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Greetings from your Dean

I hope everyone survived Lent and Easter intact; I was fortunate enough to observe and take part in some wonderful offerings the past three months. There's a lot of quality music in Hampton Roads.

Please mark your calendars for the James Kealey recital on Sunday, May 10, 4pm at Christ and St. Luke's Church as part of the Virginia Arts Festival.



Several people are rotating off our board this year. Might you have an interest in a two-year term? If so, please contact Brad Norris (brnmusic@netzero.net). I have enjoyed my years on the board, in service to the Tidewater Chapter members and the King of Instruments.

A happy and blessed springtime

Brad Norris, dean

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KEY: S=Services; W=Weddings; F=Funerals

Candlelight Concerts and Historic Organ Recitals May 2026

Candlelight Concerts at Bruton Parish

Saturday, May 2 @ 8:00 pm

Handbell Concert: A Celebration of Hymns

Bruton Parish Tarpley Ringers, Rebecca Davy, Director

Thursday, May 7 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital: A New Creation

JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, May 9 @ 8:00 pm

Youth Harp Recital

Williamsburg Youth Harp Society, Cynthia Campbell, Director

Thursday, May 14 @ 8:00 pm

Flute Ensemble Recital

Flute Forte from Richmond, Virginia, Susan Davis, Director

Saturday, May 16 @ 8:00 pm

Choral Concert

Madrigal Singers from Osbourne Park High School in Manassas, Virginia,
Dominick Izzo, Director

Thursday, May 21 @ 8:00 pm

Band Concert

York River Concert Band from Hampton Roads, Jeff Haney, Director

Saturday, May 23 @ 8:00 pm

Flute & Organ Recital

Christine Ertell, Flutist and Cheryl Van Ornam, Organist from Richmond, Virginia

Thursday, May 28 @ 8:00 pm

Organ Recital

John Lowe, Organist from St. Mary's on the Highlands in Birmingham, Alabama

Saturday, May 30 @ 8:00 pm

Mandolin with Organ & Harpsichord Recital

Carrera Stamile, Mandolinist; Rebecca Davy, Organ & Harpsichord

Historic Organ Recitals in the W&M Wren Chapel

Saturday, May 2, 10:00-10:30 am – Rebecca Davy, Organist

Saturday, May 9, 10:00-10:30 am – Rebecca Davy, Organist

Saturday, May 16, 10:00-10:30 am – Norman Elton, Organist

Saturday, May 23, 10:00-10:30 am – Rebecca Davy, Organist

Saturday, May 30, 10:00-10:30 am – Thomas Marshall, Organist

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

Galilee Church



Choral Evensong at Galilee Church.

Sunday, May 17th at 5:00pm

Featuring the adult and children's choirs of Galilee, as well as our new Chancel Organ.

Music of Finzi, Noble, Archer, and Messiaen.

The service will be followed by a reception and awards ceremony for the choristers receiving their RSCM medals.

All are welcome.

Galilee's Summer Music Series:

Wednesdays at noon from July 1st -22nd.

This summer's series will primarily feature our newly installed pipe organ in the Chancel, with varied programs including a Hymn Sing, an organ demonstration, and programs by both professional and parishioner talent.

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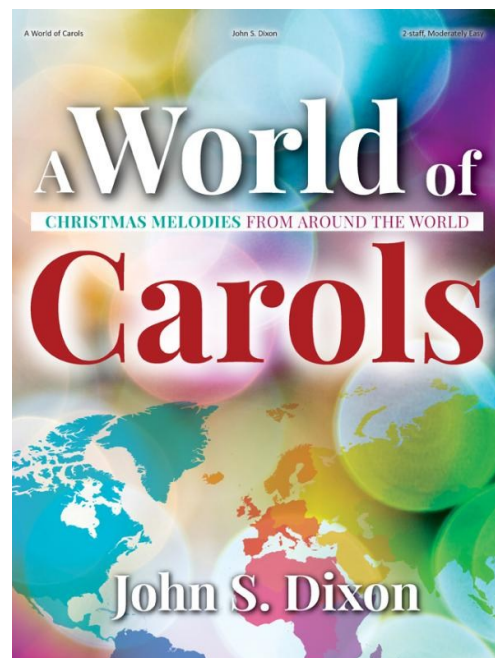
A World of Carols

