



# Central Arkansas Chapter *American Guild of Organists*

# The *Clarion* March 2020

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## 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.

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## From the Dean

Greetings,

I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to Spring. The end of February and the beginning of March also coincides with the season of Lent. I find that Lent is a good time for reflection and preparation. For me, Lent is musically less busy, but I know that I have Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter around the corner. I hope that all of you have a wonderful Lent and I hope your preparations for Holy Week and Easter are moving along well.

I want to thank everyone who came to First Presbyterian Church to hear Robert McCormick in recital. Robert did a wonderful job! I was the page turner and I got to watch up close. I was excited to hear some literature that we don't often hear, and Robert ended with a fabulous improvisation on the tunes *Engelberg*, the theme from Holst's *Jupiter*, and *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*. I want to thank Bob Bidewell for his support of the program; I also want to thank John Churchwell and volunteers from First Presbyterian for hosting our recital and meeting!

Our March event is the Seventeenth Annual Concert Celebrating the Life of Robert Young Ellis at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew in Little Rock. More details can be found in the newsletter. We are happy to welcome Alden Wright to Little Rock for the first time. Alden is a student of Nathan Laube at the Eastman School of Music. I hope to see you all at St. Andrew for this wonderful annual event.

Our nominating committee has worked hard to prepare a slate of officers for the 2020-2021 year. We plan to vote on the list at the May meeting. More details to follow.

I hope everyone is doing well and I hope that the weather in central Arkansas will start to improve. It is so good to see many of you for our monthly meetings, and I hope to see even more of you in March.

Cheers to you all,  
Beau Baldwin

## Upcoming Newsletter

The April 2020 *Clarion* will be published Monday, April 6. If you have any items to submit (news, events, announcements, job postings, personal ads, opinion pieces, prayer requests) please send them to adam@cacago.org. The deadline is Friday, April 3.

## Upcoming CACAGO Programs

**Friday, March 20**

**The Seventeenth Annual Concert  
Celebrating the Life of  
Robert Young Ellis  
Alden Wright, *organist***  
Cathedral of Saint Andrew  
617 Louisiana St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**Thursday, April 23**

**David Hirst, *organist***  
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
310 W. 17th St.  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**May 2020**

**End of the Year Party**  
Home of Beau Baldwin  
Little Rock, Arkansas

# MARCH MEETING

The Seventeenth Annual Concert  
Celebrating the Life of Robert Young Ellis  
Alden Wright, *organist*

🕒 **Friday, March 20, 2020**

6:15 P.M. – Punchbowl

6:45 P.M. – Dinner & Meeting

8:00 P.M. – Concert

📍 **Cathedral of Saint Andrew**

617 Louisiana St.

Little Rock, Arkansas

**DINNER RESERVATIONS:** The cost for dinner is \$15.00. For dinner reservations, contact Robert Lindley via e-mail ([dinner@cacago.org](mailto:dinner@cacago.org)), or phone (501) 217-6735, or complete the dinner reservation form on the chapter website. *Please provide the names of your guests so that nametags may be printed for them.*

**Dinner reservations are due by  
noon, Wednesday, March 18!**

## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of nominees for 2020-2021.

**Dean:** Beau Baldwin  
**Sub-Dean:** Wayne Simpson  
**Secretary:** Jane Gamble  
**Treasurer:** Jess Anthony

**Executive Committee:**  
Bob Bidewell (2021)  
Jason Saugey (2021)  
Barbara Lusk (2023)  
Karen Horton (2023)

# Biography of Alden Wright

Alden Wright is pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree in the studio of Nathan Laube at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. He is a native of Salisbury, North Carolina, where he studied organ with Phillip Burgess and piano with Diane Freeman. At Eastman, Alden's teachers have also included Edoardo Bellotti, William Porter, Stephen Kennedy, and Peter DuBois. Alden was recently named the winner of the 2019 Arthur Poister Competition in Organ Playing. Previous awards include first place in the 2014 Columbia, SC AGO Young Organist Competition and the 2016 University of North Carolina School of the Arts Organ Competition, as well as second in the Washington, DC AGO Franciscan Monastery Scholarship Competition in 2015. Alden has performed in many student and solo recitals throughout the country and has participated in masterclasses with Bine Bryndorf, Scott Dettra, Ulrich Spang-Hanssen, Todd Wilson, Jonathan Dimmock, and others. Alden was a

recipient of the Robert and Ann Stigall Scholarship, sponsored by the Charlotte Chapter of the American Guild of Organists from 2013-2015, and was awarded the Pogorzelski-Yankee Memorial Scholarship for undergraduate studies. As a passionate church musician, Alden enjoys developing his knowledge of liturgical music through programs such as the Royal School of Church Music's Carolina Course, hosted at Duke University, where he served as Organ Scholar in the summer of 2019. Previously, Alden served as organist at Milford Hills United Methodist Church in Salisbury from 2015-2016 and as an intern at Christ Church in Rochester under the Roy E. VanDelinder Fellowship from 2016-2018. He has also been a member of the Schola Cantorum of Christ Church since 2016. Alden now serves as Assistant Organist to Director of Music Peter DuBois at Third Presbyterian Church in Rochester.

