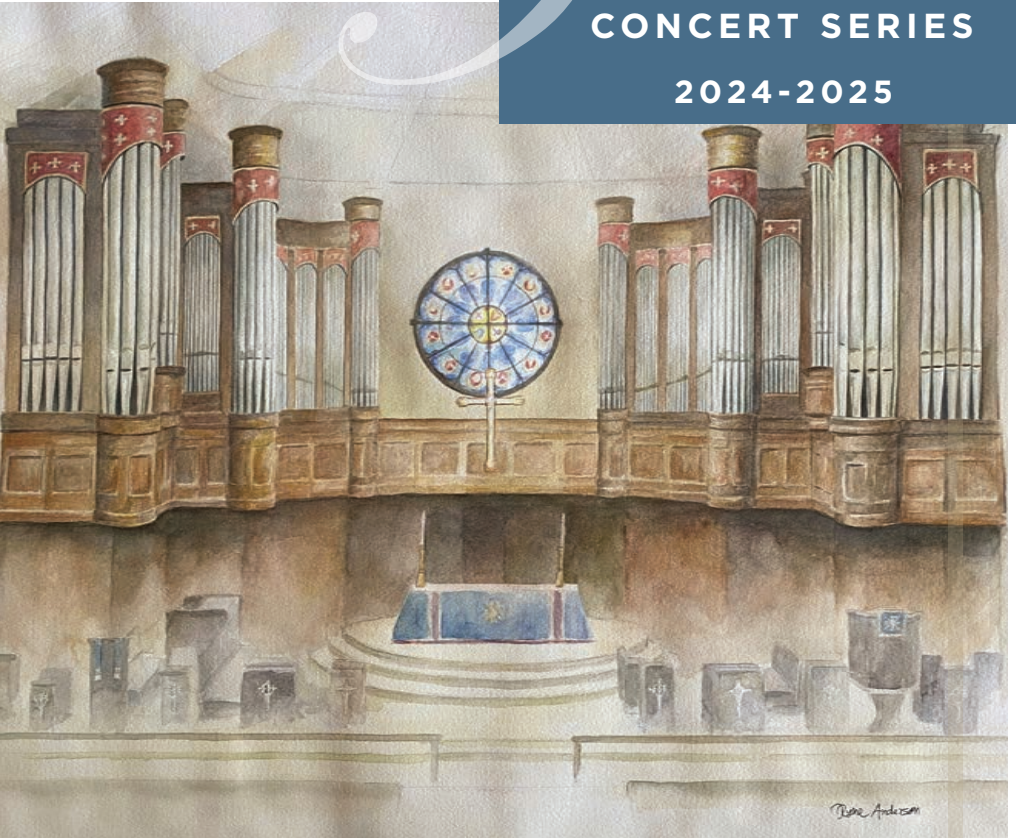


In Excelsis

CONCERT SERIES

2024-2025



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DEAR FRIENDS OF ST. GEORGE'S MUSIC MINISTRY,

Grace and peace to you. This year at St. George's, we are delighted to offer a special season of the *In Excelsis* Concert Series in celebration of the 75th anniversary of our parish. As we reflect on the faithful commitment and bold initiatives this parish has charted over our history, sacred music clearly emerged as a core value for us at our founding. That same commitment remains true today.



Rev. J. Malone Gilliam
Rector

Inside this brochure you'll find exciting details about this season's offerings, including the return visit of VOCES8, a Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble known for innovative collaborations and skilled *a capella* work. However, the true capstone of our season is a performance from King's College Choir, Cambridge, perhaps best known for their annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, broadcast live to millions of people around the world by the BBC.

Music Ministry Staff



Dr. Woosug Kang
Director of Music Ministries



Gerry Senechal
*Associate Director of
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In addition to these landmark concert events, there will be special services and concerts from guest musicians including organist Stephen Tharp, Nashville musician Roger Wiesmeyer, and our own talented choirs.

This unique programming is offered as a vehicle to bring the Nashville community to St. George's through the enjoyment and beauty of sacred music. My heartfelt thanks to so many of you who donate generously to the Friends of Music, making this concert series possible.

We look forward to seeing you at St. George's for worship and music events throughout the year!

Blessings,



The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam



Stephanie Elder
*Worship & Communications
Coordinator*



Kateri Andress
2024-25 Organ Scholar



Dr. Wilma Jensen
*Organist & Choirmaster
Emerita*

Friday, September 27 at 7:30pm

STEPHEN THARP, ORGAN RECITAL

“...performed colorfully, rousing and splendid...”

—*The New York Times*

“Stephen Tharp is the best organist in America.”

—*The Diapason*

Stephen Tharp, hailed as “the consummate creative artist” (Michael Barone, *Pipedreams*), is recognized as one of the greatest concert organists of our age. Having played 1,600 concerts across more than 60 tours worldwide, Tharp has built one of the most well-respected international careers in the world, earning him the reputation of the most traveled concert organist of his generation.

Tharp’s performance at St. George’s will showcase his musical brilliance with our organ, Buzard Opus 48, demonstrating the instrument’s full might and broad range of tonal colors. This event is co-sponsored by the Nashville chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A reception follows the recital.





Friday, October 18 at 7:00pm

VOCES8

“VOCES8’s gorgeous sound, impeccable ensemble and intense responsiveness to text, harmony and melodic shape is all of the highest quality. Hearing them sing is a joy.”

