



The Greater Anderson Chapter of the American Guild of Organist

January 2023

Anderson, SC



Rodney Cleveland

Rodney Cleveland, a native of Hartwell, Georgia is currently the Organist/Choirmaster at Grace Episcopal Church in Anderson, SC, and a staff accompanist and piano teacher at Anderson University.

Before arriving in Anderson, he served other churches and schools in South Carolina, Delaware, and Florida.

Rodney holds a Bachelor of Arts from Anderson University, and a Master of Sacred Music from Emory University.

He is also the accompanist for the Greenwood High School choral program and the Greenwood Festival Chorale in Greenwood, SC.

First AGO Event of the New Year Features a 3-Artist organ recital

Imagine a very unique musical scenario that features an organ recital by a gifted organist and two of his former organ teachers. That scenario comes to life at Boulevard Baptist Church in Anderson, SC, on Friday evening, January 20, 2023, at 7 p.m.

The Friday evening recital features Rodney Cleveland, currently organist/choirmaster at Grace Episcopal Church, Anderson, SC, and former organ teachers, Margaret MacKay and Steve Grant.

Rodney was an undergraduate student at then Anderson College, now Anderson University, when he studied with Margaret and Steve.



Steve Grant

Steve is celebrating his 54th year as the organist in various churches in the upstate of South Carolina.

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Margaret Hicks MacKay is a native of Iva, SC, where she became organist of her home church, Good Hope Presbyterian, at the age of 13.

She studied piano and



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He is currently the organist at St John's United Methodist Church in Anderson, SC.

Steve earned his Bachelor of Music degree from Furman University as an organ major having studied with Dr W. Lindsay Smith, Jr.

Following that he went to the University of Michigan for graduate study in Organ.

As a student of Dr. George Lucktenburg he studied harpsichord and composition at Converse College Graduate school.

Steve is a former Dean of the Anderson Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, having served in that position for 12 years.



February AGO Activities to be finalized soon - stay tuned!

The tentative plans for our February meeting include a visit to the Carrillon at Clemson University, a demonstration of an "organ kit", a possible visit to an organ in Clemson and perhaps ending with a meal.

Rumor has it that there will be some music available through a "grab-and-go".

Date, time and location to be announced soon.

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organ with her hometown music teacher, Marian Wakefield, and then attended Anderson College (now University) receiving a degree in organ performance.

Margaret transferred to Furman University and studied organ with Dr. Lindsay Smith, again majoring in organ performance.

She went on to pursue her masters degree in organ performance at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where she studied with Dr. Boyd Jones.

Margaret has served the following churches in the area:

- St. John's UMC as organist/choir director.
- Boulevard Baptist Church as organist,
- First Presbyterian Church as organist/choir director,
- Adjunct organ professor at Anderson College and Furman University, and
- currently serving as Director of Music at Fort Hill Presbyterian church in Clemson, SC.

Margaret is married to Raymond MacKay. They have 5 grown children and 10 grandchildren.

March AGO-sponsored recital to feature well-known Charleston organist.

Lee Kohlenberg who was organist/choirmaster at historic St. Michael's Episcopal Church in downtown Charleston from 1990 - 2008, will be the featured recitalist at our March AGO event.

Lee is retired and presently serves as a substitute organist for churches in the Charleston area.

Grace Episcopal Church in Anderson, SC, and our AGO chapter will co-sponsor the event.

Date and time to be announced in the February AGO newsletter.

So you think you know music terms?? Well, guess again!
APPROXIMATURA

A series of notes not intended by the composer, yet played with an "I meant to do that" attitude.

Featured music links for January

[Stile Antico sings Dering: *Factum est silentium*](#)

[Stile Antico sings Byrd's *Ave Verum Corpus*](#)

[Stile Antico - British vocal ensemble - sings Palestrina's *Assumpta est Maria*](#)



A wonderful organ introduction and choral arrangement/performance of *Abide with Me*
[St. Olaf Cantorei and Congregation - "Abide With Me" \(EVENTIDE\)](#)

[The King's Singers "The Rose"](#)

["Cabaret" performed by Justin Stahl at the Alabama Theatre Wurlitzer](#)

[Carol Williams: Sunday Afternoon Recital \(November 20, 2022\) at the Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta, Ga.](#)



Pipe Organs Rule !!