 6:00 PM
(Livestream Available - Church)

Holy Eucharist with VCU's
Vox Concordia Treble Choir &
Vocal Chamber Ensemble
November 9, 2025 | 10:30 AM
(Livestream Available - Church)

Choral Evensong for Veterans Day
and Day of Remembrance
November 9, 2025 | 4:00 PM
(Livestream Available - Church)

A Musical Offering:
An Advent Organ Recital
with Cheryl Van Ornam, *Organist*
December 10, 2025 | 12:00 PM
(Free Admission | Gibson Memorial Chapel)

Caroling in Monroe Park &
Holiday Market
December 14, 2025 | 3:00 PM
(Music Begins at 4:15 p.m. | Monroe Park)

Festival of Christmas
Lessons & Carols
December 21, 2025 | 4:00 PM
(Livestream Available - Church)

Holy Eucharist with Greater
Richmond Children's Choir
February 1, 2026 | 10:30 AM
(Livestream Available - Church)

Holy Eucharist with *Mass No. 3*
in *B-flat Major* by Franz Schubert
May 3, 2026 | 10:30 AM
(Livestream Available - Church)



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Music Program

2025 - 2026



Grace & Holy Trinity Church
an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park

Pride Eucharist with Community Pride Choir

September 26, 2025 | 6:00 PM

The Episcopal Churches of Greater Richmond and The Pace Center will gather at Grace & Holy Trinity Church on Friday, September 26th to host a Pride Eucharist celebrating our embrace and affirmation of the LGBTQIA+ community. The worship service will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the church and feature the Community Pride Choir.

Holy Eucharist with VCU's Vox Concordia Treble Choir & Vocal Chamber Ensemble

November 9, 2025 | 10:30 AM

Virginia Commonwealth University's Vox Concordia Treble Choir and Vocal Chamber Ensemble, conducted by Lisa Fusco, will sing anthems and lead the hymns and service music at the worship service.



VCU's Vox Concordia Treble Choir & Vocal Chamber Ensemble

Choral Evensong for Veterans Day & Day of Remembrance

November 9, 2025 | 4:00 PM

The Choral Evensong will include music by Casarella, Stanford, and Vaughan Williams sung by the Parish Choir.

A Musical Offering: An Advent Organ Recital

December 10, 2025 | 12:00 PM

Featuring the beautiful sounds of the chapel organ, Cheryl Van Orman will perform works by Böhm, Carter, Dupré, and Guilmán. *Admission is free.*

Caroling in Monroe Park & Holiday Market

December 14, 2025 | 3:00 PM



All Choirs Singing during the Fourth Annual Caroling in Monroe Park & Holiday Market of 2024

The Greater Richmond Children's Choir, Hood Temple Music Ministry, RVA Street Singers, Grace & Holy Trinity Vocal Ensemble, and a brass quintet will lead Christmas carols for this fifth annual holiday event. There will be a holiday market, food trucks, and fun children's activities starting at 3:00 p.m. The brass quintet music will begin at 4:15 p.m. with caroling following at 4:30 p.m.

Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols

December 21, 2025 | 4:00 PM

This worship service, presented by the Parish Choir and brass quintet, will include music by Biebl, Clausen, Handel, Holst, and Stokford. There will be a reception following the worship service.

Holy Eucharist with Greater Richmond Children's Choir

February 1, 2026 | 10:30 AM

The internationally award-winning Greater Richmond Children's Choir, led by Artistic Director, Crystal Jonkman, and Associate Director, Roshan Chakane, will sing anthems and lead the hymns and service music at the worship service.

Holy Eucharist with Mass No. 3 in B-flat Major by Franz Schubert

May 3, 2026 | 10:30 AM

The Parish Choir will present Schubert's beautiful *Mass No. 3 in B-flat Major* with chamber ensemble and organ. Soloists for the worship service will include Keely Borland and Caroline Whisnant, Sopranos; Abigail Sinner, Alto; David Mater, Tenor; and Chase Peak, Bass. The Mass will be accompanied by Luke Brennan, Organist, and conducted by Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis. The music will be sung within the context of the Holy Eucharist liturgy. There will be a reception following the worship service.



GHTC Parish Choir at the church's Centennial Celebration on June 2, 2024

SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING SUMMARY

Richmond, Va. Sept. 12, 2025

Hymns, anthems, readings, responsive readings, a trumpet prelude and an organ postlude constituted the program chapter member Grant Holcomb devised for the meeting at River Road Presbyterian Church (1994 Kenneth Jones 3m 31rks, tracker key action), where he is Director of Traditional Music and Organist. The church choir, a brass ensemble, two bell ringers, the pastor, the Director of Worship and Music, and chapter members performed, read, or spoke in the program named by Holcomb, "Let Songs of Praises Ring!" Earlier, chapter officers were installed following a meal served in the church hall.

