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Greetings from your Board

Here we go with the second half of our year.

In the midst of disturbing national and world news, I recently found two musical oases: Daniel Stipe playing Messiaen at Christ and St. Luke's on January 16, and the choral reading session at

Eastern Shore Chapel on January 17. Dr. Mary Beth Bennett's compiling and directing, Holly Sunderland's accompanying, and the able singing of Eastern Shore Chapel's choir made for a most satisfying morning. Holly sent out recordings of those anthems (see page 3)

-- maybe give them a listen.

Live musical performances are, I think, so important to our well-being. I hope we can attend as many as possible.



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

Dear AGO colleagues and friends,

On Saturday, January 17, the Tidewater Chapter program committee offered a wonderful choral reading session led by Dr. Mary Beth Bennett.

Though many of you could not attend, we thought that you might enjoy listening to links of existing performances of the pieces that the Eastern Shore Chapel Parish Choir (Holly Sunderland, director) and the AGO members in attendance enjoyed. There was something for everyone. Hope to see you at future programs.

1. [The ANNUNCIATION](#) Peter Latona
2. [MAGNIFICAT](#) Leo Nester
3. [O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM](#) David N. Childs
4. [BLESSED](#) Paul D. Weber
5. [DO NOT BE AFRAID](#) Philip Stopford
6. [THE MEDITATIONS OF MY HEART](#) Elaine Hagenberg
7. [O LUX BEATISSIMA](#) Howard Helvey
8. [THY NAME IS LOVE](#) James Watkins
9. [THE TIME FOR TURNING](#) Craig Courtney (?)
10. [A SCOTTISH BLESSING](#) David Blackwell
11. [OSE SHALOM](#) John Leavitt
12. [WHEN JESUS WEPT](#) Philip L. Roberts
13. [GETHSEMANE PRAYER](#) Jeffrey Honore
14. [CANTATE DOMINO](#) Michael John Trotta

Holly Sunderland

Secretary, Tidewater Chapter, AGO



Epiphany Service of Light

Sunday, February 1, 5:30pm

A candlelit service sung by our Parish Choir featuring the three wonders of the light-filled season: Christ revealed to the Magi at the Epiphany, Christ revealed in the waters of Baptism, and the New Creation revealed in the water made wine.

Treblefest Evensong

Sunday, February 15, 5:00pm

Our Choristers join other regional choristers in an uplifting service of Choral Evensong celebrating our youngest singers.

Midday Music III: Bach & Handel

Friday, February 27, 12:00pm

We celebrate our new chamber organ with an organ concerto of Handel and Bach Cantata 82 with bass soloist John Irving and the New Commonwealth Quartet.

The British Are Coming!

Sunday, March 1, 4:00pm

The Annual Allen Shaffer Concert featuring music from the United Kingdom. Melinda Van Niel sings songs of Howells and Britten's *A Charm of Lullabies*, Jeff Phelps and Stephen Coxe perform Britten's *Cello Sonata*, and tenor Scott Crissman, pianist Stephen Coxe, and the New Commonwealth Quartet perform Ralph Vaughan Williams song cycle *On Wenlock Edge*.

Botetourt Chamber Singers

Friday, March 27, 7:00pm

The Botetourt Chamber Singers are William & Mary's premier chamber choral ensemble under the direction of Dr. Michelle Kwok, performing both sacred and secular music from Bach, Rheinberger, Gibbs, and more.

Service of Tenebrae

Sunday, March 29, 5:30pm

Our special Holy Week offering includes this ancient service of shadows, or darkness, on the afternoon of Palm Sunday.

Midday Music IV: ODU Collegium Musicum

Friday, April 24, 12:00pm

Featuring the Collegium Musicum early music ensemble from Old Dominion University led by Dr. Bianca Hall.

Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church

Rev. Shawn Malarkey, Rector

Rev. Jean Vinson, Associate Rector

Laetare Sunday Concert

March 15, 2026 4:00 p.m.



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Bruton Parish

Candlelight Concerts & Historic Organ Recitals

February 2026

Candlelight Concerts in Bruton Parish

Saturday, February 7 @ 7:00 pm

Organ Recital: Music of Consolation & Jubilation
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Thursday, February 12 @ 7:00 pm

Wind Ensemble Concert
USAF Langley Wind Ensemble

Saturday, February 14 @ 7:00 pm

Organ & Harpsichord Recital
Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist at Bruton Parish

Saturday, February 21 @ 7:00 pm

Organ Recital
Cheryl Van Ornam, Organist at First Church of Christ, Scientist in Richmond, Virginia

Saturday, February 28 @ 7:00 pm

Organ Recital: Spirituals to Celebrate Black History Month
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

Please note that the Candlelight Concerts will begin at 7:00 p.m. until Daylight Savings Time

Historic Organ Recitals in the W & M Wren Chapel

Saturday, February 7, 10:00-10:30 am – Rebecca Davy, Organist
Saturday, February 14, 10:00-10:30 am – Thomas Marshall Organist
Saturday, February 21, 10:00-10:30 am – Rebecca Davy, Organist
Saturday, February 28, 10:00-10:30 am – Norman Elton, Organist

Freewill offerings are gratefully received.

Rebecca Davy, Music Director & Organist, Dr. JanEl Will, Organist
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Connect with Ryan-Michael Blake at rmblake@flcnorfolk.com for more information."

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 Evening song 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

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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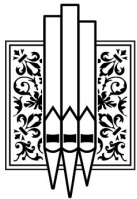
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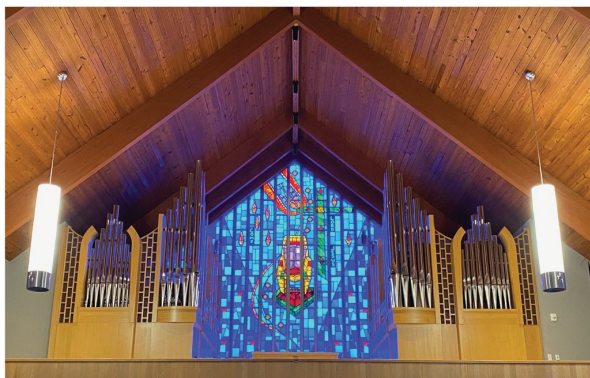
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