## March Program

Alden Wright, *organist*

### **Organ Sonata in G Major, Op. 28**

I. Allegro maestoso

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

### **Fantasie Choral No. 1 in D-flat Major**

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

### **Organ Sonata No. 3 in A Major, Op. 65**

I. Con moto maestoso

II. Andante tranquillo

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

## Intermission

### **Magnificat primi toni, BuxWV 203**

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

### **Pastorale**

Jean Roger-Ducasse (1873-1954)

### **Prélude, Adagio et Choral varié sur le 'Veni Creator'**

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

"Feed Your Spirit"  
Lenten Prayers and  
Organ Meditations Series

Fridays, March 6 – April 3 • 12:15 P.M.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
310 W 17th St  
Little Rock, AR 72206-1461

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral is offering a Lenten prayers and organ meditations series called "Feed Your Spirit" on Fridays at 12:15 p.m. during the season of Lent. Short prayers and praises followed by the singing of a Lenten chorale precede organ meditations on that chorale. The schedule of organists is:

March 6: Daniel Beckwith, St. Ignatius Loyola, NYC  
March 13: Steve Bullock, Christ Church, LR  
March 20: Charles Russell, Grace Lutheran, LR  
March 27: Dr. Jane Gamble, Christ Church, LR  
April 3: Anguel Kehayov, Asbury UMC, LR

These services last around 30 minutes and are free and open to the public.

Trinity Presents  
All About Beethoven

Tuesday, April 7 • 7:00 P.M.

Trinity United Methodist Church  
1101 N Mississippi St  
Little Rock, AR 72207-5903

Katherine Williamson, violin; David Gerstein, cello;  
Hee-Kyung Juhn, piano. Piano trio in B-flat "Archduke,"  
Variations on the Theme of Judas Maccabeus, Sonata No. 3  
for Cello and Piano. Free Admission.

# Arts Calendar

**Saturday, March 14 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO: Tribute to Aretha Franklin  
 Robinson Center Music Hall  
 Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, March 15 – 3:00 P.M.**

ASO: Tribute to Aretha Franklin  
 Robinson Center Music Hall  
 Little Rock, AR

**Thursday, March 19 – 7:30 P.M.**

Arkansas Chamber Singers  
 St. James United Methodist Church  
 Little Rock, AR

**Friday, March 20 – 7:30 P.M.**

CACAGO: Alden Wright, organist  
 Cathedral of Saint Andrew the Apostle  
 Little Rock, AR

**Friday, April 10 – 7:30 P.M.**

LRCMS: Jeremy Crosmer, cello  
 Central High School  
 Little Rock, AR

**Saturday, April 18 – 7:30 P.M.**

ASO: Symphonie Fantastique  
 Robinson Center Music Hall  
 Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, April 19 – 3:00 P.M.**

River City Men's Chorus  
 Second Presbyterian Church  
 Little Rock, AR

**Sunday, April 19 – 3:00 P.M.**

ASO: Symphonie Fantastique  
 Robinson Center Music Hall  
 Little Rock, AR

**Monday, April 20 – 7:00 P.M.**

River City Men's Chorus  
 Second Presbyterian Church  
 Little Rock, AR

**Tuesday, April 21 – 7:00 P.M.**

ASO: Unusual Orchestrations  
 Clinton Presidential Center  
 Little Rock, AR

**Thursday, April 23 – 7:00 P.M.**

River City Men's Chorus  
 Second Presbyterian Church  
 Little Rock, AR

**Thursday, April 23 – 7:30 P.M.**

CACAGO: David Hirst, organist  
 Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
 Little Rock, AR

## Treasurer's Report

INCOME		EXPENSES	
<b>REVENUE</b>		<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	
Dues	\$1,988.00	Dues to National	\$121.00
Ad Sales		Catering/Reception	\$2,326.00
Meals	\$2,032.00	Marketing/Public Relations	
Carry Over (FY19)	\$3,433.43	Remaining Expenses	\$92.00
Other/Mail			\$2,539.00
	<u>\$7,453.43</u>		
<b>SUPPORT</b>		<b>ARTISTIC</b>	
Individuals	\$8,630.78	Artist Fees/Housing	\$13,453.78
Foundation Accounts	\$1,179.00	Remaining Expenses (ACH)	
Endowment		Tech/Production	
	<u>\$9,809.78</u>		<u>\$13,453.78</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$17,263.21	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$15,992.78
		<b>BALANCE</b>	\$1,270.43