Photos and report by Bill Van Pelt



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

September 19, 2025, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Kenna Payne presented:

- Chapter Financial Statements through 6/30/25 (final) and ORRS Financial Statements through 6/30/25 (final).
- Chapter Financial Statement through 9/31/25. The investment account continues to perform well.

Kenna Payne reported that a new website product (DreamHost) has been found. It will enable online payments and donations, as well as multiple administrators.

Kenna Payne asked that members let her know if they have made progress on their “Cobbler’s Child” project (funeral planning).

A potential new editor of the Stoplist has come forward.

The Monica Berney recital at Cannon Chapel (University of Richmond) has been rescheduled to March 13, 2026.

Scholarship auditions were held in August, and three scholarships were offered. The next Chapter program will be held on November 7, 2025 (a reading session offered by MorningStar Music Publishers).

Potential summer projects were discussed for the summer of 2026. These include organ crawls and open houses at various churches.

LIST AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 2025-2026

The Executive Committee has decided to include the names and contact information for all of the officers, auditors, and at-large members of the Committee in each issue of the newsletter. Please contact any of them with questions or concerns you might have about the AGO and the Richmond chapter.

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ARE YOU A COBBLER?

Well, the summer has flown by and I hope you found time (if necessary) to spend some time on planning your own funeral. This, as you may remember, was the project of the Executive Committee for the summer of 2025. It was intended to encourage us (many of whom have or are working in church settings) to put pen to paper and to corral those thoughts we've all had over the years about what music and other elements we would like used at our own funeral.

I've heard from a few of you that you were working on it, and three people have sent me their plans.

There's still time to gather your thoughts for this, AND if you're willing, to send your plans to me. I'll share them (anonymously, of course) in some kind of summary form with the Chapter in a later issue of the newsletter.

If you completed this planning long ago, I would ask that you share some of the details with me. Just because you prepared it before this summer doesn't mean it can't be included.

Joel Kumro and I had the pleasure of speaking with [Richmond Magazine](#) about this project. Here's a link to the article. It was one of their 'Sunday Story' features (online only), and ran on Sunday, August 31, 2025. [Here's a link to the article.](#) Disclaimer – NEITHER Joel nor I came up with the title of the article!!

So, let's get this project wrapped up and shared with our chapter colleagues. You can email me your plans at kennajohnp@aol.com.

Thanks!
Kenna Payne

ANOTHER INVITATION FROM KENNA PAYNE

Over the summer I received an email message with an interesting challenge –

The Director of the Royal School of Church Music (UK) will be playing a 25-hour marathon in November as part of their current program, “Hands on with Handel: Play Your Part!” This seems to be an annual part of their Play the Organ Year 20xx. As part of that marathon, he’s invited organists around the world to play **Handel’s “Largo” from *Xerxes* - *Ombra mai fui*** – at **2 PM local time on Saturday, November 22, 2025**. This is offered as an opportunity for organists to host an ‘open console’ session, and to introduce people to the organ, for both students and listeners.

The RSCM website has produced three versions of the piece - easy without pedal, medium with some pedal notes, and full with complete pedals. All can be downloaded from the challenge page on their website.

You can also make a contribution to this project and register your performance plans.

So invite students, choir members, friends, church members, and anyone else you might know to this event. Maybe play a small recital, while you’re at it! [Here’s the website link](#)

SEPTEMBER RICHMOND AGO BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Davis 1-Oct
Elizabeth Davis 1-Oct
Crystal Jonkman 1-Oct
Deke Polifka 2-Oct
Stephen Henley 7-Oct
Patrick Dahlman 8-Oct
Daniel Stipe 9-Oct
Robert Ford 10-Oct
Mary Elizabeth Campbell 12-Oct
Donald Anderson 18-Oct
William Drake 27-Oct
Jeff Hummel 29-Oct

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Listings in this column appear for a maximum of 90 days and then are removed unless an extension is requested. When a listing is removed, therefore, it does not necessarily mean that the position has

been filled. To submit a listing, please contact our Referral Service Director, Betty Girardeau, at bettyg@redfamiliar.com and phone 804-647-0825

Bon Air Baptist Church

2531 Buford Road, Richmond

Seeking part-time organist for one Sunday morning church service and for all regularly scheduled traditional services, limited special events, such as concerts and programs, church-wide in scope and intent, and serve as accompanist for some Sanctuary Choir rehearsals, typically two per month as well as Sunday morning prep rehearsals. Regular special services during Holy Week, Christmas Eve, Christmas Concert and a Spring Concert held every other year. Funerals and weddings as able and desired by the organist and paid separately. Rogers hybrid pipe/digital 4 manual organ, encompassing approximately 30 ranks of pipes. Compensation \$30,000 annual based on 52 weeks work. (Note: this is not a salaried position, hourly based, non-exempt staff with the agreement to always pay for 12 hours per week even if the actual hours worked vary each pay period). Part-time benefits include employer FICA, 2 weeks paid vacation accrued throughout the year, 2 weeks sick leave accrued throughout the year, 9 holidays if they occur on a normally scheduled day, 403b option to put own dollars into retirement but not matched by the church. Interested candidates should contact the Rev. Stuart Condra, Worship Pastor, via email at stuart.condra@bonairbaptist.org or by phone at 804-272-1475.