Christmas Melodies from Around the World

John S. Dixon

Organ, 2-staff

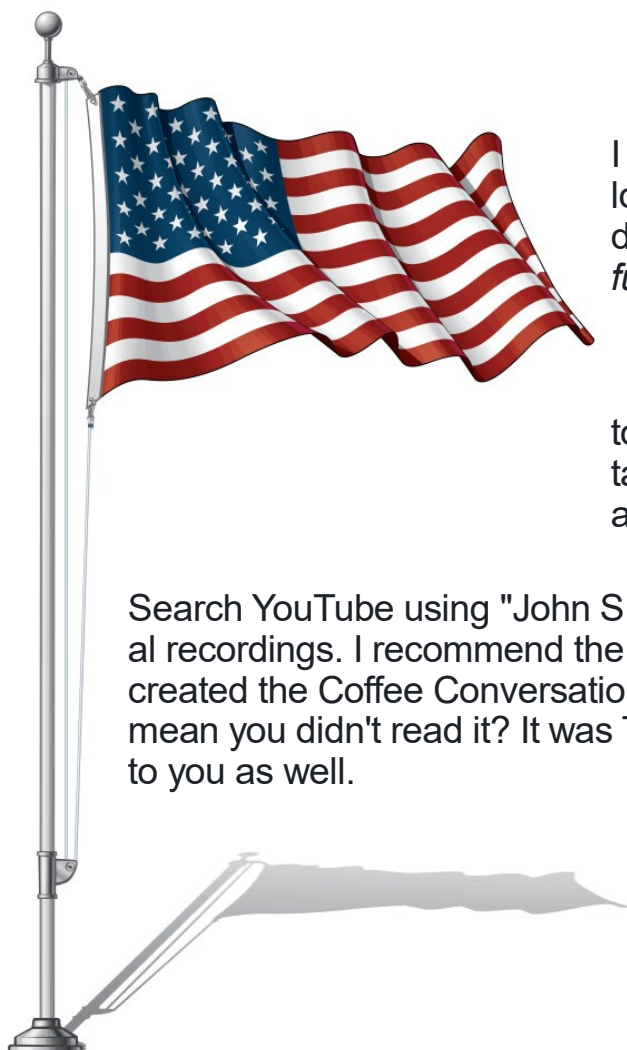
The title of this festive organ collection reflects the diverse origins of these beloved carols, drawn from a variety of international traditions. With melodies from the British Isles, Scandinavia, continental Europe, and North and South America, these vibrant settings from composer John S. Dixon are sure to provide fresh offerings for Christmas services and concerts.



Okay, so it's a collection of carols and we only just finished with Easter. But what better time to plan ahead for the end of the year? It will be here soon enough!

And this book makes a great birthday gift suggestion for the next few months if your family members are always complaining that you never give them ideas.

(Also available for download, if you prefer to store it on your iPad.)



I can also offer some free music - if anyone who is looking for patriotic music for this very special July 4th does NOT have my *Postlude on "America the Beautiful"* then please e-mail

info@JohnSDixon.com

to request a copy, and I shall send you a complimentary pdf - AND permission to use the music without any reporting.

Search YouTube using "John S Dixon Postlude on America the Beautiful" for several recordings. I recommend the recording posted by Alex Hodgkinson FRCO, who created the Coffee Conversation with me in the March edition of TAO. What do you mean you didn't read it? It was TWO pages long!!! Ask nicely and I shall send that to you as well.

Music at

ORGAN RECITAL & CHORAL EVENSONG

**MAY 31
4 PM**

**FREE &
OPEN TO PUBLIC**



Featuring guest organist
Geoffrey Bell

Director of Music at Trinity Lutheran Church, Newport News

Choral Repertoire:

COLLEGIUM REGALE EVENING CANTICLES | HERBERT HOWELLS (1892-1983)
PRECES & RESPONSES | PHILIP RADCLIFFE (1905-1986)
TE DEUM IN B-FLAT | CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD (1852-1924)

ORGAN RECITAL & CHORAL EVENSONG

Sung by the combined choirs of Trinity Episcopal Church (Portsmouth), St. Thomas Episcopal Church (Chesapeake), and St. Bride's Episcopal Church (Chesapeake)

