

November 2024

## From the Dean

Thank you to everyone who attended our October meeting with Dr. Bradley Welch. I especially want to thank Jamie Garvey for hosting the program and Mark Dickens for all the work he did to make it a success! It was an interesting and informative program that explored various facets of accompanying choral anthems on the organ. Everyone who came learned at least one new thing they could add to their accompanying skills.

I hope you will be able to attend our November program entitled "Encores: Favorite Preludes and Postludes." It will be held at First Baptist Church in Augusta on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are like me, it's always fun to find "new" pieces to add to our repertoire. A master list of all the submitted pieces will be handed out that evening.

It's not too late to send me the names of a few of your favorite prelude and postlude pieces. I'm especially interested in highlighting compositions that aren't as well known. Let me know if you would like to perform one of them at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at our November program!

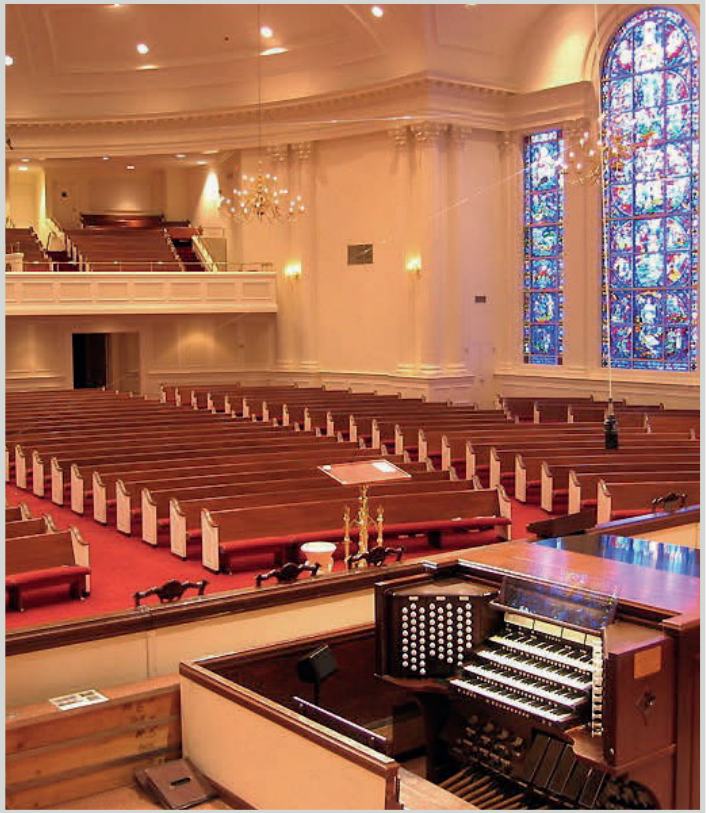
Sincerely,

W. Leigh Fleury, DMA - Dean

# Encores: Favorite Preludes and Postludes!

Monday, November 18th - 6pm  
First Baptist Church, Augusta  
3500 Walton Way

Our November meeting will begin in the Dennis Building (main office directly behind sanctuary) at 6pm with a meal catered by Wifesaver. This will be followed by a 7pm program of favorite pieces for the beginning and ending of worship services. Our dean, Dr. Leigh Fleury will be presenting the program with your help. Please submit titles of your congregation's favorites, and consider playing one to demonstrate. Practice time at the church's Schantz organ can be arranged through Mark Dickens, church organist at [markdickens81@icloud.com](mailto:markdickens81@icloud.com).



Meal: Pot Roast with vegetables, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Corn Muffins, Yeast Rolls, and Banana Pudding (\$15) Catered by Wifesaver. RSVP [markdickens81@icloud.com](mailto:markdickens81@icloud.com)

## Chris Leysath in Recital



“Miniature Miracles”, pieces under 6 minutes in length. Music by JS Bach, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, John Ireland, Florence Price, Fela Sowande, and more.

