

# Michelle Kardos

Michelle Kardos, M.M., MT-BC, CAGO has served as a church musician since high school and continues to do so with a passion for the organ. A profound practitioner of the art of sacred music, Michelle Kardos is currently the Artist in Residence at First Presbyterian Church Greensburg and the Director of Music for the Partner Parishes of St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph. She also works for the Seton Hill University and the Diocese of Greensburg as an organist. Alongside this, she is a grader for the University of Southern California and a mentor in the Thornton Community Engagement Program.

Through the involvement of her local chapter, Michelle has been a member of the American Guild of Organist since 2014. From 2018-2021, she continues to serve as the Secretary for the Seton Hill University Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Michelle has received both her Service Playing and Colleague Certification from the AGO. She is also a member of NPM, AMTA, and MTNA.

Michelle also enjoys a career as a music therapist, working with older adults at skilled nursing facilities. Music therapy is an evidence-based clinical use of musical interventions to improve clients' quality of life. She feels that she is called as a minister of music to extend her gifts to work with seniors and their families.

She obtained her Master of Music in Sacred Music at Duquesne University and studied organ with Dr. Ann Labounsky. While at Duquesne, Michelle was accepted into the National Music Honor Society, Pi Kappa Lambda. At graduation, she was presented with the Jean Langlais Award, awarded to a graduating organ student with the highest academic standing in Sacred Music.

Michelle is also a graduate of Seton Hill University where she received her Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy along with the Sacred Music Certificate, Pastoral Ministry Certificate, and psychology minor. There she studied organ with Mr. Edgar Highberger and piano with Mr. Edward Kuhn. During her studies, Michelle was named the Presser Scholar, based upon her merit and achievement in the music program, and was accepted into the International Psychology Honor Society, Psi Chi. Michelle is currently attending the University of Southern California to pursue a Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ Performance.

