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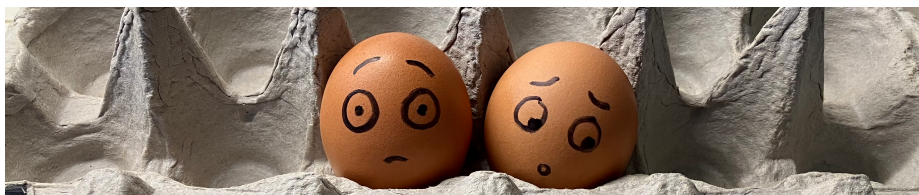
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# Principal Pipings

## WORRIED ABOUT A PERFORMANCE?



Have you ever found yourself in a “worry loop” you just can’t seem to shake? Perhaps you have a big performance or audition coming up, or maybe you just haven’t had any time at all to prepare for a Sunday worship service. Sometimes our “radar” for things that *could* go wrong is [turned up to 11](#).

Performance psychologist and Julliard faculty member Noa Kageyama recently addressed this issue in a newsletter. Dr. Kageyama mentions (among others) one “ridiculously simple” tactic for breaking this worry cycle: “take a moment to pause and ask yourself . . . do I feel like continuing? Chances are, you’ll find it easier at that point to stop the cycle and move on.” Another “classic psychologist worry hack” is to write down the things that are worrying you and schedule a time on your calendar to worry about them. Studies suggest this really does work to keep worries from intruding into your thoughts. To find out why these methods are effective, and discover other ways to deal with worry, read more [here](#).

- Michael & Nancy

*“Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight.” -Benjamin Franklin*

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# RECENT AGO EVENTS

## DINNER AND QUIZ NIGHT, Friday, August 22



Many thanks to **Mattilda Middleton** who planned, hosted, cooked and presided at the Dinner and Quiz Night on August 22. Attendees were treated to lasagna, macaroni & cheese, pizza, lots of fruit, veggies, bread, and fabulous fresh tomatoes from Wanda Deaton's garden - followed by a plethora of delicious dessert options.

The music-themed Quiz was the highlight of the evening. Four teams, the **Orga-Knights**, the **BWV** team, the **Clara Schumann** team, and **A435** battled valiantly for the honor of winning first place. In the heat of the conflict, scoring may have been a bit haphazard, and (depending on whom you ask) it was not really clear who finally won!





## UPCOMING AGO EVENTS

**Sunday, September 21 through Sunday,  
September 28: “In One A-Chord”:  
Lexington Sacred Music Festival,**  
in celebration Lexington's 250th  
anniversary



**Sunday, September 21: “Many Voices in One A-Chord”**

All Lexington churches, synagogues, chapels, sanctuaries, houses of prayer and places of peace are encouraged to include the new composition, “Rejoice,” by composer Johnie Dean in their liturgies on September 21. This choral project is headed by Everett McCorvey. (For more info and music downloads: [in one a-chord](#))

**Sunday, September 21, 12:00-12:30 p.m. “Ring In the Inaugural Lexington Sacred Music Festival”**

Around the 12 noon hour, ring a bell, tap a gong, clap pan lids, let church bells ring; do whatever you as an individual or place of worship can do to ring in the new and exciting week of sacred music!

**Sunday, September 21 - Christ Church Cathedral**  
3:30pm - Concert: Schuyler Robinson, organ  
4:00pm - Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

*The following In One A-Chord events are free, but registration is requested.  
To register or view additional events, please click here: [in one a-chord](#)*

**Monday, September 22, 10:30 a.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Chapel**  
“Celebrating the Flute through Well-loved Hymns and Spirituals” featuring the Lexington Flute Quartet

**Tuesday, September 23, 11:00 a.m. - First Presbyterian Church, Chapel**  
“J. S. Bach through the Sound of Classical Guitar” featuring Dieter Hennings-Yeomans

**Tuesday, September 23, 12:00 p.m. - Good Shepherd Episcopal Church**

*“Magnificat: The Song of Mary through the Ages”* featuring Alicia McCorvey and the Good Shepherd Choir under the direction of Mattilda Middleton

**Tuesday, September 23, 6:30 p.m.** - Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church

*“A Concert of Sacred Song”* featuring soloists Cynthia Lawrence and Mark Calkins, Will Jones, clarinetist Doug Kalika, pianists Susan Carey, Robin Morrill, and Loren Tice, organists Cade Dundon and Dorothy Tice, and the Chancel Choir under the direction of Ted Gentry.

