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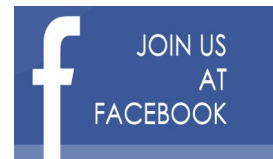
Welcome to a special Christmas issue of *The Guilder*! The next regular issue will appear on or before January 15. In the meantime, please enjoy the calendar of events to celebrate the season. Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all!



Performers Requested for January Student Recital

The 2020 annual AGO student recital will be held at 3 pm, January 19th, at Worthington Presbyterian Church. Students of all ages and proficiencies are welcome to participate, and practice time on the organ can be arranged during weekdays leading up to the event. Please contact Jenny Kristler at 614-906-5387 or at jennifergmcmamee@gmail.com by December 31st if you or your student is interested in participating.

The February issue will be published on or by January 15 and will include events from January 15 to March 30. Please submit events for future publication to the [on-line calendar](#). Non-calendar submissions may be sent to guilder@agocolumbus.org.



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AGO Mission Statement

The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.

To achieve this, we:

- Encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music;
- Inspire, educate, and offer certification for organists and choral conductors;
- Provide networking, fellowship, and mutual support;
- Nurture future generations of organists;
- Promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles; and
- Engage wider audiences with organ and choral music.

Concerts and Other Events

The Columbus Chapter's on-line calendar may be found [here](#).

Kate Merryman, Soprano

Sunday, November 17, 3:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
 110 West Broadway, Granville 43023

<https://www.granpres.org/concertseries>

Philip Everingham accompanies Kate Merryman in art song by Robert Schumann and Francis Poulenc as well as the Ohio premiere of Songs of Enchantment by Ohio native Juliana Hall.

David Enlow, Organist

Sunday, November 17, 3:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral
 212 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215

www.saintjosephcathedral.org

David Enlow is a "commanding" organist (*The New Yorker*), teacher, and conductor based in New York, who is active in North America and Europe. Credited with "immense virtuosity" (*Stuttgarter Zeitung*) and "performances full of color, passion, invention, and power" (*The American Record Guide*), David works in concert music and church music. His solo recordings include "Pater Seraphicus," the complete major organ works of César Franck; "Piano à l'Orgue," an album of piano transcriptions; and "Bach on Park Avenue," recorded on the Mander organ at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in New York.

Joint Choral Evensong

Sunday, November 17, 4:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church
 444 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43215

www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

The Choir of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Upper Arlington, joins the First Church Choir for Choral Evensong. Music of Stephen Caracciolo, William H. Harris, and the Mass in G Minor by Vaughan Williams. Tyler W. Robertson, organist; Kevin Jones, conductor.

Heidelberg Concert Choir

Sunday, November 17, 4:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
 5475 Brand Road, Dublin 43017

(614) 766-6377, Princeofpeacedublin.org

The Concert Choir of Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio is the premiere mixed choral ensemble of its School of Music. Don't miss their visit to Prince of Peace as they present a program titled "Homeward (Un)Bound."

Jason Keefer, New Organ Dedication Service

Friday, November 22, 7:00 p.m.

Saint Patrick Church
 280 N. Grant Ave., Columbus 43215

The new II/22 Muller organ will be blessed during Vespers for St. Cecilia, patron saint of music. The organ and parish choir will be featured during the

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service, which will conclude with the Chorale from Jongen's "Quatre Pièces," Op. 37, played by Dr. Jason Keefer. Additional concerts and liturgies will be offered during the year to celebrate the new instrument (details to be announced).

Zanesville Handbell Festival
Sunday, November 24, 7:00 p.m.

Grace United Methodist Church
 516 Shinnick Street, Zanesville 43701
www.centraltrinityumc.com

The Zanesville Thursday Music Club presents their 30th Annual Handbell Festival. Local handbell choirs perform individually and together. Guest festival director is Lee Afdahl from Rochester, Minnesota. A freewill offering is taken.

Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 1, 5:00 p.m.

Saint Thomas Aquinas Church
 144 N. Fifth Street, Zanesville 43701

The Parish Choir of St. Thomas Aquinas will present a special service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service is a very moving combination of the Scriptural prophecies of Christ's coming and the beautiful carols of Advent, sung by choir and congregation. A reception will follow.