—*BBC Music Magazine*

The 2023 Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble VOCES8 returns to Nashville after their thrilling standing-room only debut at St. George’s in February 2020. They have collaborated in concert and in the recording studio with musicians including Paul Simon, Jacob Collier, Eric Whitacre, Christopher Tin, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, and many others. We welcome them back for an *acapella* performance in the newly improved acoustic of the Nave, where their ethereal choral blend and versatile musical expression will be an experience to remember. Stay after the concert for a reception with the ensemble.

Sunday, October 27 at 6:00pm

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONCERT

This fall St. George's celebrates 75 years of ministry together, which includes a longstanding tradition of sacred music concerts and community partnerships. To mark the occasion, the Choir and Choristers of St. George's will join forces with an orchestra to present movements from two beloved masterworks: Haydn's *"Lord Nelson" Mass* and Handel's *Messiah*. The performance of these two triumphant works celebrates not only our parish's growth since its founding, but also gives thanks for perseverance through bold initiatives and challenges. We invite you to continue the celebration at a reception after the concert.



Sunday, December 8 at 6:00pm

A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS



Perhaps the most beloved musical service of the year, our Service of Nine Lessons & Carols proclaims the joy and wonder of the Advent season with Scripture readings, carols, and hymns featuring St. George's Choir, the Choristers of St. George's, and St. Dunstan's Choir. Come at 5:30pm for an organ prelude of seasonal carols as you prepare your heart for this musical feast. This service is a well-attended favorite, so please arrive early, and join us for a reception afterward.

Friday, January 24 at 12:00pm



MOZART BIRTHDAY CONCERT WITH ROGER WIESMEYER & DR. WOOSUG KANG

W.A. Mozart has delighted the world with his music for generations, and we are pleased to host Nashville's Roger Wiesmeyer for an annual celebration of the prolific composer's birthday. A talented pianist, Wiesmeyer enjoyed a long career with the Nashville Symphony playing oboe and English horn, and each year he invites Nashville musicians to join him for an exciting selection of Mozart's work. This year's program will also feature Dr. Woosug Kang performing *Fantasia in F minor, K. 608*, an unusual work originally written for a musical clock. This program is free to attend, but any donations collected during the concert will be given to a local nonprofit agency serving the Nashville community.



Monday, February 3 at 7:30pm

KATERI ANDRESS, ORGAN RECITAL 2024-25 RONALD G. POGORZELSKI & LESTER D. YANKEE ORGAN SCHOLAR

St. George's is committed to developing the next generation of sacred musicians through our organ scholar program, and we are pleased to welcome Kateri Andress as this year's Organ Scholar. Andress is the recipient of the 2024-25 Ronald G. Pogorzelski and Lester D. Yankee Organ Scholar Program presented by the American Guild of Organists. A recent graduate with a Master of Music in Organ Performance from the renowned Eastman School of Music, she is passionate about sacred music and aspires to grow her skills while at St. George's under the guidance of Dr. Woosug Kang and Gerry Senechal. A reception follows the recital.



Sunday, February 23 at 5:00pm

JOINT EVENSONG WITH SEWANEE'S UNIVERSITY CHOIR

The heart of musical life at Sewanee since the laying of its cornerstone in 1860.

In our ongoing desire to partner with other musical ensembles and organizations, we welcome the University Choir from Sewanee to lead a special Choral Evensong alongside St. George's Choir and Choristers. We have a close friendship with our colleagues in Sewanee, and St. George's Choir

and Choristers have frequently led worship at All Saints' Chapel on the school's campus. It is a privilege to lead a joint service of Evensong with them here at St. George's. Join us for a reception following the service.



Friday, April 4 at 7:00pm

CHOIR OF KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, UK

"I would happily sit in King's College Chapel listening to this choir sing for the rest of my days."

—The London Times

"...though the focused, shimmering sound of the choir's collected voices — which includes older boys singing alto, tenor and bass parts — was splendid, the treble voices were especially wondrous."

—The New York Times

In the capstone event of our season, St. George's is thrilled to present the internationally celebrated Choir of King's College, Cambridge. Founded in the fifteenth century, the Choir of King's College is undoubtedly one of the world's best known choral groups. For almost 100 years, millions of people worldwide have tuned in to their annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, streamed live by the BBC. Known for its high standard and genre-defining history, a performance of the Choir of King's College under the direction of Daniel Hyde is an event not to be missed. This program will delight and inspire. Stay after the concert for a lively reception.



CHORAL EVENSONG

SELECT SUNDAYS AT 5:00PM

Choral Evensong at St. George's is a tiny fragment of something much larger — it is part of the unending cycle of worship offered to God by Christians throughout the world during every hour of the day and night. Evensong is a conversation already in progress — an intimate moment between God and his people. In it, we are invited to reflect on texts from the Bible as our souls are stirred up in musical worship with praise and thanksgiving.

- September 15
With a reception celebrating Gerry Senechal's 20th anniversary of ministry
- October 13
- November 10
In honor of All Saints Day
- January 12
- February 23
Joint Evensong with the University Choir of Sewanee (See Page 10).
- May 18

COMPLINE

SELECT WEDNESDAYS AT 9:15PM

Stemming from monastic practice, Compline is the last service of the day before bedtime. From the same root as the word “complete,” Compline marks the beginning of a time of silence — from the end of the service lasting until the morning. This brief and beautiful service is set in a darkened church and sung by a small men's choir. We invite you to remain in this quiet, holy space as long as you wish after the service, departing in silence.

- September 18
- October 16
- November 20
- December 18,
- January 19
Special Matinee Compline on Sunday at 6:00pm
- February 19
- March 19 *at 7:00pm*



Friends of Music 2023-24

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International Concert Organist and Recording Artist

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2023 Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble

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The world's finest Anglican choir led by
Daniel Hyde, Director of Music

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