

Grace & Holy Trinity Church

an Episcopal parish on Monroe Park



A Musical Offering: **An Advent Organ Recital**

With Cheryl Van Ornam, *Organist*

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 | 12:00 p.m.

A friendly reminder to please silence your mobile devices before the program begins.

Advent: The coming of the Savior in the words of...

The Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 7:14

Lector Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Toccata on “Veni Emmanuel”

Andrew Carter (b. 1939)

The Angel Gabriel

Luke 1:26–31

Lector In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

“Ave Maris Stella, Opus 18, No. 6: When the Salutation Gabriel Had Spoken”

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Lector At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Selections from Partita on "Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele"

("Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul")

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

The Virgin Mary

Luke 1:46–55

Lector And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

"Tierce en Taille" | "Basse de Trompette" | "Trio de Flûtes"

Suite du Deuxième Ton, Pièces d'Orgue pour le Magnificat

Jean-Adam Guilain (1680-1739)

"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord" *Magnificat, Opus 18, No. 10*

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

"Amen (Finale)" *Ave Maris Stella, Opus 18, No. 9*

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

**Thank you to Mary Ann Blankenship for serving as lector and to
Cathy Saunders for her generous support of today's organ recital.**

About the Chapel Organ

The Allen Historique IIG Chapel organ was given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alan Gregory Saunders by his wife, Cathy Saunders. This electronic organ has 34 stops and nine complete stop lists including English Cathedral, Cavaillé-Coll which is well suited for French music, and Arp Schnitger which is well suited for Bach and other baroque music. It also contains many additional stops such as chimes, harpsichord, grand piano, carillon, chimes, and solo stops such as tuba, trumpet, oboe, english horn, french horn, clarinet, and festival trumpet. This beautiful Chapel organ is a blessing to our worship and music ministry at Grace & Holy Trinity Church.

Cheryl Van Ornam, *Organist*



Cheryl Van Ornam is the organist at First Church of Christ Scientist in Richmond, VA. She also teaches piano privately. Her master's degree in Organ Performance/Church Music is from Northwestern University. She has given concerts on the Midmer-Losh organ at Boardwalk Hall (Atlantic City), First Congregational Church (Los Angeles), Busch Hall (Boston), and Bruton Parish Church (Colonial Williamsburg), among others. Additional studies have been at Haarlem Summer Organ Academy in the Netherlands, Leipzig Summer Organ Academy and McGill Summer Organ Academy. She has been active with the American Guild of Organists in Chicago, Boston and the Richmond, Virginia Chapter where she was the Dean and where she led the Bach Marathon for seven years. She and her husband are the proud grandparents of five grandchildren. Her passion is church music: creating an atmosphere where people can become closer to God.

Upcoming Music Ministry Events

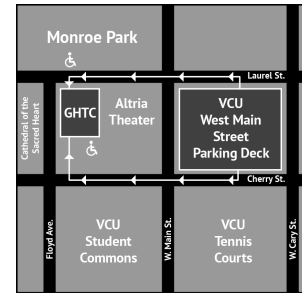
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| Sunday 12/14 | 3:00 p.m. | Caroling in Monroe Park & Holiday Market
(Music Begins at 4:15 p.m. <i>8 N. Laurel Street</i>) |
| Sunday 12/21 | 4:00 p.m. | Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols
(Livestream Available <i>Church</i>) |
| Wednesday 12/24 | 4:00 p.m. | Children's Christmas Pageant (Livestream Available <i>Church</i>) |
| Wednesday 12/24 | 11:00 p.m. | Christmas Eve (Livestream Available <i>Church</i>) |
| Thursday 12/25 | 10:00 a.m. | Christmas Day* (<i>Chapel</i>) *No Morning Prayer at 8:45 a.m. |

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