

the choirs of Grace Church have been faithful witnesses to the adage that *"when one sings, one prays twice."*

Now in his tenth season as Minister of Music, Danny Catalanotto, continues to bring energy and excitement to the music program at Grace. Whether working with young children, or the oldest choristers, Danny's passion for liturgical music is evident in all he does. The music program continues to provide opportunities for parishioners and others to joyfully share their talents in service of worship at Grace.

We are delighted to share the 2016-2017 program for *Music of Grace*. As in years past, this program continues to present a wide range of musical offerings, from the religious to the secular, classical to contemporary and solemn to joyous. We are excited to offer performances of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* again this year, as a special concert for young children. We hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating the rich tradition of music at Grace Church by attending the events described in this brochure.

As always, your financial support of *Music of Grace* and the *Ministry of Music* is vitally important and we hope we can count on your generosity again this year. Information about supporting the *Ministry of Music* is included with this brochure.

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heart to the Lord"*

Ephesians 5:20

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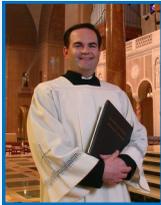


In 1857, the Diocese of Washington commissioned the founding of Grace Church, Silver Spring parish. During the ensuing years, Grace grew from a small rural church to a large, urban, multicultural parish. Thirty-two years ago, Organist and Choirmaster, David Judge Wilson, presented the first *Music of Grace* Concert Series described *"as series of musical events to give glory to God for his blessings and share our talents with our parishioners, friends, and neighbors in the community through vocal, instrumental and dramatic presentations."*

Although much has changed over the years at Grace Church, the surrounding Silver Spring community and the larger world, the mission of *Music of Grace* continues on as it did over 30 years ago. A large number of boys and girls continue to receive musical experience and training in its youth choirs. A mainstay over the years, the Adult Choir continues to expand its large repertoire of music, ranging from requiems to anthems, operettas to musicals. The Music Ministry has also been blessed by the gifts of numerous instrumentalists, both from our own parish as well as the larger Silver Spring community. Singing at the large festivals of the church year, or at solemn All Saints Evensong,

ORGAN RECITAL

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 AT 5:00PM



This year's Music of Grace program opens with an organ recital featuring Dr. Peter Latona, Music Director for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

An award-winning organist, Dr. Latona has performed throughout the United States, Europe and the Holy Land, presented workshops on improvisation, and has released a recording, *An Organ Pilgrimage*, on the Raven label, featuring all four pipe organs at the Basilica. Active as a composer, Dr. Latona is published by Morningstar Music Publishers as well as Canticanova Publications, and G.I.A. His music was performed for the Apostolic visit of His Holiness Benedict XVI to the United States in 2008 and in each city visited by Pope Francis during his 2015 Apostolic visit to the United States.

Dr. Latona's program will include music by Bach, Guilmant, and Langlais, as well as an improvisation.

VOICE RECITAL - DELIA ZIELINSKI

OCTOBER 16, 2016 AT 5:00PM

Music of Grace is delighted to share the vocal artistry of classical soprano, Delia Zielinski, in a concert showcasing her musical talent ranging from operatic arias to musical theater.



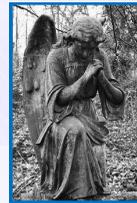
In addition to being the Assistant Minister of Music at Grace Church, Ms. Zielinski is also a voice instructor teaching opera and classical *bel*

canto as well as pop and jazz using the Somatic Voicework (tm) The LoVetri Method.

Ms. Zielinski is a recording artist with many regional opera performances and has performed at jazz festivals. Her students have gone on to top conservatories as voice majors.

ALL SAINTS EVENSONG

NOVEMBER 6, 2016 AT 5:00PM



This traditional annual event, which commemorates departed loved ones and friends, has become one of the musical highlights of the *Music of Grace* concert series. The centerpiece of this year's service will feature two anthems: *Give Us the Wings of Faith* by Ernest Bullock and *Valiant for Truth* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The choir will also sing the evening service set by Herbert Howells from the Collegium Regale, and responses by Bernard Rose.

The anthem *Give us the wings of faith* is for a saint's day and sets part of a hymn by Isaac Watts, including the familiar message of hope:

Give me the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be.

The other featured anthem, *Valiant for Truth*, comes from the final words of Paul Bunyan's famous Pilgrim's Progress. Noted as one of the high-points in the opera based on Pilgrim's Progress, Vaughan Williams' rendering of Mr. Valiant-for-Truth's final words is described as "at once both wistful and powerful."

AM AHL & THE NIGHT VISITORS CHILDREN'S CONCERT

JANUARY 7 & 8, 2017 AT 3:00PM



For our children's performance this season, Grace Church welcomes the return of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. Over the past 60 years, this poignant opera has become one of the most beloved musical experiences of the Christmas season. Written by Gian Carlo Menotti, who also wrote the original English libretto, the opera tells the Christmas story from the view of a widow and her crippled son, living in poverty, and the miraculous visit to their home of the three kings, who are following the star towards Bethlehem.

This lovely seasonal opera will take place in the church Undercroft and will feature two performances with the part of Amahl sung by two of Grace's own children choristers, the wonderful Joan Phalen as his mother.

GOSPEL MUSIC PIANO DUET

JANUARY 29, 2017 AT 5:00PM

Grace Church is delighted to present the *very first* duo performance of two of Washington, DC's best gospel pianists, Kayla Waters and Joshua Sommerville.

Joshua Sommerville is a singer, pianist, composer, music director and is a graduate of Towson University's School of Music. Joshua has worked with the late Dr. Walter Turnbull, Director of the Harlem Boys Choir, Dr. Ysaye Barnwell of the award-winning *a cappella* group Sweet Honey and the Rock, and Dr. Stanley Thurston of the Washington Performing Arts Society's Children of the Gospel. Joshua held the positions of Music Minister for Poplar Grove Baptist

Church in Darnestown, MD, and choir director/musician for the Goshen United Methodist's Male Choir.



Kayla Waters is an elite pianist, performer, and composer of music. She is a proud Howard University Alumni who holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Piano Performance. She started serving in her role as the Director of Music and Worship at Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church in Washington, DC, in March of 2015. She is also the Music Director for the Howard University Early Learning Program, and on the Piano Faculty at the Richardson School of Music in Takoma Park, MD. Outside of her pedagogical work, she is a member of Dream Unleashed Professional Female Band; a super group of 10 phenomenal female musicians who compose and perform original music - all hailing from the DC area.



SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

MAY 7, 2017 AT 5:00PM

The Spring Choir Concert has become a regular part of the Music of Grace Concert series. It provide a wonderful opportunity for the choirs to highlight the talent and energy of the Grace Choristers as they perform a variety of anthems and choral pieces as well as solo performances.

Both the Adult Choir and Children's Choirs will reprise selections performed during the year, in what promises to be an uplifting and exciting offering of musical energy.