The Richmond STOPLIST

December 2026

DEAN'S LETTER TO MEMBERS



Dean’s Letter
December 2026

Dear Friends,

Well, it's here! December! It's one of the busiest times of the year for most people, but particularly for musicians, for whom the shopping, social gatherings, and travel to visit family seem infinitely compounded by the work we do at our churches.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving, I had the great honor of performing a recital at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, DC, on the ravishing four-manual, 92-rank Lively-Fulcher organ, built in 1995 and completed in 2018. It was a significant day in the Catholic tradition to perform such a recital: the

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and historically the feast day of Saint Cecilia, patroness of music and musicians. Immediately following the concert, I made a much-needed trip to my hometown of Buffalo, NY for a family visit. I'm grateful to our former Dean and my personal friend, Dr. Ryan Tibbetts, for playing in my absence and ensuring that the good people of Saint Benedict were able to celebrate Thanksgiving with beautiful music.

November offered our chapter the opportunity to welcome guest presenter Eric Wall of White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC, and Montreat Conference Center. I am grateful to Eric for offering a beautiful and thoughtfully prepared hymn festival, "The Song Never Dies," at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, followed the next morning by a workshop, "Awake and Sing," at River Road Presbyterian Church. Special thanks to Christopher Martin and Grace Covenant for their gracious hospitality, and to our Sub-Dean, Grant Holcomb, who first envisioned these events and hosted the workshop at River Road. Thank you also to all who took time out of their busy November schedules to attend.

Attendance at our November meeting fell slightly below our goal, though we remain encouraged by the turnout so far this season and would like to see the trend continue. Please help support your chapter, and the colleagues who work so generously to coordinate these events, by encouraging your fellow chapter members to attend, or by inviting a friend, family member, neighbor, colleague, or member of your church community.

Our chapter offerings will be a bit quieter this month, allowing you to attend to your many preparations and responsibilities for Christmas. While we will not enjoy an official chapter meeting in December, you'll notice that the "Around the Town" section of our Stoplist is jam-packed with exciting events. If your schedule allows, please consider supporting a colleague by attending one of them.

Our next chapter program will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2027, for a presentation on the restoration of the Casavant organ, Opus 3087, at First Baptist Church on Monument Ave. David Storey, who worked closely with Casavant to carry out the work, will offer the program alongside FBC's organist, Brent te Velde. The church will host a chapter dinner at 6:00 p.m., with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. Stay tuned to your email for RSVP information.

Those of us entrusted with the role of church musician work hard each week,

many of us several times a week, to offer our congregations a thoughtful, joyful, and meaningful experience of the incarnate Lord. There are several times a year when we have a particularly valuable opportunity to minister to those who, for whatever reason, may not join us each week: to let our music speak to their hearts and to consider becoming part of our faith communities. May the music that you so diligently prepare and execute these coming weeks inspire a life of faith and encounter with God in the hearts of those who receive it with their ears.

Fondly,
Joel S. Kumro, Dean

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Tuesday, January 19, 2027
Presentation on the Renovation of the Casavant Organ by David Storey
First Baptist Church, 2709 Monument Ave., Richmond

Chapter meeting and dinner: 6:00 p.m., Program: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 19, 2027
Presentation on Organ Construction and Basic Maintenance by Scott Hayes
All Saints Episcopal Church, 8787 River Rd., Richmond

Chapter meeting and dinner: 6:00 p.m., Program: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 5, 2027
ORRS Recital: Eric Plutz
All Saints Episcopal Church, 8787 River Rd., Richmond

Chapter meeting and dinner: 6:00 p.m., Program: 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27, 2027

April in Oregon Hill: A Members' Recital
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 236 S. Laurel St., Richmond

Chapter meeting and dinner: 6:00 p.m., Program: 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25, 2027
Scholarship Recipient Recital
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 12291 River Rd., Richmond

Chapter meeting and dinner: 6:00 p.m., Program: 7:00 p.m.
Note this is a change from the originally advertised date

AROUND THE TOWN

Saturday, December 5, 3:00 pm
Caroling in Monroe Park & Holiday Market
Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 8 N. Laurel Street, Richmond

The Greater Richmond Children's Choir, RVA Street Singers, Grace & Holy Trinity Vocal Ensemble and Intergenerational Choir, and a brass quintet will lead Christmas carols for this year's Caroling in Monroe Park and Holiday Market. Local artisans, food trucks, and fun children's activities start at 3:00 p.m. The brass quintet begins at 4:15 with caroling at 4:30. Admission is free.