**Thursday, September 25, 10:30 a.m.** - Central Christian Church

*“Baroque to Contemporary: Sacred Organ Music”* featuring Grant Holcomb

**Thursday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.** - Second Presbyterian Church

*“How Can I Keep from Singing?”* featuring the Covenant Choir under the direction of Gary Anderson

**Friday, September 26, 12:30 p.m.** - St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church

*“Singing in the Spirit: The African and African American Musical Heritage”* featuring Dr. Kathy Bullock [more info/register here](#)

**Saturday, September 27, 1:00 p.m.** - First Presbyterian Church, Chapel

*“Shape Note Singing through the Sacred Harp Tune Book”* featuring the Appalachian Association of Sacred Harp Singers

**Saturday, September 27, 6:00 p.m.** - First Presbyterian Church, Sanctuary

*“With a Piano As My Altar”* featuring the virtuosic hymn arrangements of Tedrin B. Lindsay

**Sunday, September 28, 1:00 p.m.** - First Presbyterian Church, Chapel

*“Hymn of Thanksgiving and Sacred Sonatas”* featuring violinist Dan Mason

**Sunday, September 28, 2:30 p.m.** - Cathedral of Christ the King

*“Faure Requiem”* with the University of Kentucky Chorale under the direction of Jefferson Johnson





## UPCOMING AGO EVENTS, Continued

**October (TBA)** - Silent Film with organ accompaniment at The Kentucky Theatre, 214 East Main St., Lexington 40507  
A joint program with the Bluegrass Chapter, American Theatre Organ Society (BGATOS)

**Saturday, November 22, 4:00** - Members' Recital: "Music for the Holidays: Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, New Year's, and Epiphany," First Presbyterian Church, Lexington

**Saturday, February 14, 2026** - Lunch and Masterclass with Huw Lewis, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

**Sunday, February 15, 2026** - Huw Lewis concert, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

**Saturday, March 28, 2026** - The Bach Marathon is back! St. Raphael Episcopal Church, Lexington

**Saturday, May 2, 2026** - Organ/Choir Festival, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington

## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

**Sunday, September 14, 11:00 a.m.** - Troy Presbyterian Church 150<sup>th</sup> Year of Ministry Celebration - 11021 Troy Pike, Versailles, KY 40383  
[troychurchky.org](http://troychurchky.org)

**Sunday, October 5, 2:30 p.m.** - Southern Hills United Methodist Church,  
Lexington, James Humlong in Recital

Amadeus Lex: "*Suite Hébraïque*":

**Saturday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.** - Carrick Theater, Transylvania University

**Sunday, October 5, 3:00 p.m.** - First United Methodist Church, Frankfort

**Monday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.** - Union Church, Berea

**Sunday, October 12, 5:00pm** - Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington

Lexington Chamber Chorale: "How Can I Keep from Singing: Let's  
Celebrate Our 35 Years"

<http://lexingtonchamberchorale.org/>

**Sunday, October 19** - Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

3:30pm - Concert: Scott Wright, clarinet

4:00pm - Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

**Sunday, November 2** (All Saints' Day) - Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

3:30pm - Concert - Rachel Renee Miller, harp

4:00pm - All Souls Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

**Sunday, November 30, 5:00pm** - Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington

Lexington Chamber Chorale: "How Can I Keep from Singing:  
Sounds of the Season"

<http://lexingtonchamberchorale.org/>

**Friday, December 5** - Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

7:30pm - G.F. Handel's Messiah with Emily Albrink, *soprano*, Joseph  
Kingbury, *countertenor*, Samuel Powless, *tenor*, Craig Price, *bass*

For ticket reservations, visit [ccclex.org/messiah](http://ccclex.org/messiah).

**Sunday, December 7** - Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

4:00pm - Blue Christmas with Pleasant Company

**Sunday Evening, December 7, 7:00 p.m.** - First Presbyterian Church, Lexington

Kentucky Bach Choir Winter Concert: "Mary Bears a Promise"

[kentuckybachchoir](http://kentuckybachchoir)



**Sunday, December 14** - Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

6:30pm - Organ Prelude

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

**Sunday, December 21** - Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington

4:00pm - Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*

with the Cathedral Girls Choir, Rachel Renee Miller, harp

## MEET OUR NEW MEMBER

### MEET SCOTT ROBERTS . . .

A native of Macon, Georgia, Scott Roberts earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organ from Bob Jones University. As a graduate student at Florida State University, he earned Master of Music degrees in Music Theory and Organ, as well as a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Music Theory, where he studied organ with Michael Corzine, and composition with John Boda. While completing his studies at FSU, he composed for the choir at Epiphany Lutheran Church, where he served as organist, and for other soloists and instrumentalists.