**AUGUST 16
4 PM**

**FREE &
OPEN TO PUBLIC**



Choral Repertoire:

EVENING CANTICLES IN F | HERBERT BREWER (1865-1928)
PEPENBURY RESPONSES | RICHARD SHEPHARD (1949-2021)
AVE MARIA | FRANZ BIEBL (1906-2001)

Recital featuring guest organist
Julie Heard

Associate Organist at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Chesapeake

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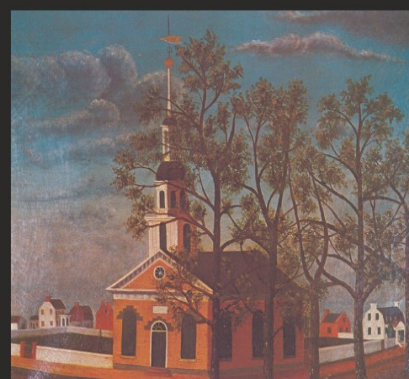
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Trinity

COLONIAL WORSHIP CHORAL MATINS

**JUNE 21
10:30 AM**

**RECEPTION TO
FOLLOW**



In celebration of America 250

Service sung by the Choir of Trinity Church
Colonial attire is welcome

PRECES & RESPONSES | RICHARD AYLEWARD (1626-1669)
MORNING CANTICLES IN B-FLAT | CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD (1852-1924)
BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER | SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY (1810-1876)

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CHRIST AND ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

Midday Music IV: ODU Collegium Musicum

Friday, April 24, 12:00pm

Our Midday Music series returns featuring the Collegium Musicum early music ensembles from Old Dominion University, led by Dr. Bianca Hall. This 45 minute concert will feature the ODU Baroque Quartet (flute, violin, viola da gamba, & bass) and the eight voice ODU Madrigal Singers. Free-will offering.

Ascension Day Hymn Festival at St. Paul's Church

Thursday, May 14, 7:00pm

The Choirs of St. Paul's, St. Andrew's, and Christ & St. Luke's join forces to celebrate the feast of the Ascension, 40 days after Easter when Jesus was lifted up into heaven! Charles Woodward, Stephen Leist, and Kevin Kwan, co-directors. This service will take place at St. Paul's Church, 201 St. Paul's Blvd, downtown Norfolk.

Midday Music V: New Commonwealth Quartet

Friday, May 22, 12:00pm

Our final Midday music of the season showcases the New Commonwealth String Quartet, comprising of violinists Elizabeth Coulter Vonderheide and Jonathan Richards, violist Matthew Umlauf, and cellist Elizabeth Meszaros, performing Beethoven's String Quartet No. 9 in C Major, Op. 59, No. 3, part of the "Razumovsky" cycle of string quartets. Join us for this 45 minute concert! Free-will offering.



The Virginia Arts Festival and Christ & St. Luke's are pleased to present concert organist

James Kealey on Sunday, May 10 at 4pm.

This is a great way to spend your Mother's Day afternoon!

James is the Director of Music and Fine Arts at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, and won both the First Prize and Audience Prize at the 2022 American Guild of Organists National Young Artist Competition.



His program will include:

Concert Overture No. 2 in C minor - Alfred Hollins

-Fantasie Chorale No. 1 in D-flat Major - Percy Whitlock

-Lullaby - Calvin Hampton

-On the name MAURICE DURUFLÉ - David Hurd

-Prelude, Adagio, et Choral Varie sur le Veni Creator, Op. 4

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Maurice Duruflé

Plus MORE!

Tidewater AGO members can get a discounted rate using the promo code AGO26 at the official

website: <https://vafest.org/tickets/2526/james-kealey/>

the discounted price will be reflected in the cart.





The Graif Foundation is excited to launch our fourth season and welcoming back master of the Unit Orchestra, Clark Wilson and the 1920 silent film classic, "The Mark of Zorro"

Clark Wilson is one of the most prominent and recognized scorers of silent photoplays in America today. He works exclusively with the unit orchestra in developing accurate and historic musical accompaniments as they were performed in major motion picture palaces during the heyday of the silent film.

