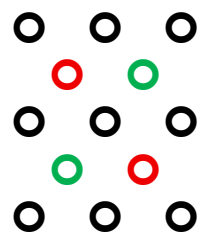


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December 2025



Coming Very Soon! Annual Historic Organ Tour

Saturday, December 6, 8:45 a.m.-noon

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church,
2015 Glenarm Place, Denver

Saint Paul Lutheran Church,
1600 Grant St., Denver

Trinity United Methodist Church,
1820 Broadway, Denver

This popular holiday event, cosponsored with Historic Denver, returns to the downtown area this year. At each venue, the building's architectural history will be described, and the organ will be demonstrated with holiday fare. Saint Andrew's John Paul Buzard pipe organ was installed in 2003 and has since been expanded with the digital Hauptwerk program. Saint Paul's three-manual M.P. Möller pipe organ was built in 1926 and enlarged in 1966 and 1984. Trinity Methodist's restored 1888 Roosevelt organ is the largest American-built pipe organ from the 19th century in current use. Tickets are \$25 for the general public and \$20 for members of the AGO, Historic Denver, or the Molly Brown House Museum. For advance tickets, click [here](#).

Check-in details

We'll begin at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 2015 Glenarm Place. This church has parking on the NE side of the building. For those who can walk, this is the easiest parking, so you can leave your car here for the duration. The elevator door off the parking lot, or the main doors up the stairs on Glenarm Place, will both be open that morning. We'll start check-in at 8:45am. You'll just need your name to check in.

Next we'll walk to St. Paul Lutheran Church, located at 1600 Grant St. There is also free street parking available around St. Paul.



Our final church is Trinity United Methodist Church at 1820 Broadway. Parking for Trinity is more difficult, and validated parking will be available--details not given. It is also a shorter walk from St. Paul to Trinity if you wanted to find street parking near St. Paul and walk the last two churches.

What to bring

Comfortable walking shoes, water, weather appropriate layers.

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The Dean's Mixture

I hope everyone had a restful Thanksgiving and is settling into this busy month well.

In December you may be considering an end of year donation to organizations that you support. While some chapter members make donations when they renew their AGO membership, donations are gratefully accepted throughout the year. Donations go directly to the chapter's operating budget and help us offer programs during the year.

Besides donating during your annual renewal, two simple ways to donate are through the chapter website or with a check. To donate through the website, go to agodrmc.org. At the bottom center of the home page click on the black circle above "Donate." This takes you to the Zeffy website where you can choose the amount you wish to donate to the chapter. Zeffy is a 100% free fundraising platform for nonprofits. They cover all transaction fees so your full payment goes directly to the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter



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Thank you for considering a donation to the Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter. Each donation supports chapter projects and programs throughout the year and impacts planning for upcoming chapter programs.

I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season.

Andrew Peters, Dean

Something New in January First Annual Epiphany Zoom Happy Hour

Friday, January 9, 7-8 p.m.

Your Home

The Denver Rocky Mountain Chapter is pleased to announce our first (annual?) Epiphany Zoom Happy Hour. Sit back, relax, and start the New Year with your AGO friends and guests (yes, invite guests) to reconnect after a busy Advent and Christmas season. Building community is an essential part of the AGO mission statement, and so often in the midst of planning and attending chapter events, we miss time for conversation. This can be a moment where we share and inspire each other. The Zoom link will be sent to the membership just prior to Happy Hour.

Yuletide on Broadway

**Saturday, December 6, 7:00 pm
Trinity United Methodist Church
1820 Broadway, Denver**

The Music and Arts Ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church presents Yuletide on Broadway: a Holiday Organ Celebration. Organists Linda Mack, David Pickering, and

Norman Sutphin will be featured, along with the Trinity Chancel Choir, in a program of Advent and Christmas music. A reception will follow. Admission is free; freewill contributions will be gratefully accepted.

Featured organ music:

David C. Pickering

Good Christian Men, Rejoice!
arr. Alice Jordan (1916-2012)

Nun komm, der heiden Heiland, BWV 659
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Prelude on "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Clay Christiansen (b. 1949)

Chorale Improvisation on "Let All Mortal Flesh
Keep Silence"
J. J. Keeler (1913-1996)

Gloria for the Flutes Alice Jordan

Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*
David Pickering (b. 1971)

Linda Mack

God Rest You Merry
Robert Elmore (1913-1985)

Greensleeves
Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

Maria zart von edler art
Arnolt Schlick (c1450-c1525)

Magnificat I
Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

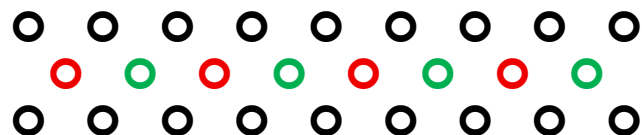
Dance Prelude on "Bring a Torch Jeannette,
Isabella"
Christopher Uehlein (b. 1931)

Fantasy on "Divinum Mysterium"
Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Norma Sutphin

Sleigh Ride
Leroy Anderson (1908-1975)
trans. Thomas Trotter (b. 1957)

Christmas (Variations on "Adeste Fidelis")
Gaston Marie Dethier (1875-1958)



Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 7, 3:00 pm
**Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate
Conception**
Colfax at Logan St., Denver

An annual musical tradition that pairs scripture and music. Admission is free; a collection for donations will be taken. This will be music director Phil Bordeleau's last Lessons and Carols before he retires in early January 2026. Parking in the Cathedral Basilica lot on Logan St. across the street from the Cathedral is free. Also, street parking is free on Sundays.



Ben Ehrlich in Broomfield

Tuesday, December 9, Noon
Holy Comforter Episcopal Church
1700 W. 10th Ave., Broomfield



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A Light in the Darkness

**Sunday, December 21, 4:00 pm
St. John's Episcopal Church
1419 Pine Street, Boulder**

A Light in the Darkness, A Winter Solstice Recital. St. John's Principal Organist Aaron Hirsch is joined by Colorado Symphony Principal Flutist Brook Ferguson. The evening will begin with Bach's *Orchestral Suite No. 2*, transcribed for organ by Hirsch. Other pieces on the program include Daniel Pinkham's *Miracles*, a work using various extended techniques for both flute and organ, and a new work by Kile Smith. The evening will conclude by Christmas Carol treatments by Charles Callahan and Robert Powell. This concert is open to all, and will feature a free-will offering to further support the St. John's Music Society."

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To do 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.

