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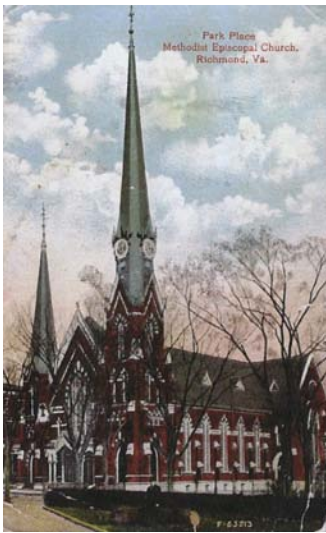
STOPLIST

WE DEDICATE THIS CHURCH – WITH A HYMN (Part 2)

Chapter Member **Donald R. Traser** offers an account of dedication hymns commissioned by Richmond-area churches, which will be serialized in the Stoplist over the next several months. The first part, which you can read in the [November Stoplist](#), describes the commissioning of the hymn “Lord! Thou hast said when two or three” for the dedication of Second Presbyterian Church in 1848 under the leadership of its founding pastor, Moses Hoge.

Moses Hoge was still in his Second Church pulpit a generation later when the Park Place Methodist Episcopal Church, South completed a new building with two (!) lofty spires in a rapidly growing area not too far to the west. Perhaps he would have approved of Richmond architect Albert L. West’s masterpiece, since it was Victorian Gothic in nature, and the *Richmond Dispatch* of the following day listed him among the clergy in attendance at the dedication ceremonies.

William E. Evans was then minister of Park Place and wrote this text, which the press referred to as an “ode,” for the November 10, 1886 (Wednesday noon), dedication:



Above: Park Place Church

Below: William E. Evans



*Come, O thou God of Grace
Dwell in this holy place,
E'en now descend!
This temple, reared to thee,
O may it ever be
Filled with thy majesty,
Till time shall end!*

*Be in each song of praise
Which here thy people raise
With hearts aflame!
Let every anthem rise
Like incense to the skies,
A joyful sacrifice
To Thy blest name!*

*Speak, O eternal Lord,
Out of thy living Word;
O give success!
Do thou the truth impart
Unto each waiting heart;
Source of all strength thou art;
Thy gospel bless!*

*Hear when Thy people pray,
Drive every doubt away,
Scatter them all!
Come when Thy children cry,
Hear Thou their plaintive sign,
Oh! To each heart draw nigh;
Lord, hear us call!*

*To the great One in Three
Glory and praises be
In love now given!
Glad songs to thee we sing;
Glad hearts to thee we bring,
Till we our God and King
Shall praise in heaven!*

Evans (1851-1915) was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and attended Randolph-Macon College in Ashland. He entered the Methodist ministry when he graduated in 1871. A Shakespearian scholar, Evans was the author of *Henry VII, The Era and the Man*, and *Great Doctrines of the Bible*, in addition to fiction and poetry.¹ While his books can still be found in various libraries, none of the poems have come to light, nor additional hymns. He later became an Episcopal priest and served several parishes in the South before returning to Richmond as rector of the Monumental Church. He died here and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery.

Robert Guy McCutchan (*Our Hymnody*, New York: The Methodist Book Concern, 1937) stated that “Come, O Thou God of Grace” entered *The Methodist Hymnal* “in its present form” in 1905. It was included in subsequent editions until that of 1989, always omitting the original fourth stanza. The hymnals have used the tune ITALIAN HYMN, though it was initially sung to AMERICA.²

¹ McDavid, Mittie Owen, *The Church of the Advent—Its History and Traditions*, Birmingham: The Birmingham Publishing Co., 1943, pp. 159-163.

² *Richmond Dispatch*, November 11, 1886.

WE DEDICATE THIS CHURCH – WITH A HYMN, *continued*

The reader might dismiss any similarity to Felice de Giardini's "Come, Thou Almighty King" as simply being suggested by the use of ITALIAN HYMN and the opening petition, "come." A closer examination reveals other similarities. Both speak of giving success to the spread of God's Holy Word and include a petition to hear our prayers; the concluding stanza of each addresses praises to the great One in Three; and both end with the hope of praising God through eternity. Giardini asks the comforter to "now rule in every heart"; Evans asks that truth be imparted "unto each waiting heart."

There is nothing to indicate with what frequency "Come, O Thou God of Grace" was used in the parish, but at the time of the building's destruction it was being sung each week as a call to worship.

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THE DEAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS



I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We are now entering again the season of Advent and Christmas, for many of us this means many extra rehearsals, services, events, etc. Remember to take time out during the crazy season for yourself. We've had another wonderful year of recitals, programs, and lectures. We are thankful to YOU for supporting the work of the executive board and the chapter as a whole.