Wilson began his scoring career in 1980 and has successfully toured with hundreds of film presentations at schools and universities, concert halls and performing arts centers, theatres, film festivals, and conventions. He is the organist of choice for many of the American Theatre Organ Society's international convention silent-film presentations, has performed at American Guild of Organists and Organ Historical Society conventions and the East Texas Pipe Organ Festival, and has scored pictures for Kino International for public DVD release. He currently enjoys creating scores for (and working with Suzanne Lloyd on the presentation of) classic Harold Lloyd comedies. His work has encompassed North America, Australia, and the United Kingdom.



Wilson was presented with the American Theatre Organ Society's Organist of the Year award in 1998. A successful organ technician, tonal finisher, and consultant, he runs his own organ shop and has been professionally involved with over 200 pipe organ installations to date. Most recently, he has headed projects to save and transplant a late Aeolian-Skinner instrument from Ohio State University, and to relocate a large Wurlitzer organ to Ohio Dominican University in Columbus. He has earned the ATOS Technician of Merit award, the first of only two persons ever to receive both ATOS distinctions.

SUNDAY, 26 APRIL 2026 at 4:00 P. M.

at the home of Sue & Joe Graif

SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY'S CHURCH MUSIC INSTITUTE

Week One: June 14–19, 2026 with Clinician Marianne Kim

Week Two: June 21–26, 2026 with Clinician Jan Kraybill

ORGAN & PIANO

Plus other church music topics led by specialists and clinicians!



Dr. Wayne L. Wold, Director
cmi@su.edu

su.edu/cmi

Shenandoah University's Church Music Institute

continues with this summer's annual conference.

Registrants may take for credit toward a Certificate in Church Music at either the grad or undergrad level, or they may choose to audit the sessions.

Primary focus this year is on keyboard skills and repertoire, but topics including choral rep, handbells, worship planning, and philosophy of church music will also be covered.

Guest clinician for Week One, June 14-19, is Marianne Kim, and for Week Two, June 21-16, we have Jan Kraybill.

Bios of the clinicians, weekly schedule, registration info, and more info about CMI can be found at www.su.edu/cmi. Contact CMI Director Wayne L. Wold at wwold@su.edu for further information.

Join us!



Job Openings

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WERE ALSO IN THE LAST FANFARE &
MAY HAVE BEEN FILLED.

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Email: fccc1883@gmail.com

Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church

Royster Presbyterian Church, in the Talbot Park neighborhood of Norfolk, is seeking a successor to Sharon Foxwell, who will retire from her position as our Music Director and Organist at the end of the year.

The church maintains a rich heritage of traditional worship over many decades. Dr. Charles Vogan had been our organist for two years when he founded the Tidewater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists in 1954.

The church has a three manual Moller organ of 43 ranks, rebuilt by the A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Company and totally overhauled within the past decade after a fire. A Steinway grand piano also graces the sanctuary.



These fine instruments support a church music program including a choir of 16 voices with four paid section leaders. We currently have one worship service each Sunday preceded by choir practice.

We plan on maintaining this full-time position with health benefits and competitive salary. Qualified candidates with the experience and ability to nurture and grow our music program are invited to contact Pastor Brian Harroff at (757) 423 8536.



Johns Memorial Episcopal Church in Farmville, VA is seeking a part-time organist/pianist to accompany weekly Sunday morning services. The position is available from November 2025. The successful candidate will have service-playing experience, with the ability to play hymns with proficiency and sensitivity, and excellent sight-reading skills. They should also have a passion for music ministry, and a strong sense of commitment to the Church. We seek a team player who works well with other staff and lay-people. The position will be under the supervision of the Rector and the Music Director.

[For the complete job description, click here.](#)

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, a video or audio recording with musical selections on played on both the piano and organ, and a list of references.

Please submit materials electronically to johnsmemorial400@gmail.com and the music director, Dr. Chris Swanson at.

swansoncl@longwood.edu.



John's Memorial Episcopal Church, Farmville, Va.

St. Bride's Anglo-Catholic Church

St. Bride's, located in Chesapeake, VA, is hiring for a part-time Organist-Choirmaster to play the organ, direct choir(s), and coordinate the church music program.