Sunday, December 6, 4:00 pm
Advent Lessons and Carols
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 815 E. Grace St., Richmond

The St. Paul's Choir presents a service of Advent Lessons and Carols: Looking for the Light. The service will feature music by Andrew Carter, Michael Wise, Henry Lebedinski, Craig Phillips, and Charles Wood. Festive reception to follow; all welcome.

Sunday, December 6, 4:00 pm
Organ, Brass, & Carols
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 8400 St. Peter's Lane, New Kent

The "Sundays @ 4 Series" continues with a program of noels, carols, and seasonal music featuring RVA Brass, Larry Heath, organ, and voices. An Artist's Reception will follow the concert. No admission fee, donations appreciated.

Sunday, December 6, 4:30 pm
Advent Lessons and Carols with extended Organ Prelude
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 2040 McRae Rd., Bon Air

Diana Chou, Associate Music Director, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, will play the 4:30 p.m. recital prelude. At 5:00, St. Michael's Choir, directed by Grant Hellmers and accompanied by Diana Chou, will sing Advent music by Richard Shephard, Gerald Near (arrangement of "Drop down, ye heavens" Advent chant), Malcolm Archer, Philip Ledger and others. A reception will follow.

Friday, December 11, 6:00 pm
Karoling with Kumro 2026
Saint Benedict Catholic Church, 300 N. Sheppard Street, Richmond

Please join us for Saint Benedict's 10th Annual "Karoling with Kumro;" St. Benedict's choirmaster, Joel S. Kumro, will lead a group in song and fellowship throughout the Museum District. The event begins in the Parish Hall with light refreshments with caroling to follow. Please RSVP here. All are welcome! Rain or shine. Parking in the lot behind the church. For more information, call 804-254-8810 x112.

Friday, December 11, 7:00 pm
St. Edward Candlelight Carol Sing
St. Edward Catholic Church, 2700 Dolfield Drive, North Chesterfield

Soprano Margaret Woods and members of the Richmond Symphony will join the St. Edward choirs for an evening of music and sacred storytelling, including movements from Handel's *Messiah* and a Christmas carol sing-along. A

reception will follow. Free admission (donations appreciated). More info at www.stedchurch.com.

Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 pm
Winter Solstice Concert
St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 6000 Grove Avenue, Richmond

Sanctuary, the St. Stephen's *a cappella* Compline choir, offers a concert to feed the spirit on one of winter's longest nights. Seasonal music and poetry will center around the texts of the *Great O Antiphons*, pleas for longing and fulfillment at the darkest time of year. The program includes music of Kerensa Briggs, Melissa Dunphy, Paul Manz, James MacMillan, Robert McCormick, and Arvo Pärt.

Tickets are $20 ($10 for students) and available at www.ststephensRVA.org/solstice.

Wednesday, December 16, 7:30 pm
Vienna Boys Choir: Christmas in Vienna
Saint Bede Catholic Church, 3686 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg

“The angelic voices of this most famous vocal group are ageless.” (The Salt Lake Tribune)
They may be 10 to 14 years old, but the gifted, impeccably trained young singers of the famed Vienna Boys Choir sustain a musical tradition that dates back to the 15th century, an unbroken chain of artistry that resonates with current audiences as it has for centuries. “Their voices soared and sparkled… [and] delivered their musical message of peace: music unites; it does not divide” (Colorado Springs Gazette). Tickets can be purchased through the Virginia Arts Festival at https://vafest.org. For more information, visit www.bedeva.org/concerts or call (757) 229-3631.