We had a wonderful presentation by John Repulski this past month. His presentation "New Wine in Old Wine Skins" offered some suggestions/tips for spicing up current repertoire for worship and was insightful, and entertaining. I'd like to thank Ellen Johnston and Church of the Holy Comforter for hosting the program. Our next program coming up will be Choral Techniques Workshop led by The Reverend Dr. William Bradley Roberts, on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 10:00 at Bon Air Baptist Church. I hope that many of you can come over, Dr. Roberts will give helpful suggestions on choral rehearsal techniques, vocal techniques, etc.

Happy Holidays!

Christopher

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RICHMOND CHAPTER POE+ UPDATES

We are making progress in the planning for the POE+ that we are hosting in July 2020. The schedule is pretty well set, the budget has been approved by the AGO committee, the brochure has been finalized, work has begun on the website (a page of the chapter's main website), and registration has opened for all POE events in the nation on the AGO's website. With this work well underway, we'll be lightening the planning load throughout the holiday season, when we all have so much to do otherwise. After the first of the new year, we'll begin again, getting faculty contracts out, determining exact tasks for all aspects of the POE+, and starting to recruit chapter members and other friends of the Chapter to help with those detailed tasks.

There are two things you can do now – CONTRIBUTE before the end of the year and TALK IT UP in the coming months!

The budget for the POE+ includes revenues of contributions from our chapter members to support this program. If you review your charitable gifts at the end of the calendar year, please consider adding a check to the Chapter to help finance the POE+. Contribution checks can be made payable to the AGO – Richmond Chapter, putting 'POE+' in the memo field, and mailing it to the Chapter's Post Office Box. If you wish to make a contribution by credit card, you can do so on the AGO's website by logging into your member account on ONCARD. Once there, select 'Make a Contribution' and scroll to the bottom of the screen where you will see a contribution category for the POE+.

The POE+ level is for organ students over the age of 18 and with any level of organ-plying experience, including 'none.' If you know of someone who is interested in playing the organ and has some basic keyboard knowledge, talk to the about the program. While we provide hotel housing for out-of-town participants, in-town commuters are equally welcome.

POE+, *continued*

If they are interested, we can send them the brochure after the first of the year, or they can visit the website to get the brochure, and see the lists of churches / venues, faculty, and the projected schedule.

If you or anybody you know has questions, they can contact either one of us.

Have a great Holiday season!

Steve Henley (shenley@bonairpc.org) and Kenna Payne (kennajohnp@aol.com)

Co-Directors

EDUCATION CONCERNS



Anyone planning to take the Service Playing Exam can still request an application from National from now through Feb. 1, 2020. You then have until March 31, 2020 to play the exam. If you are thinking of playing the Colleague exam, you may request an application from National now and submit it after Dec. 1, 2019. You would play the exam May 8, 2020.

These are the locally played and recorded exams. The Choir Master, Associateship and Fellowship exams are played at a testing center most convenient to the applicant. You may request an application after Jan. 1, 2020 and submit by April 1, 2020. If you plan to do the paperwork one year and the playing another year, you may do the paperwork locally and it will be sent in for you. Otherwise you do both the paperwork and playing at the testing center.

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa to our members, whichever fits your situation. Please be careful and watch what other drivers are doing to have a safe journey to your destination and return back to the Richmond area.

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AROUND THE TOWN

Items for AROUND THE TOWN should be sent to the editor by the 15th of the month previous to the month in which the event will take place.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RICHMOND

On **Sunday, December 1** at 5:00 PM, St. Paul's Episcopal Church (815 E. Grace Street, Richmond) will offer a service of Advent Lessons and Carols. All are welcome!

GRACE & HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Sunday, December 8 at 11:00 AM, Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will offer a Festival of Lessons and Carols. The worship service, presented by our Adult Choir, will include traditional carols, anthems, and hymns for the Advent season. Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is located at 8 North Laurel Street (next to the Altria Theater). Free parking is available behind the church, on the street, and in the VCU Parking Deck at Laurel and Main Streets. All are welcome.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Sunday, December 8 at 4:30 PM, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Goochland (12291 River Road) will offer an Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols. The St. Mary's Choir, under the direction of Dr. Ryan Tibbetts, will present music for the season of Advent by Josquin, Praetorius, Ord, Georgiann Toole, Kile Smith, and others. A prelude recital beginning at 4:00PM will feature music of J.S. Bach. All are welcome.

RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST

On Saturday, December 8 at 7:30 PM at River Road Church, Baptist (8000 River Road, Richmond), the River Road Church Chancel Choir, accompanied by brass, harp, and organ, will present a Christmas Choral Concert of music by American composers, with music by John La Montaine, Daniel Pinkham, and Z. Randall Stroope. Free tickets may be obtained at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-with-american-composers-river-road-church-chancel-choir-and-orchestra-tickets-69287959151>

CENTRAL VIRGINIA MASTERWORKS CHORALE

On Friday, December 13 at 7:30 PM at Grace Baptist Church (4200 Dover Road, Richmond) and Sunday, December 15 at 3:00 PM at Duncan Memorial United Methodist Church (201 Henry Street, Ashland), the Central Virginia Masterworks Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Ryan Tibbetts, will present its Fall 2019 concert, featuring the Vivaldi's Gloria and Concerto in D-major for Trumpet and Oboe, as well as works by Zachary Wadsworth and University of Richmond faculty composer Benjamin Broening, accompanied by organ and chamber orchestra. Organist Daniel Stipe will perform J.S. Bach's transcription of Vivaldi's Concerto in D-minor, RV 565/BWV 596. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at <http://www.cvamc.org/performances/tickets/>

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Sunday, December 22 at 5:00 PM, All Saints Episcopal Church (8787 River Road, Richmond) presents a Festival of Lessons and Carols. Join the Choir of Men & Boys & the Girls Choir to sing the traditional service of Nine Lessons & Carols - a Richmond tradition! Music by Woodward, Warlock, Manz, McDowall, Olatunji, Halley, Victoria, Berlioz, Ledger, Cleobury, and Mathias. Prelude begins at 4:30 PM.

CHAPTER PROGRAMS, 2019-2020

January:

Choral Techniques Workshop

(William Bradley Roberts)

Saturday, January 25, 2020, 10:00 AM

Location: Bon Air Baptist

March:

Members' Recital: The Music of Bach

Sunday, March 22, 2020, 4:00-5:30 PM

Location: Bethlehem Lutheran Church

May:

Scholarship Recipient Recital

Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 7:30 PM

Location: Ginter Park Presbyterian Church

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WILLIAMSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

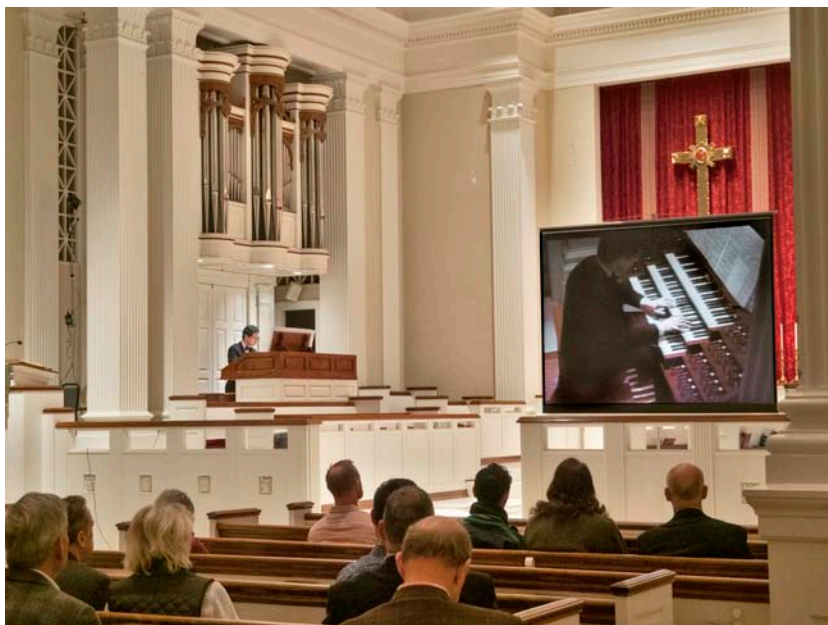
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NOVEMBER CHAPTER EVENTS



Above: At Richmond workshop on November 9 at the Church of the Holy Comforter, John Repulski bears a participant's query and comment on avoiding poor quality in alternative music intended for worship. Below: Organist Aaron Tan performs at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 17 as part of the Organ Repertoire Recital Series. Both photos courtesy of William van Pelt.