Scott attended the McGill Summer Organ Academy on two occasions, where he studied with Sietze de Vries, Olivier Latry, James David Christie, and Hank Knox. He was a Fellow in Alice Parker's Melodious Accord Composers Workshop, and studied composition with Ladislav Kubik at the Czech-American Summer Music Institute in Prague.

Dr. Roberts is Professor Emeritus at The University of Tennessee at Martin, where he taught music theory, and composed for various ensembles. He has completed additional coursework at Indiana University-Bloomington, where he studied organ with Christopher Young, improvisation and arranging with Jeffrey Smith, and composition with Aaron Travers. He taught music theory as an Associate Instructor at Indiana University. Currently he is Organ Scholar at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, Kentucky, and continues to compose.



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#### Service Playing Certificate

[Monday, Sept. 15](#)

[Monday, Oct. 20](#)

[Monday, Nov. 17](#)

#### Colleague

[Tuesday, Sept. 23](#) - Written Exam

[Tuesday, Oct. 14](#) - Repertoire & Keyboard Skills

*Additional resources can be found in the [Document Center](#).*

Your chapter also has study aids available free of charge! Just contact Jane Johnson ([jhjohn@email.uky.edu](mailto:jhjohn@email.uky.edu) or 859-338-5364) for more information. You can join the ranks of the certified, and we are here to help!



## HAVE YOU PAID YOUR AGO DUES?

If you haven't yet paid your dues, or can't remember if you've paid them, or want to find out when they are due, go here: [AGO sign in](#). Or if you prefer, call (212) 870-2310 during business hours, or email [info@agohq.org](mailto:info@agohq.org).

If you prefer to be a Chapter Friend rather than a member, please send a check for \$40 made out to **Lexington Chapter AGO** to: Brian Hunt (Treasurer), 1008 Claiborne Way, Lexington, KY 40517. Chapter Friends receive our monthly newsletter but are not eligible for AGO discounts and do not receive *The American Organist* magazine.



## ORGANISTS NEEDED

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, this summer, for their Wednesday Classic Movie series. If you are interested please contact Bill Webber at 859.298.8962 or [williamawebberiv@gmail.com](mailto:williamawebberiv@gmail.com)

## JOB LISTINGS

### 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](mailto:dmpowell44@roadrunner.com) or Kitty Barsotti [barsotti@windstream.net](mailto:barsotti@windstream.net)

[posted 9/1/24]

## **Holy Trinity Church (Catholic), Springfield:**

Holy Trinity Church, a Catholic parish near Bardstown, Kentucky, is looking for someone who could play organ for any or all of our weekend Masses at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. Sundays, and/or 11:00 a.m. Sundays. The expectation would be for hymns appropriate for the church season (one for the procession in, one at the offertory, one for communion, and one for the recessional). Additionally there would be some simple Mass parts sung by the congregation or cantors. Compensation is negotiable. For more information, please contact:

Fr. Augustine Judd, O.P  
Pastoral Administrator  
Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
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htr@bardstown.com  
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September 2025

## Concert & Evensong



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

**3:30pm CONCERT**

Schuyler Robinson, *organ*  
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**4:00pm EVENSONG**

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**December 7, 2025 • 7:00 p.m.**

Magnificats and other works by J.S. Bach, C.P.E. Bach, Palestrina, Mendelssohn, Britten, and others

### *From Suffering to Salvation*

**April 12, 2026 • 7:00 p.m.**

Works by J.S. Bach (with selections from the St. Matthew Passion), Brahms, Vaughan Williams, Howells, and Finzi

Concerts will be held at First Presbyterian Church  
174 North Mill Street, Lexington, KY 40507

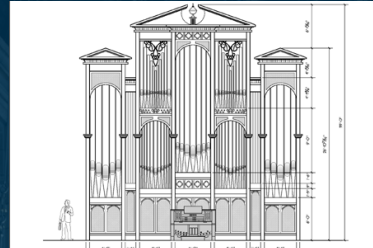




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## 2025-2026

### Concerts & Evensongs

3:30pm Concert

4:00pm Evensong with the Cathedral Choir

**September 21, October 19, November 2,  
February 1, March 1, May 17**



### Friday, December 5

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

*For tickets, visit [cccllex.org/messiah](https://cccllex.org/messiah)*

### Sunday, December 14

7:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols  
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### Sunday, December 21

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

### Sunday, February 15

4:00pm Organ Concert  
Huw Lewis, *Hope College, Michigan*



### Palm Sunday, March 29

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

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