Thursday, December 17, 2026, 7:30 pm
Vienna Boys Choir: Christmas in Vienna
River Road Church (Baptist), 8000 River Road, Richmond

Presented by Virginia Arts Festival, the angelic voices of this most famous

vocal group are ageless." (The Salt Lake Tribune)
The gifted and impeccably-trained young singers of the famed Vienna Boys Choir sustain a musical tradition that dates back to the 15th century, an unbroken chain of artistry that continues to resonate with audiences as it has for centuries.

"Their voices soared and sparkled…[and] delivered their musical message of peace: music unites; it does not divide." (Colorado Springs Gazette). Tickets ($49-$65) are on sale now and sold via Virginia Arts Festival at https://secure.vafest.org/3180/3198.

Sunday, December 20, 4:00 pm
Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols
Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 8 N. Laurel Street, Richmond

This worship service, presented by the Parish Choir and brass quintet, will include music by Burnett, Handel, Rutter, Shephard, and Vivaldi. The Parish Choir will be accompanied by Spencer Koger, organist, and conducted by Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis. Reception to follow.

Wednesday, January 6, 7:00 pm
A Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 815 E. Grace St., Richmond

The St. Paul's Choir will present a Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany, featuring music by Peter Warlock, Philip Stopford, Simon Lole, Charles Wood, and Paul Halley. The service will be followed with a festive reception; all are welcome.

Thursday, January 14, 6:00 pm
Epiphany Choral Evensong
St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 6000 Grove Avenue, Richmond

Please join us at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, when the St. Stephen's Choir will offer Choral Evensong in celebration of the season of Epiphany. Music by Felix Mendelssohn and Herbert Brewer.

NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING RECAP







Richmond, Va. Nov. 13 & 14, 2026: On Friday, November 13, The Richmond AGO Chapter gathered at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church (2005 Schantz 4m, 84 stops) to enjoy a chapter meeting and dinner, followed by a hymn festival titled "The Song Never Dies" led by Eric Wall, Director of Music at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC, and Conference Center Musician

at Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC.

On Saturday, November 14, Wall led a hymn-playing workshop for the Chapter titled "Singing and the Organist" at River Road Presbyterian Church (1994 Kenneth Jones organ, 3m, 31 ranks). Wall is the composer of a collection of hymn introductions and accompaniments titled Awake and Sing, published by Augsburg in 2022.

Photos by Joel Kumro
Eric Wall at lectern; Diana Chou, seated, at hymn festival Nov. 13, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church; Chapter members sing at hymn festival Nov. 13, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church; Eric Wall near organ console conducts workshop on hymn introductions and accompaniments on Nov. 14 at River Road Presbyterian Church

"TREASURER'S CORNER" FROM KENNA PAYNE

The Chapter now has credit card processing

Yes, indeed, the Chapter is now accepting credit cards for onsite dinner charges at Chapter meetings! We have set up a Square account and have the onsite terminal for card processing.

As a Chapter cost-saving effort, we ask that Chapter members pay the very small processing fee, as an additional charge on your card. For this year, a $20 dinner charge will cost $20.75 for those choosing to use a credit card. As always, you can still pay by cash or check.

We hope to add a pay-by-card function to other items through the Chapter’s website, including the ability to pay for dinner in advance.

So, come to the January meeting and see this new process in action!

Change in 1099-NEC Reporting

As a reminder, Form 1099-NEC is the required annual form for Non-Employee Compensation (NEC), the form prepared by the paying organization. These can be thought of as the equivalent of a W-2 for contractors / vendors. They are required to be filed with the IRS and sent to the vendor in January each year, to report the total payments made to that vendor in the previous calendar year.

For those of you who (a) assist an organization in preparing these returns at the end of the calendar year, or (b) receive one from an organization for which you perform recitals, lead masterclasses or workshops, or provide consulting services, there is a major change in the reporting for the January 2027 returns.

Starting in January 2027, for total payments made in calendar year 2026, the reporting threshold has been increased from $600 or more to $2,000 or more.

"Total payments" means ALL payments, even if the payments include reimbursement amounts (travel, mileage, hotels, etc.), even if the reimbursements are not taxable to you.

