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# March 2020 Pippings



## A NOTE FROM YOUR DEAN

### MUSIC IS THE SHORTHAND OF EMOTION

Leo Tolstoy

I have just returned from a 17-day trip to Antarctica with no words to express the spectacular scenery and living creatures there. I heard many penguins speaking loudly; probably the newly hatched chicks begging their parents for food or the parents looking for their chicks as they wander off. I heard magnificent birds of all kinds singing as they flew through the sky and I heard ice breaking off these huge glaciers and thundering into the Southern Ocean. We crossed the Antarctic Circle which is not achieved on every cruise. The icebergs were a spectacular color each one different than the previous. Pictures do not convey what this trip was like.

I hope you have all contacted Pam Kane about her presentation on her doctoral thesis on March 3rd at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Bluffton. We will assemble at 6:30 in the Parish Life Center for our POTLUCK dinner to be followed by the lecture at 7:15

Nina Rodman is hosting the Second Friday noon concert this month at St. Luke's on Hilton Head Island. There will be several performers.

Have a meaningful Ash Wednesday  
Debby

Our Dean, Debby Graves, on her tour of Antarctica



Some of the amazing scenery from Dean Debby Graves' trip to Antarctica



## A Note from Your Sub-Dean:

Welcome back, Debbie, our fearless explorer! You and Antarctica will never be the same.

March is upon us and so is a Chapter program that I am very much looking forward to: **LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION** by Pam Kane, Music Director and Organist at St. Gregory the Great on 278 in Bluffton. At 6:30 pm, we will gather for a potluck supper in the Family Center located across from the entrance to the church, followed by her presentation in the church gallery. Please call Pam to RSVP at 201-213-4365 and let her know what you are bringing.

Our colleague and friend, Steve Branyon, Organist and Choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church in Savannah, shared some very exciting news with me the other day. Paraclete Press has published his arrangement, "Balm in Gilead". I urge you to go to <http://www.paracletesheetmusic.com> and reference PPM02015M. "Balm..." is a beautiful, loving work and is dedicated to Richard Elliott, Senior Organist at the Tabernacle on Temple Square, Salt Lake City UT

A beautiful color photo of the music is on the following page.

Beth Corry  
Sub-Dean



PARACLETE PRESS

General  
PPM02015M  
\$5.00

# Balm in Gilead

R. Steven Branyon

Organ



## A Note from your Secretary:

If any Chapter member has information or news needing publicity, please contact Gil Campbell [gilonhhi@gmail.com](mailto:gilonhhi@gmail.com)

New organists have moved to our area, and some members from previous years have not renewed memberships for this year. Please contact Greg Hollinger [greglhollinger@yahoo.com](mailto:greglhollinger@yahoo.com)

When you meet new musical friends please tell them about our chapter and encourage them to join with us at our concerts, programs and activities.



## New Website Launched

We have launched our new website. The website was designed by Nick Ruden, partner of member Dr. Jason A. Wright. Jason will now oversee the new website and will take over our Facebook account in the coming month.

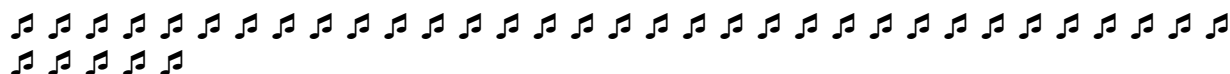
Jason is looking to collect pictures from 2019 and 2020 to include on certain pages of the website. He is also interested in pictures from the founding year for the history page. If you have pictures please e-mail them to him at [lowcountryago@gmail.com](mailto:lowcountryago@gmail.com).

The new website has a member's area. To access click the area, hover your mouse over the Membership tab and select "Member Login." **The new password for 2020 is 20AGO20.**

## Facebook

Check out our Chapter **FACEBOOK group page** and "Like" us

Search The American Guild of Organists Low County Chapter #461 and join our group!



**Chapter Web Site** [www.lccago.org](http://www.lccago.org)

**National AGO Web Site** [www.agohq.org](http://www.agohq.org)

**Photo of Second Friday Recital at Carteret United Methodist Church in Beaufort:**



Michael Cole and Friends

Sub-Dean Beth Corry, Dr. Jason Wright and guest Elizabeth Vinton

Joined Michael and performed beautiful selections for organ, piano, and violin



**First Presbyterian Church  
presents  
Charles D. Frost, organist, in recital**



**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

**4:00 p.m.**

**at First Presbyterian Church**

**Program will feature works by  
Bach, Walther, Reger, Hailstork, Cherwien and others**

**The Public is invited to attend.  
Donations are appreciated.**

**First Presbyterian Church, HHI  
540 William Hilton Parkway  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928  
843.681.3696**