Primary instrument: two manual Pipe/Digital Hybrid Organ, 16 rank equivalent plus Chimes and Zimbelstern.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Be familiar with the Anglican liturgical style and its hymns and service music
- Be professionally qualified to play the organ and other musical instruments as required
- Possess leadership ability in order to direct choirs of various ages and other musicians as required for the music program



Core Responsibilities:

- Play organ for all regularly scheduled Sunday services and special scheduled services such as Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, The Epiphany, various Saints' Days, Easter Vigil, and the occasional Evensong and Benediction
- Provide leadership and accompaniment for congregational singing, choir, and occasional vocal and instrumental soloists
- Select hymns, service music, anthems, and voluntaries that align with the Revised Common Lectionary, using The Hymnal 1982 as a primary source
- Lead choir rehearsal(s) one night per week plus Sunday morning warm-up
- Provide music for weddings and funerals at addi-

tional compensation to be arranged with the appropriate parties

Supervisory Responsibilities:

- Attend worship and/or liturgy planning meetings with the Rector
- Maintain the music library, supplementing with new items as needed
- Arrange for maintenance of the church's musical instruments (organ, piano, etc.)
- Schedule supply organists as needed for vacation weeks
- Oversee the annual music budget

For more information or to apply, please email stbrideschurch@gmail.com with subject line: Organist.



Hickory Neck Episcopal Church

Hickory Neck Episcopal Church, in Toano, VA, is seeking a passionate and skilled Minister of Music to lead and grow our vibrant music ministry. This position is both pastoral and musical, nurturing the spiritual life of the congregation through excellence in worship and a welcoming, Christ-centered presence.

About the Role

The Minister of Music will:

- Lead worship through organ, piano, and choir direction at our 10:00 a.m. Sunday service.
- Direct and nurture the Parish Choir and Choral Scholars (students from William & Mary).
- Oversee all aspects of the music ministry, including hymn and anthem selection, budget planning, music library, and instrument care.
- Provide music leadership for major liturgical seasons (Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, etc.), as well as weddings, funerals, and special services.
- Recruit, inspire, and develop new and existing ensembles, including a Chorister Program and annual summer Choir Camp.
- Collaborate with clergy, staff, and parishioners to offer creative, meaningful worship experiences.

Qualifications

- Proficiency in organ, piano, and choral direction.
- Bachelor of Music (preferred) with 5+ years' experience in church music ministry.
- Ability to lead blended worship, drawing from traditional, gospel, and contemporary sacred music.
- Strong organizational skills, pastoral sensitivity, and a collaborative spirit.

What We're Looking For



We seek a Minister of Music who is warm, enthusiastic, and welcoming—someone who views music as a ministry and not just a performance. Flexibility and openness to innovation will help this leader thrive in our parish.

This is a part-time, salaried position with additional income opportunities for weddings and funerals.

If you feel called to join us in making joyful music for the glory of God and the growth of God's people, we would love to hear from you.

To apply: Please send a cover letter and résumé to hr@hickoryneck.org

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Carin Brackin, Organist & Director of Music

Tidewater Chapter, AGO

Scholarship Awards

The Tidewater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is still offering scholarships for the 2025-2026 season. The scholarships in the amount of \$250 each, will be awarded to students currently studying with a member of the AGO.

Students need not be members of the American Guild of Organists, but membership is encouraged.

Students from grades 5 through College undergraduate school are eligible, and the award will be effective from now through the summer of 2026.

Applications will be considered as they come in; the current deadline is in the spring, at the end of the 2026 academic year. Every student who applies and meets the criteria will be awarded a scholarship, until funding limits are reached.

This very important resource is designed not only to provide financial aid, but to encourage young musicians to study the organ, so piano students wishing to explore the organ are also encouraged to utilize this opportunity.

To apply, please send the following information to Michael Regan at <reganmg@aol.com>.

Name of student

Name of parent/guardian

Contact information, including to where scholarship awards may be sent.

Current grade

Name of teacher

Teacher's contact information

If you have any organ students, or piano students that might be interested, or know Piano teachers that you could pass this along to, this is an excellent opportunity for someone who has never played the organ to try it out with a few free lessons. One of our goals is to promote organ music and organ study, and there are few places, if any, in this country where there is a need for organists, and none available. Please pass this opportunity along to whomever you can think of!!



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Enjoy these stunning pieces that explore the magic of the cosmos
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May 9 - 4 PM

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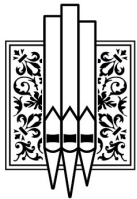


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