As the recipient of the monies, you, the taxpayer, are responsible for knowing the breakdown between fees and reimbursements, and treating them accordingly on your tax return, Form 1040.

Also, all amounts received should be considered to be taxable income to you, even though they might not result in a Form 1099-NEC (i.e., under the total of $1,999.99).

So, keep good records and consult your tax advisor as necessary.

Questions about any of the above? Contact Kenna Payne, Treasurer, 1-804-512-5804 or kennajohnp@aol.com.

LIST AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 2026-2027

Please contact any member of the Executive Committee with questions or concerns you might have about the AGO or Richmond Chapter.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Executive Committee Meeting
November 8, 2026 | St. Benedict Catholic Church

* Grant Application Approved: Demas Boudreaux presented an opportunity for the Richmond Chapter to apply for a $9,500 grant to introduce new audiences to the pipe organ and increase attendance at existing programs, including the Organ Repertoire Recital Series. Authorization to proceed with the grant

application was approved.

* New Square POS Platform: Kenna Payne reported that the Chapter is ready to begin using the new Square POS platform to accept payments for dinners at Chapter meetings, as well as donations and other contributions. A processing fee will apply to each onsite dinner transaction (for example, a $20 onsite dinner payment will incur an additional $0.75 charge).
* Financial Statement Accepted: Kenna Payne presented the Chapter Financial Statement through 10/31/26, which was accepted.
* AGO Affiliation Agreement: Kenna Payne reported on new IRS rules concerning the relationship between AGO Chapters and the national AGO organization. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to authorize Dean Joel Kumro to sign the affiliation agreement and submit it to AGO Headquarters by December 1, 2026.
* Stephen Henley Memorial Fund: Contributions to the Stephen Henley Memorial Fund now total $3,200. Noting Steve’s passion for youth choirs, the committee discussed options for supporting youth choir workshops or events. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to investigate sponsoring or organizing a youth choir program in his honor.

* Membership Coordinator Search: A new Membership Coordinator is still being sought. Judy Fiske, who previously served in this role, is willing to work alongside another volunteer to transition and share these responsibilities.

* AGO Examination Center: Following the Chapter's recent agreement to serve as an AGO Examination Center, Grant Hellmers agreed to determine the next steps necessary to move forward.

* “Churches of Richmond” Website: Joel Kumro reported that the “Churches of Richmond” website is no longer accessible and needs to be rebuilt. Grant Hellmers agreed to continue discussions with interested parties.

* Byrd Park Carillon Update: Kenna Payne reported that the Virginia Department of General Services has not yet returned her phone calls regarding the status of the Byrd Park Carillon and potential Richmond AGO involvement. The Chapter continues to seek ways to collaborate with the agency to restore the carillon.

Respectfully submitted,

David Purdy, Secretary

NOVEMBER RICHMOND AGO BIRTHDAYS

Jason	Brown	1-Dec
W.	Borden	2-Dec
Alicia	Romeo	2-Dec
Rita	Gulliksen	5-Dec
Melissa	Hawks	7-Dec
Douglas	Brown	11-Dec
Kathleen	Rosenberg	17-Dec
Carina	Brackin	22-Dec
Charles	Lindsey	22-Dec
Eugene	Smith	26-Dec
Stuart	Ashton	28-Dec
Sharon	Freude	28-Dec

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Listings in this column appear for a maximum of 90 days and then are removed unless an extension is requested. When a listing is removed, therefore, it does not necessarily mean that the position has been filled. To submit a listing, contact Betty Girardeau at bettyg@redfamiliar.com or 804-647-0825.

Christ & Grace Episcopal Church
1545 S Sycamore St, Petersburg, VA 23805

Seeking a **part-time Director of Music** with extensive abilities in playing organ and piano literature, leading congregational hymnody & service music, and choral conducting, as well as equipping and supporting lay musicians in our parish. One liturgical-style Sunday morning service, with occasional evening services, and other special services during Lent, Holy Week, and Christmas.

