

# The Treasure Coast Chapter of The American Guild of Organists



Monthly Newsletter

December 2024



## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Merry Christmas! I say that as I'm preparing music for Thanksgiving. And that brings me to a memory with the Catholic Church that I probably should let go but will never forget. I was subbing for three months for a large Catholic Church in Port St Lucie. At the time I had never been to a Catholic Mass and when I applied for the job as their temporary organist, the priest told me not to worry. He would teach me the Mass and after a while it would become second nature. Wait a minute, I thought. Isn't the Mass supposed to be this meaningful service? Second nature???

Later, I realized that he meant the format of the Mass was the same everywhere in the world. Basically, they all follow the same outline. There I was, raised a Baptist kid, playing 5 services a weekend. All was well until the last Sunday, and I so wanted to play O Holy Night on their Steinway concert grand. So, at the 7:30 am Mass, I play it as a prelude. When the priest begins the homily, he screams "when I came into the sanctuary this morning and heard O Holy Night, I thought DON'T RUSH IT!" Well, I was mortified.

As soon as the service concluded, I rushed to his office and asked, "Father, what did I do?" He said it was beautiful, but they hadn't changed the colors yet. Don't play it at any of the other services. Oh wow. The Baptist kid didn't know Advent.

Well next week the Methodists are doing Christmas and with that in mind, I'm gearing up for our annual Christmas event at St Marks on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. It's early this year so we can enjoy the beautiful stained-glass windows as well. Father Ward will host, as well as Tom Goetz. Tom will let us know practice times later.

The following month on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm at my church, First United Methodist of Ft Pierce, Dr Neal Campbell will present a demonstration/workshop on Charles Callahan. It's not to be missed!

Then on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm, we've decided to move up our Member's Recital to be presented at Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero Beach, hosted by Anthony Baron and Neal Campbell. Afterwards we will elect our new officers for the following year. Later next year, we will check out the Austin pipe organ at St John of the Cross with Ryan Kasten TBA.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Treasure Coast Chapter of the AGO, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Keep practicing,

Steve Giddens  
Dean TCCAGO



## **The Music of Christmas The Fourth Annual Concert**

**Sponsored by the Treasure Coast Chapter of the  
American Guild of Organists**

**Sunday, January 5, 2025  
4 p.m.**

**St. Mark's Anglican Church  
1795 45<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vero Beach, Florida**

**The Guild is a National Organization  
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**Join Us As We Celebrate  
During the 12 Days of Christmas**







**TCCAGO Chapter Lunch**  
**Ocean Grill Vero Beach**  
The next luncheon will be  
**December 4, 2024 at 12 Noon**  
**RSVP with Steve Giddens**



## **TCCAGO EVENT SCHEDULE**

### **For the 2025 Season**

**\*SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, 2025 at 4 pm—The Music of Christmas**  
**St Mark's Anglican Church, Vero Beach, FL**

**\*SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025 at 4 pm—Charles Callahan Event**  
**Hosted by Dr Neil Campbell      \*Workshop/Demo**  
**First United Methodist Church of Ft Pierce, Ft Pierce, FL**

**\*SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025 at 4 pm—Members Recital at Trinity**  
**Episcopal Church, Vero Beach, FL**  
**(followed by election of officers 2025-26)**

**\*April or May 2025 Austin Organ Demo at St John of the Cross,**  
**Vero Beach, FL TBA**



PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON



# ADVENT

## LESSONS & CAROLS

*presented by the Christ Church Choir  
and special Guest Musicians*

**Sunday, Dec. 1**  
**4:00 pm**

*Advent Lessons & Carols is a journey of alternating Scripture  
lessons and Advent hymns emphasizing the coming of  
God's Kingdom, now and yet to come.*



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and Michael Pierce - a treasured tradition that Michael continues.







## CHRIST BY THE SEA PRESENTS 2024-2025 Concert Season

### CHRIST BY THE SEA 2024-2025 CONCERT SEASON

#### **Sunday, Nov 24, 2024 • 3 PM      Two Piano Concert**

*Young piano star Becca Harrison will join Marcos Flores for their first two-piano performance together. Two concert grand pianos and 20 fingers will be beautifully synchronized to create double the emotion, double the excitement, and double the virtuosity display from the inspiring two-piano repertoire by great master composers of all times. Tickets available.*

#### **Saturday, Dec 14, 2024 • 4:30 and 7 PM      Christmas Cantata**

*Please, join us to celebrate the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ set to a full musical production with a mixed choir, a full orchestra, liturgical dancers, dramatic scenes, and uplifting narration! Featuring singers and musicians from many colleges in FL. Free will offering appreciated.*

#### **Sunday, Feb 16, 2025 • 3 PM & 7 PM      Broadway Concert**

*World-renowned opera star Susan Neves, along with rising star soprano Diana Flores, and acclaimed tenors Edmund Nalzar and Fernando Silva will be delighting the audience with highly enjoyable music from some of the best musicals from Broadway. Marcos Flores on the piano, Pete Hengen on the bass, and Gully Shell on percussion will provide the orchestration with lights, cameras, and action for the 2 performances available for this very popular concert. Tickets available.*

#### **Sunday, Mar 30, 2025 • 3 PM      Piano Quintet Chamber Concert**

*Violinists Henry Hutchinson and Matt Stott, violist Viera Borisova, cellist Ana Ruth Bermúdez, and pianist Marcos Flores once again will captivate our audience with beautiful, spicy and uplifting chamber music. Enjoy this exquisite international string quartet joining forces with the majestic concert grand piano for a truly memorable musical experience. Tickets available.*

#### **Saturday, Apr 19, 2025 • 4:30 and 7 PM      Easter Cantata**

*Please, join us to experience the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ set to a full musical production with a mixed choir, full orchestra, liturgical dancers, dramatic scenes, and uplifting narration! Featuring singers and musicians from many colleges in FL. Free will offering appreciated.*

*\*Cantatas are free admission with a free will offering appreciated.*

*\*Tickets for the concert series will be available starting on June 1, 2024 online at [cbtsumc.org/concert-series](http://cbtsumc.org/concert-series), at the church office Monday-Thursday 9am-4 pm, and at the door.  
\$30 adults and \$10 youth.*

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CHRIST BY THE SEA UMC PRESENTS

# Appalachian Winter

A CANTATA FOR CHRISTMAS

by Joseph M. Martin



**Saturday, December 14, 2024**  
**4:30 pm and 7:00 pm**

## **20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA**

Please join us to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ!  
Set to a full musical production with a mixed choir, full orchestra,  
liturgical dancers, dramatic scenes and uplifting narration! Featuring  
opera singers from Tennessee and musicians from all over the state  
of Florida. Free-will offering appreciated.



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**First Baptist Church of Vero Beach**

**\* 55th Annual Presentation \***

*Handel's* **Messiah**



**Saturday, December 21, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**Sunday, December 22, 2024**

**4:00 PM**

**Rehearsal Schedule**

**Saturday, October 19 - 10-Noon**

**Thursday, November 7 - 7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, November 19 - 7:00 PM**

**Monday, December 9 - 7:00 PM**

**Saturday, December 21 - 2:30 - 5 PM**



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From Ryan Kasten —

The first major program with the new Austin organ will be the Duruflé Requiem on All Souls' Day, and I will do the dedicatory recital probably in January 2026. The organ is to sit and get acclimated for at least 6 months before we do any more programs besides weekend masses to be sure we have worked out any kinks and subtle voicing issues.



### TCCAGO Officers for 2024—2025

<b>Dean:</b>	<b>Steve Giddens</b>
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