Candlelight Concerts & Historic Organ Recitals

December, 2019

Candlelight Concerts in Bruton Parish Church

Tuesday, December 3 @ 8:00 pm*Holiday Handbell Concert*

Bruton Parish Tarpley Ringers, Rebecca Davy, Director
& Handbell Choir from First Baptist Church, Scotland St.,
Reggie Fox, Director, with JanEl Will, Organist

Thursday, December 5 @ 8:00 pm*Holiday Handbell Concert*

Bruton Parish Tarpley Ringers, Rebecca Davy, Director
with JanEl Will, Organist

Friday, December 6 @ 8:00 pm*Holiday Choral Concert*

Saint Gertrude Honors Choir from Richmond, Virginia,
Carrie Haacke-Golden, Director

Saturday, December 7 @ 8:00 pm*Holiday Choral Concert*

Smooth Tones
Wandalyn Boley, Director

Tuesday, December 10 @ 8:00 pm*Holiday Choral Concert:*

Journey through Advent
Bruton Parish Choirs & Orchestra
Rebecca Davy, Director

Thursday, December 12 @ 8:00 pm*Holiday Choral Concert*

Manassas Chorale, Becky Verner, Director

Friday, December 13 @ 8:00 pm*Holiday Choral Concert*

Impromptu Community Choir from Richmond,
Virginia, Amy Hruska, Director

Saturday, December 14 @ 8:00 pm

New Dominion Choraliers Community Choir
from Prince William County, Virginia,
Katherine Nelson-Tracey, Director

Tuesday, December 17 @ 8:00 pm*Holiday Voice & Organ Recital*

Laraine Smith, Soprano & William Owen, Organist

Thursday, December 19 @ 8:00 pm*Holiday Choral Concert*

One Accord Choir from First Baptist Church in
Richmond, Virginia, Philip Mitchell, Director

Saturday, December 21 @ 8:00 pm*Holiday Choral Concert*

Tabernacle Baptist Church Choir from Richmond,
Virginia, Judy Fiske, Director

Thursday, December 26 @ 8:00 pm*Christmas Organ, Harpsichord & Flute Recital*

Rebecca Davy, Music Director at Bruton Parish
with Darla Wilmot, Flute

Saturday, December 28 @ 8:00 pm*Acoustic Guitar Recital*

Louis Vangieri, Guitarist from Williamsburg, Virginia

Sunday, December 29 @ 9:15 & 11:15 am*Nine Lessons & Carols*

Bruton Parish Choirs, Rebecca Davy, Director
JanEl Will, Organist

Tuesday, December 31 @ 8:00 pm*Holiday Organ Recital*

Rebecca Davy, Music Director at Bruton Parish

Historic Organ Recitals in the Wren Chapel at the College of William & Mary @ 10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 2 – Rebecca Davy

Thursday, December 5 – Rebecca Davy

Friday, December 6 – Thomas Marshall

Saturday, December 7 – Rebecca Davy

Monday, December 9 – Norman Elton

Tuesday, December 10 – Rebecca Davy

Thursday, December 12 – Rebecca Davy

Friday, December 13 – Thomas Marshall

Saturday, December 14 – Rebecca Davy

Monday, December 16 – Rebecca Davy

Thursday, December 19 – Norman Elton

Friday, December 20 – Rebecca Davy

Saturday, December 21 – Thomas Marshall

Monday, December 23 – Norman Elton

Tuesday, December 24 – Rebecca Davy

Thursday, December 26 – Rebecca Davy

Friday, December 27 – Thomas Marshall

Saturday, December 27 – Rebecca Davy

Monday, December 30 – Rebecca Davy

Tuesday, December 31 – Norman Elton

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Sunday
December 8, 2019
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Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols

Presented by the Grace & Holy Trinity Adult Choir

Conductor: Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis

Organist: Lawrence Heath

Pianist: Hope Armstrong Erb

Soloists: Caroline Whisnant, Soprano | James Taylor, Tenor

Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will present a Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 8 at 11:00 a.m. You are invited to join us for this worship service featuring traditional carols, anthems and hymns for the Advent season.



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2019 - 2020 Chamber Music & Organ Recital Series

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September 16

Washington's Camerata

October 20

Pete Mealy and Laurie Rose Griffin with John and Mary Vreeland

November 17

St. George Chamber Orchestra - Conducted by James Kazik

December 15

Christmas Music at St. George's
St. George's Organists, Choirs, and Instrumental Ensembles

January 19

Terra Voce

This concert partially funded by a grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts

February 16

St. George Chamber Orchestra - Conducted by James Kazik

March 15

Hazel Run

April 19

Peter and Will Anderson

May 17

St. George Chamber Orchestra - Conducted by James Kazik

2019 - 2020 Organ Recital Series

Featuring Trystan Bennett, Brooks Kuykendall, Achim Loch, and John Vreeland

Saturday, October 26, 7:30 pm

Scary Music for Organ

Tuesday, December 31, 8:30 pm

New Year's Eve Haiti Benefit Concert
The St. George Organists and Jazz Ensemble

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