The Director of Music conducts the Parish Choir, rehearsing weekly and prior to services, and may oversee or conduct our Handbell Choir depending on experience. Weddings and funerals provide an additional stipend. Two manual, 21 rank organ built in 1973 by M. P. Möller and a Roland keyboard with multiple voicing options. Candidates should be comfortable with traditional liturgical music literature, particularly that of the Anglican choral tradition. Salary Range: $30,000 to $35,000 with four weeks paid vacation. Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter describing their experience to LRhoton@christandgrace.org. Please find a complete job description here.

First English Lutheran Church
1603 Monument Ave, Richmond, VA 23220

Seeking **part-time Music Director and Organist** for one liturgical-style Sunday morning worship and weekly adult choir rehearsal, with four paid section leaders. Other ensembles include handbell and youth choirs, which provide music for special services throughout the year. Other services annually include Ash Wednesday, Lenten and Holy Week, Advent to include Nativity Pageant, and Christmas Eve. The Music Director and Organist has first refusal for weddings and funerals. Allen Renaissance custom digital organ and two baby grand pianos. Candidates should be familiar with traditional sacred music and hymnody as well as more modern hymns and worship music arrangements. Salary range: $36,000 to $42,000/year with four weeks paid vacation and professional dues. Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter describing their experience to office@felcrichmond.org. A full job description can be provided by emailing or calling 804-355-9185.

Huguenot Road Baptist Church
10525 W Huguenot Rd, North Chesterfield, VA 23235

Seeking **part-time Organist** to provide organ and piano accompaniment for scheduled worship services, choir rehearsals, and special occasions in support of the music ministry. Primary duties include playing preludes, offertories, postludes, and accompaniments for weekly rehearsals with the Chancel Choir and other ensembles, as well as occasional organ concerts and demonstrations. Additional services throughout the year include Baccalaureates and other special events; the organist has first refusal and separate fee

arrangements for weddings and funerals. 3-manual, 38-rank Bunn-Minette pipe organ, recently revoiced, and piano. Candidates should demonstrate proficiency on both pipe organ and piano/keyboard, strong sight-reading skills, and the ability to lead congregational song and conduct rehearsals when needed; improvisation skills are highly desired. Salary range: $20,000 to $24,000/year. Position reports directly to the Associate Pastor for Music, Worship, and Community, with annual performance reviews by the pastor and Human Resources Team. Applicants must successfully complete a background and credit check. Interested candidates should submit application materials to Michelle Graham at michellegraham91@gmail.com. For full position details and inquiries, call 804-229-9241.

Abingdon Episcopal Church
4645 George Washington Memorial Highway, White Marsh VA 23061

Seeking a **part-time Minister of Music** to lead its music ministry and oversee the Arts at Abingdon concert series. This position includes serving as organist and choir director for one Sunday morning service and a weekly adult choir rehearsal. The volunteer choir of 8-14 members sings music from traditional church repertoire and uses paid soloists a couple of times a year. The organ is a 25-rank Walker tracker organ installed in 1989 and refurbished in 2022. Qualified candidates should have strong musical skills, experience leading church music programs, and a passion for enriching worship and community life. Familiarity with Episcopal liturgy and the Anglican musical tradition is preferred. Salary is $35,000-$45,000 depending on experience and qualifications. Benefits include: 4 weeks paid vacation, participation in The Episcopal Church Lay Retirement Plan, sabbatical and longevity programs, access to Episcopal Medical Trust insurance options, and use of church facilities and instruments for private lessons.

First English Lutheran Church
1603 Monument Ave, Richmond, VA 23220

First English Lutheran Church is seeking a **tenor section leader** for one weekly rehearsal and one Sunday morning traditional liturgical service per week, for a choir season that runs from the beginning of September through the beginning of June. Season Salary approximately $5,625 ($150 for rehearsal

and Sunday service each week, plus $75 for additional services such as during Holy Week). The church is located at the intersection of Lombardy (Stuart Circle) and Monument Avenue. Interested candidates should contact Erin Stuhlman, Interim Choir Director, at erin.stuhlman@gmail.com.

Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church
3712 Weems Road, Weems, VA, 22576

Seeking part-time **Traditional Music Director** for one Sunday morning 11:00AM worship service, and special service throughout the year, including Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Nativity Pageant, Christmas Eve, and other services as needed. The Music Director may be an organist or pianist.

Responsibilities include selecting music in consultation with the Pastor, coordinating occasional choir, solo, and instrumental music, recruiting and encouraging volunteer musicians, and collaborating with the Contemporary Music Director and church committees on special services and community events. Instruments include a 3 manual hybrid pipe/electronic organ and a Mason and Hamlin grand piano. First refusal is available for weddings and funerals, which average 3-4 per year. Candidates should be familiar with traditional sacred music and hymnody. Annual salary range $15,000-$18,000 per year and 4 weeks paid vacation.

Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter describing their experience and interest in serving Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church. Contact Joel Morgan at joel.morgan@campbellchurch.net

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St. John's Episcopal Church
12201 Richmond Street, Chester

Seeking a **tenor section leader**. Weekly calls on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings with occasional extra calls throughout the year (Christmas Eve, Holy Week, etc.) Compensation $600/month, paid as an independent contractor. Contact Aubrey Lindsey at 804-748-2182 or alindsey@stjohnschester.com.

SUBSTITUTES

The AGO Members listed below have indicated a desire to be called for substituting at services. No specific qualifications are implied by their inclusion on this list. The employer is responsible for determining that a substitute will adequately meet any needs. If you have questions or wish to add or remove your name, contact Betty Girardeau, bettyg@redfamiliar.com or 804-647-0825.

Substitutes Available for All Services and Events (including Sunday Mornings)

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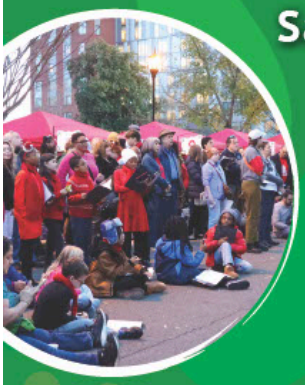
Grace & Holy Trinity Church
Presents the 6th Annual

Caroling in Monroe Park
and
Holiday Market



Saturday, December 5, 2026

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Music Begins at 4:15 PM

Musicians

Grace & Holy Trinity Vocal Ensemble &
Intergenerational Choir
RVA Street Singers
Greater Richmond Children's Choir
Brass Quintet



Food Vendors

Field & Fire Kettle Corn
Monique's Crepes

Plus Local Vendors and Photos with Santa in his Model T

Grace & Holy Trinity Church
8 N. Laurel Street
ghtc.org/caroling


E. Carl Freeman
Concert Series
RIVER ROAD CHURCH
BAPTIST
ADVENT AND
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
RIVER ROAD CHANCEL
CHOIR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2026 AT 7:30PM
RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST
8000 RIVER ROAD, RVA 23229
Free tickets at rrcb.org/eventbrite

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

MUSIC MINISTRY

invites you to our

Candlelight Carol Sing

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 ✦ 7:00 P.M.

Join us for an evening of beautiful music and sacred storytelling, as we follow the biblical readings of Christ's birth, the visit from the shepherds, the visit from the Magi, and the mystery of the incarnation.

FOUR CHOIRS ✦ INSTRUMENTALISTS ✦ HANDBELLS ✦ STRING QUARTET ✦ SOPRANO SOLOIST

ages 6-97

All are welcome.



2700 Dolfield Drive - North Chesterfield, VA - 23235


VIENNA BOYS CHOIR
Christmas in Vienna
DECEMBER 17
RIVER ROAD CHURCH, BAPTIST, RICHMOND
VIRGINIA
ARTS
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Sängerknaben
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Candlelight Concerts and Historic Organ Recitals
December 2026

Tuesday, December 1 @ 8:00 pm
Holiday Handbell Concert
Bruton Tarpley Ringers, Rebecca Davy, Director

Thursday, December 3 @ 8:00 pm
Holiday Chamber Music Concert
Richmond Clarinet Choir, Anne Coldiron, Director

Friday, December 4 @ 8:00 pm
Holiday Choral Concert
Rushingbrook Children's Choir from Greenville, SC, David Rasbach, Director