Sunday, November 10th - 3pm  
St. John United Methodist Church  
Augusta, GA



## Solemn Choral EVENSONG For All the Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 3rd  
125 Pendleton St. SW, Aiken, SC

### **4:30pm Recital: Ken Courtney, organist**

Chaconne - Louis Couperin (c. 1626-1661), Trans. By Joseph Bonnet

Berceuse, 24 Pieces in Free Style, Book 2 - Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

March Upon a Theme of Händel, Op. 15, No. 2 - Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Pie Jesu, from Requiem in D minor, Op. 48 - Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924), arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Carillon de Westminster, Op. 54, No. 6 - Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

### **5pm Service:**

Preces and Responses - Robin Stopford

Evening Canticles - Geoffrey Shaw

Anthem - Grant Them Rest Eternal, O Lord - Greene  
(during which the necrology will be read)

## Evensong Recitalist, Kenneth Courtney

Ken Courtney received his Bachelor of Music degree, Cum Laude, in Organ Performance from the University of Memphis, and his Master of Music degree in Organ Performance from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He has also studied choral conducting and group vocal techniques at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey. Mr. Courtney was inducted into Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Music Fraternity, Theta Rho Chapter, at UM, and Pi Kappa Lambda, National Music Honor Society, at UL.



Having served Presbyterian Churches in the South since 1979, Mr. Courtney was the Director of Music/Organist at Aiken's First Presbyterian Church, August 1988 - July 2016, where he directed an active Music Ministry that included the Midday Music Concert Series. In addition to his position at First Presbyterian Church, he was an adjunct faculty member at the University of South Carolina Aiken, where he taught Organ, World Music, and Introduction to Music, in the Visual and Performing Arts Department.

Mr. Courtney has served as Dean, Sub-Dean and Secretary of the Augusta Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, a member of the Executive Board of PAM, and as President of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. He has also served on the Leadership Program for Musicians National Board, and as Conference Director for the 2010 PAM Montreat Worship and Music Conference and the 2015 PAM/MO-Ranch Worship and Music Conference. Most recently, he served as the Registrar for the Southeast Region AGO Convention, hosted by the Augusta Chapter, in June 2023. Mr. Courtney has played concerts in most of the Southeastern states as organ soloist, and harpsichord with the Continuo Collective of the South and the Aiken Civic Orchestra.

Although Mr. Courtney is retired, he keeps active in music ministry by serving as a substitute or interim organist and/or choir director in the Aiken, Augusta and Columbia areas.





## All Saints' EVENSONG

Sunday, 3 November 2024 at 5:30 pm

Music of Richard Shephard, John Rutter, and Henry Ley

Reception Following in the River Room

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 605 Reynolds Street



## Vigil for National Life

Prayer Service and Eucharist

Monday, November 4th at 6pm

St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church

125 Pendleton St. SW, Aiken, SC



**Tuesday's  
Music Live**

Seipp Williams

Trumpet & Organ Duo

November 5th, 12pm

St. Paul Episcopal Church

Augusta, GA

Free Admission

# Substitute Organists Available

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**Brad Cunningham** 706-414-7007  
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**Dan Hardin** 954-593-0085  
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## Harpsichord for Sale \$2,000

From Estate of Dale Hesse. Needs some work.

**Janet Hesse**  
[dhessefam@aol.com](mailto:dhessefam@aol.com)



7th - John Crosby

19th - Lyn Patterson

24th - Kathleen Cartledge

## 2024-2025 AGO Meeting Schedule

**November 18th - 7pm** - Encores: Favorite Preludes and Postludes  
First Baptist Church, Augusta. 6pm Meal

**January 6th - 6:30pm** - Epiphany Party at home of Don Dupee

**February 9th** - Hymn Festival

**March 17th - 7pm** - Choral Workshop with Dr. Alicia Walker  
Aldersgate United Methodist Church. 6pm Meal

**May 12th** - Guild Service

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