Advent on High Musical Offering
Thursday, December 5, 12:00 p.m.

Saint John's Episcopal Church
 700 High Street, Worthington 43085

Sara Seidel and friends will present a half-hour of Advent and Christmas music. The public is invited.

Christmas Festival
Saturday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.

Brown Chapel, Muskingum University
 10 College Drive, New Concord 43762

The Christmas Festival will feature the Muskingum University Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, members of the voice faculty, and a festival chamber orchestra; Rebecca Abbott on organ. The program is a blend of song, Scripture, poems, and spoken word. Free and open to the public.

"Come, Let Us Adore Him"
Sunday, December 8, 4:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
 5475 Brand Road, Dublin 43017

Experience the spiritual power of the Christmas story and join the Prince of Peace Choir and a professional orchestra with this celebration of the real reason for the season.

A Celtic Christmas Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 8, 5:00 p.m.

Saint John's Episcopal Church
 700 High Street, Worthington 43085

In collaboration with the Chamber Music Connection, St. John's Choir will

present a complete nine-lesson service of Christmas Lessons and Carols in the tradition of King's College, but with a Celtic twist.

Handel's "Messiah"

Sunday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

Chapel, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

800 Martinsburg Road, Mount Vernon, 43050

As a celebrated event in Knox County and the surrounding region, it has been a privilege for the MVNU Department of Music to continue this annual tradition. This year's presentation will be performed by the 160-voice MVNU Choral Union, faculty and guest soloists, and chamber orchestra. Conducting the performance will be Dr. Robert Tocheff, Professor of Music in the MVNU Music Department. \$5/person, \$20/family.

Advent on High Musical Offering

Thursday, December 12, 12:00 p.m.

All Saints Lutheran Church

6770 N. High Street, Worthington 43085

Tom Gerke and friends will present a half-hour of Advent and Christmas music. The public is invited.

Knox Youth Choirs Winter Concert

Saturday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

First Congregational UCC

200 N. Main Street, Mount Vernon 43050

Sarah Reyes directs three graded choirs from third grade through high school in sacred and secular music in a variety of languages; Rebecca Abbott, piano. Free-will offering.

Advent Afternoon Concert

Sunday, December 15, 3:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus 43212

Advent and Christmas music of many traditions and styles performed by the parish choir, accompanied by a sixteen-person orchestra. Carol Ann Bradley, director. Free-will offering.

Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 15, 4:00 p.m.

First Congregational Church

444 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215

A traditional English worship service of nine lessons and carols featuring the music ensembles and two magnificent organs of First Church.

Handel's "Messiah"

Sunday, December 15, 6:00 p.m.

Central Trinity UMC

62 South Seventh Street, Zanesville 43701

www.centraltrinityumc.com

The Zanesville Civic Chorus and Orchestra presents its 90th annual production of Handel's "Messiah." The production is under the direction of James McLaughlin. A freewill offering is taken and given to a local charity in "the Spirit of Handel." Open dress rehearsals December 14, 2-5 & 6-8.

Advent on High Musical Offering

Thursday, December 19, 12:00 p.m.

Worthington Presbyterian Church

773 High Street, Worthington 43085

Stephen Jacoby and friends will present a half-hour of Advent and Christmas music. The public is invited.

A Music City Christmas

Saturday, December 21, 7:30 p.m.

Secrest Auditorium

334 Shinnick Street, Zanesville 43701

www.zanesvilleconcertassociation.com

The Zanesville Concert Association presents “A Music City Christmas” with Jason Coleman and Meagan Taylor. This multi-media concert includes a mix of vocal and instrumental songs celebrating the holiday season. Adult \$55; but, season membership is \$54. Children, youth, and college students with a current ID admitted without charge.

The Doane Choir

Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

5475 Brand Road, Dublin 43017

Tucked away in the small and quaint town of Crete, Nebraska is one of the Midwest’s greatest singing treasures, the Doane University Choir. Don’t miss them on their 2020 tour through the Midwest. Their music will warm your soul!

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