Hickory Neck Episcopal Church

8300 Richmond Road, Toano

Seeking part-time Minister of Music (organist/choir director) for 1 Sunday morning service and Wednesday evening choir rehearsal. The choir consists of parish members of various levels of reading proficiency and the Choral Scholars of 8 members from William & Mary College who sing during the school year. The Choral Scholars are auditioned paid singers who sing with the Parish choir as well as sometimes on their own. Special services during the 5 days of Holy Week, Christmas Eve, two Lessons and Carol's services (one during Advent, and the other Christmas 1), Blue Christmas, and three Evensongs per year. Oberlinger two manual organ. Interested candidates should be proficient in organ, piano, and choral direction with a Bachelor of Music (preferred) and 5 years plus experience in church music ministry. Should be comfortable in all genres of church music from traditional, gospel, and contemporary sacred music. The parish is also looking for a candidate interested in launching a chorister program with the children, perhaps using RSCM. Four weeks paid vacation with an annual salary of \$40,000. Other benefits include book and music allowance, dues to professional organizations, and continuing education. Interested parties should contact Jennifer Dow via email hr@hickoryneck.org. For more information about the parish, please check out their website at www.hickoryneck.org.

Catholic Church of the Holy Comforter

208 East Jefferson Street, Charlottesville

Seeking part-time Music Coordinator (organist, choir director) to plan, coordinate, lead and direct the parish music program for 1 Saturday evening mass and three Sunday masses and services on special Holy Days (under special contract for these). Adult choir sings at the Sunday 11:00 AM mass, and the Schola choir at the 2:00 PM Sunday mass. Austin (opus 1820) 2 manual organ. Interested candidates should have a Bachelor's degree in music or equivalent education

and experience, as well as instrumental and/or vocal skills. One to three years of related and strong knowledge and appreciation of Roman Catholic liturgy required. Compensation is a minimum of \$21.85 per hour at 20 hours per week. Vacation is earned at one day per month with a total of 12 days per year. Other benefits include disability/sick leave(4 hours leave earned per month), 13 paid holidays, 3 personal leave days, retirement/pension (403(6)), life insurance, social security. Interested candidates should submit a Catholic Diocese of Richmond application for employment and send it along with a resume to the Rev. Joseph Mayr Lukyamuzi, Pastor, Church of the Holy Comforter, 208 East Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, TN, 22902 or via email at office@holycomforterparish.org. Questions may be directed to Mary Frances Lilly, Business Manager, by phone at 434-295-7185 or email at office@holycomforterparish.org.

Providence Presbyterian Church

3388 Three Chopt Road, Gum Spring

Seeking organist/pianist only to accompany 1 Sunday service, 3 times per month. There are no choirs. There is a budget for guest vocalists and/or instrumentalists. Special services Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Allen Protege two manual organ as well as a Technics keyboard. Interested candidates should have a knowledge of Protestant worship and the Presbyterian hymnal. Salary range \$5400 - \$6000. Interested candidates should contact the Rev Susan Steinberg via email at pastorsusanppc@gmail.com or via cell phone at 919-539-0001.

Christ the King Lutheran Church

9800 West Huguenot Road

Richmond, VA 23235

Seeking part-time Organist/Choir Director. The Director will serve both as organist and choir director for one weekly Sunday morning service and one weekly adult choir rehearsal, as well as providing music for major feast days and other occasions as designated. The organ is a Casavant Opus 3108 rebuilt pipe organ, expanded and installed at Christ the King in 2010. It has 24 ranks of pipes playing through 23 stops. The Organist/Choir Director provides oversight to the music ministry, which includes a handbell choir. Knowledge of, and appreciation for contemporary music is a plus. Anticipated pay range is \$24K - \$27K annually, commensurate with experience and education. Background check required. The full job description will be made available upon request. Interested candidates shall submit a cover letter and resumé to Joan Golden at personnel@CTKRVA.org

SUBSTITUTES

The persons listed below have indicated a desire to be called for substituting at church services. No specific qualifications are implied by their inclusion on this list. **The employer is responsible for determining that a substitute will adequately meet the needs of the church.** Questions should be addressed to Betty Girardeau. If you no longer wish to be included on the substitute list, please ask that your name be removed from the list by emailing Betty Girardeau at bettyg@redfamiliar.com or by phone at 804-647-0825.

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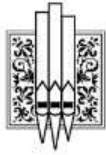
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