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21 *First Tune* **Christmas**
FOREST GREEN 76. 86. D. English Melody arr. by
In moderate time R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS, 1906

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is giv'n!

Christmas Carol Survey: What's your fave?

If you have visited any kind of retail outlet recently, you have heard Christmas songs played non-stop. Love it or hate it, this seasonal tradition does affirm the importance, maybe even the power, of Christmas music. If you work in retail, well, we all feel for you! One retail worker recently wrote, *"Christmas songs are annoying, and forcing retail workers to listen to them on repeat for two months should be considered musical torture."* (And apparently musical torture is a real thing! [click here for more.](#))

In an effort to recapture a more positive feeling toward Christmas music, we are conducting our own **AGOLex Christmas Carol Survey!** What is your very favorite Christmas (or Advent) hymn/carol? To vote, **reply to this email** with your choice and please, vote for *only one*. If you reply quickly, we know someone who knows someone whose brother is tight with Santa and we'll put in a good word for you. – Michael & Nancy

Results of the survey will be revealed in the January newsletter

RECENT AGO EVENTS

Our trip to Union Church and Berea College on November 2 was well attended; we were greeted with plenty of sunshine and a warm welcome from our hosts, AGOLex member Larry Brandenburg, and Berea College faculty member, Madeline Rogers. Thank you, Larry and Madeline!



Clockwise from upper left: Gwen and Don Frazier playing an organ/piano duet at Union Church; Allen Fletcher and Schuyler Robinson at the Steiner-Reck console; Larry Brandenburg demonstrating the 1984 Steiner-Reck chapel organ; Cowan Chapel at Union Church



Clockwise from upper left: Lunch at Boone Tavern; portrait hanging in the Presser Music Building at Berea College of faculty member; carillonneur and former AGO dean John Courter; Schuyler Robinson playing the Möller organ in Phelps Stokes Chapel; Danforth Chapel at the college



Clockwise from upper left: Presser Hall at Berea College; the Holtkamp tracker organ; Madeline Rogers playing the Presser Hall Steinway; Xiaoyu Ouyang at the Holtkamp console

UPCOMING AGO EVENTS

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT AGO EVENTS!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 12:00p: Lunch and Workshop with James Kibbie at Christ Church Cathedral, 166 Market Street, Lexington, KY 40507

James Kibbie will present a 60-minute workshop on Bach performance practice, including some of the recently-authenticated works as well as Orgelbüchlein. He is a leading expert on Bach performance practice. *The workshop will be at 1pm.*



Lunch will be available at a nominal cost at 12:00 noon at Christ Church.

If you plan to attend the lunch, please sign up by December 30:

Text or call and leave a message (please include your name)
to Nancy Dunn at 859-333-0526, or respond to this email

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 4:00p: James Kibbie Recital and Rededication of the Dirksen Portativ Organ at Christ Church Cathedral



At the center of Kibbie's recital will be the Dirksen portativ organ. The instrument has been delivered to Christ Church Cathedral following a complete and superb restoration by Buzard Pipe Organ Builders, Champaign, Illinois.

The organ was gifted to the Cathedral by the Dirksen family. Since the early 1950s, it has spent its life at Washington National Cathedral. The organ was built by Richard Watson Dirksen, grandfather of Rick and Mark Dirksen and father of Richard Wayne Dirksen, Organist and Choirmaster, and Precentor at Washington National Cathedral. The pipework was made by the Aeolian-Skinner Organ Company.

<https://rwdirksen.com/life-times/the-dirksen-portative-organ/>

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 3:00p: Owen Tellinghuisen Recital at First Presbyterian Church, 174 N. Mill St., Lexington, KY 40507



Owen won the young organist competition at last year's regional convention and represented the Great Lakes region as its Rising Star at the National AGO Convention in San Francisco this past summer. He is a long-time member of the Grand Rapids chapter AGO.

To whet your appetite for February's event, [click here](#).

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 11:30a: Post-Easter Celebratory Lunch (TBA)

Let's get together after Easter and heave a collective sigh of relief (and perhaps swap some scary Easter stories!)

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 7:00p: Andrew Johnson Recital at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 533 East Main St., Lexington, KY 40508

Andrew was a finalist in this past summer's National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP). He has already earned his AAGO and ChM certifications, winning the award for the highest marks on the ChM exam.



MORE LOCAL EVENTS

Sunday, December 1, 5:00pm - Lexington Chamber Chorale at Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington: "The Power of Singing: Festive Holidays"

lexingtonchamberchorale.org/

Friday, December 6 - Christ Church Cathedral

7:30pm - G.F. Handel's "Messiah" with guest soloists, the Cathedral Choir and the Lexington Baroque Ensemble

For ticket reservations, visit ccclex.org/messiah

Sunday, December 8 - Christ Church Cathedral

4:00pm - Blue Christmas with Pleasant Company

Sunday, December 15 - Christ Church Cathedral

6:30pm - Organ Prelude: Lisa Hall, Assistant Cathedral Organist

7:00pm - A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols with the Cathedral Choir

Sunday, December 22 - Christ Church Cathedral

4:00pm - Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" with the Cathedral Girls Choir, Rachel Renee Miller, harp

Hungarian Dance featuring music by Dohnányi and Brahms with Amadeus Lex:

Thursday, January 9, 7:00pm - Union Church, Berea

Friday, January 10, 7:00pm - St Mark Catholic Church, Richmond

Saturday, January 11, 7:00pm - St. Raphael Episcopal Church, Lexington, KY

<https://www.amadeuslex.com/home>

Sunday, February 16 - Christ Church Cathedral

3:30pm - Concert - Altissimo String Quartet, Lexington, Kentucky

4:00pm - Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7:30pm - Cincinnati Museum Center, featuring the 1929 E.M. Skinner

Organ in the rotunda:

Jean-Baptiste Robin, with Xavier University Concert Choir

cincymuseum.org

Sunday, March 9, 5:00pm - Lexington Chamber Chorale

Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY

"The Power of Singing: Poetry and Music"

<http://lexingtonchamberchorale.org/>

Sunday, March 16 - Christ Church Cathedral

3:30pm - Concert - Hayden Ives-Glasgow, organ, Indiana University

4:00pm - Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

Sunday, April 13 - Christ Church Cathedral

4:00pm - Gabriel Faure's Requiem with the Cathedral Choir, organ and orchestra

Wednesday, April 30, 7:30pm - Cincinnati Museum Center, featuring the 1929 E.M.

Skinner Organ in the rotunda: Bryan Anderson, with Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra
Principal Flute, Randolph Bowman

Cincymuseum.org

MISCELLANY



WELCOME NEW MEMBER CHRIS WEISS!

Chris is the Music Minister at South Elkhorn Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on Harrodsburg Road in Lexington. Chris writes, "I am a guitarist, composer, and choral conductor with a lifetime in church music. I hold a BA from Asbury University and an MM in Sacred Music from the University of Kentucky. You can also find me performing with my guitar in and around Lexington for music lovers."



WOMAN COMPOSER SUNDAY WILL BE MARCH 9, 2025

In 2021 the Society of Women Organists inaugurated Woman Composer Sunday, when organists and choral directors are encouraged to include a piece by a woman composer in that day's church service, and/or post a performance on social media. Woman Composer Sunday is now a collaboration with the Royal College of Organists and the AGO.

INTERESTED IN AGO MEMBERSHIP? OR (OOPS) FORGOT TO PAY YOUR DUES? Click here: [Join AGO](#) or contact AGO Headquarters at 212-870-2310. The AGO has a new website which is very attractive and more user-friendly than the previous one: [agohq.org/](#) When you attempt to sign in to the new site for the first time you will receive instructions on how to create a new login and password.

ADD THOSE COVETED AGO LETTERS AFTER YOUR NAME!
For more information on AGO exams and certification, [click here](#)

TREAT YOURSELF and attend one (or both) 2025 Regional AGO Conventions this coming summer. . .

The West Region will host a convention in Phoenix, AZ, June 16-19, and the Southwest Region's convention will be in Fort Worth, TX, June 30-July 3. For more information:
[Regional Conventions](#)



ORGANISTS WANTED!

The Bluegrass Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society (BG ATOS) is looking for more organists willing to play the organ at the Kentucky Theatre on Friday nights and, next summer, for their Wednesday Classic Movie series. If you are interested please contact Bill Webber at 859.298.8962 or williamwebberiv@gmail.com

For more about the Kentucky:
kentuckytheatre.org

JOB OPENINGS

Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Lexington:

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Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, and other occasional services
Wednesday evening choral rehearsal
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Send resume to Wayne Gebb, Minister of Music, wwgebb@gmail.com

[posted 8/1/24]

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster:

Our church is searching for a part time organist/pianist starting immediately. This position is for Sunday worship and special events. Pay is negotiable. Musicians will have the option of playing a 2 manual pipe organ or a baby grand piano.

Interested parties may contact Donna Powell dmpowell44@roadrunner.com or Kitty Barsotti barsotti@windstream.net

[posted 9/1/24]

Second Presbyterian Church, Louisville:

Organist and Assistant Director of Worship & Music (Full Time)

[Full description](#)

[posted 10/1/24]



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GREAT MUSIC

at Christ Church Cathedral
December 2024

George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:30pm

The Cathedral Choir and guest soloists
with the Lexington Baroque Ensemble

For Ticket Reservations, visit ccclcx.org/messiah



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00pm

The Cathedral Choir

Organ Prelude at 6:30pm

Childcare is available.

Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

4:00pm

A Ceremony of Carols
by Benjamin Britten
The Cathedral Girls Choir
Rachel Renee Miller, *harp*



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*Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY
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2024-2025



Concerts & Evensongs

3:30pm Concert

4:00pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

September 29, November 3,
February 16, March 16, May 18

Friday, December 6

7:30pm George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*
with the Cathedral Choir

For tickets, visit cccllex.org/messiah



Sunday, December 15

7:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
with the Cathedral Choir

Sunday, December 22

4:00pm Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*
The Cathedral Girls Choir
Rachel Renee Miller, *harp*

Sunday, January 12

4:00pm Dirksen Organ Rededication Concert
Jame Kibbie, *organ*



Palm Sunday, April 13

4:00pm Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*
with the Cathedral Choir

Please visit our website cccllex.org/music for more
information on the Cathedral Choir, Great Music Series,
and Friends of Cathedral Music.

HUMORESQUE

Build your vocabulary
with these award-winning neologisms!

Decafalon (n): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

Dopeler effect (n): The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

Beelzebug (n): Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at 3:00 a.m. and cannot be cast out.

Caterpallor (n): The color you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.

Flabbergasted (adj): Appalled at how much weight you have gained.

Negligent (adj): Describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.



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is to foster a thriving community of musicians who share their knowledge and inspire passion
for the organ, and its vision is to engage, support, and uplift every organist.