## Other Concert Events in our Area

### **Second Friday Recitals this Spring**

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| Mar. 13, 2020 | Nina Rodman and Friends<br>St. Luke's Church, Hilton Head Island                                       |
| Apr. 10, 2020 | Debby Graves and Beth Corry<br>St. Andrews United Methodist Church<br>Hilton Head Island (Good Friday) |
| May 8, 2020   | Chapter Concert by Members<br>Low Country Presbyterian Church, Bluffton                                |

### **Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort SC**

March 4 7:15 PM

#### Grove City College Touring Choir Choral Concert

Under the direction of Dr. Katherine Mueller, this auditioned ensemble seeks to praise and glorify God and to minister to others through the medium of music, striving together to achieve choral excellence. Join area alumni for this southern-most stop on the choir's tour! Works will be performed by Beethoven, Verdi, Tavener, Lauridson, Rutter and Moses Hogan.

March 14 6:00 PM

#### The King's Counterpoint

North Carolina Baroque Orchestra

Joined by world-renowned countertenor, Charles Humphries  
Handel's *Esther* (1732 edition)

March 27 Noon

Dr. Jack Mitchener

Friday Organ Recital Series

Jack Mitchener is recognized as one of the leading concert organists and teachers in his generation. He serves as Organist and Artist-in-Residence at the Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta; he is also professor of Organ, University Organist, Chairman of the Keyboard Department and Director of the Townsend-McAfee Institute of Church Music in the Townsend School of Music at Mercer University, as well as the dean of the nationally significant Atlanta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. This recital is not one you'll want to miss!!!

## Member Profile: Dr. Jason A. Wright



Chapter member Dr. Jason A. Wright has had an extensive career as an organist and music director at Protestant and Jewish Houses of Worship. He also has taught music at the elementary, secondary and college level. Jason has led community choral organizations and given private instruction to students wherever he has lived.

Jason has authored major publications in the fields of choral and organ performance.

Some of Jason's research interests include choral pedagogy and the aging singer; the lefthanded choral conductor; historical performance practice in choral performance; and ethics among church musicians.

Jason has an impressive academic background with a DMA in Choral Conducting from the University of South Carolina; a MM in Choral Conducting and Vocal Pedagogy from the University of North Carolina; and a BM in Sacred Music and Organ Performance from East Carolina University. He also is the recipient of Certificates and Diplomas from University of Notre Dame, Indiana University and UNC Greensboro.

## March 2020 Job Placement

(Local Jobs/ Substitute Organist and Directors)

Currently, the National AGO website is posting 4 jobs in Georgia and 3 jobs in South Carolina. Please check the national website for more information.

### Local Jobs

#### **First Baptist Church of Hilton Head**

Location: 100 South Forest Beach Drive, Hilton Head

Posting Date: February 19, 2020

Job starting date: Immediately

Title: Church Pianist

Job Type: Part-time

Minimum Education:

Minimum Experience: 10 years piano experience; 3 years church-related experience

Salary: \$125.00 - \$150.00 per week

Number of Weekly Services: 1

Number of Weekly Rehearsals: 2

Hours: 5 (maximum)

Ensembles:

Organ Description:

Benefits:

Contact Person: Rev. Richard Wade (843-785-4478)

**Scope of Position:** Responsible for playing for congregational services, special worship events, accompanying musical groups and assisting in other musical activities of the church.

#### **Primary Responsibilities:**

- Arrive prior to all scheduled worship services, special events and rehearsals to ensure timely start times for all events.
- Play for all services of the church, both regular and special as directed by the Minister of Music.
- Accompany choir rehearsals as directed by the Minister of Music.
- Serve as accompanist for ensembles and soloists as needed.
- Play offertory piano solos periodically for worship services.
- Inform the Minister of Worship of needed tuning or maintenance of piano.
- Adhere to church approved guidelines as set forth in First Baptist Church's Bylaws and Personnel Manual.
- Perform other duties as assigned.



- **Preferred Qualifications:**

- Have a consistent, growing relationship with God.
- Be committed to pursuing excellence through music for the glory of God.
- Strong organizational and interpersonal communications skills.
- 10 years of piano experience and 3 years of church-related experience.
- Ability to play medium to difficult choral music.
- Pleasant, professional, creative, and reliable in all aspects of their work and in their relationships with the church family and community including positive interactions with others and maintaining a professional demeanor, appearance, and attitude.
- Strong team spirit and a servant's heart.
- Ability to work well with volunteers in a service-oriented environment.

Our Chaplain, Richard McDonnell has told us there is a church in our area looking for someone to play the piano for worship services, one service a week. Pay is negotiable. Contact Editor Gil Campbell for further information.