Saturday, December 5 @ 8:00 pm
Holiday Choral Concert
Choir from First United Methodist Church in Richmond, Carina Brackin, Director

Tuesday, December 8 @ 8:00 pm
Holiday Choir & Orchestra Concert: Including music by Charpentier & Saint-Saëns
Bruton Choirs, Rebecca Davy, Director

Thursday, December 10 @ 8:00 pm
Holiday Choral Concert
Manassas Chorale, Becky Verner, Director

Friday, December 11 @ 6:00 pm
Holiday Choral Concert
Willis A. Jenkins Elementary School Jaguar Choir from Newport News, Joseph Stipes, Director

Saturday, December 12 @ 8:00 pm
Holiday Choral Concert
New Dominion Choraliers Community Choir Katherine Nelson-Tracey, Director

Tuesday, December 15 @ 8:00 pm
Holiday Flute Recital: Carols from the Medieval Age to the Present on Flutes Old and New
Krystine Smith, Flutist from Roanoke, & JanEl Will, Keyboard

Thursday, December 17 @ 8:00 pm
Christmas Brass Concert
U.S. Air Force Heritage Brass Quintet

Saturday, December 19 @ 8:00 pm
Holiday Songs of the Season
Rebecca Davy, Organist; George Revill, Tenor

Tuesday, December 22 @ 8:00 pm
Holiday Choral Concert
One Accord Choir from Richmond First Baptist Church, Phil Mitchell, Director

Saturday, December 26 @ 8:00 pm
Christmas Organ Recital & Carol Sing
Dr. JanEl Will, Organist at Bruton Parish

YOUR INVITATION TO AN

Epiphany Procession

SUNDAY • JANUARY 17 • 4PM

PRESENTED BY THE



Lynchburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

This historic liturgy recalls the three miracles of Epiphany: the journey of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and Jesus's first miracle at the wedding in Cana. Through readings, organ music, choral anthems and hymns, worshippers reflect on the meaning of Epiphany: God's light revealed in Christ.

ORGANISTS
Peggy Haas Howell
Summer Jenkins

CHOIRS
St. John's Choir
St. Paul's choir

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NEW CHAPTER MEMBER ACCEPTING PIANO STUDENTS



Recently, the Richmond AGO Chapter welcomed Devon G. Shifflett, MM, as its newest member, and **he's taking on piano students.**

Devon Shifflett serves as the Music Minister and Organist of Saint James Armenian Church, Instructor of Piano at Hampden–Sydney College and maintains an active private piano studio. He holds a Master of Music in Performance and Piano Pedagogy from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he also earned post-baccalaureate certificates in Historical

Keyboard Performance and Musicology. He received both a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Longwood University, graduating summa cum laude. An active performer and educator, Devon regularly presents research on piano pedagogy at national conferences and enjoys helping musicians of all ages grow in their love of music.

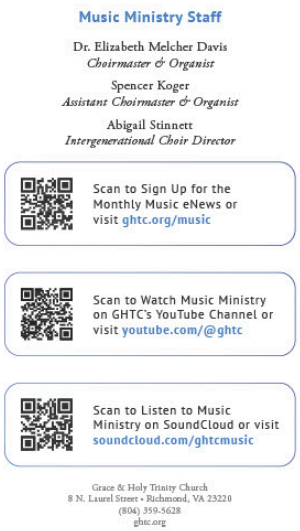
He's teaching children and adults at Saint James Armenian and welcoming new students to his piano studio. If you or any of your colleagues hear of someone looking for piano lessons, he'd be grateful for the referral. Devon's website is shifflettpianostudio.com and he can be reached at shifflettpiano@gmail.com.

STAY CONNECTED

Please send *Stoplist* submissions to Demas Boudreaux by the 20th of each month to be included in the following month's newsletter.

Notify us of any changes in your mailing or email addresses so you will continue to receive your copy of the *Stoplist* without interruption.







Compline Worship Services

Thursdays, October 22, 2026 & March 11, 2027 | 7:00 PM

Come and experience the beauty of the contemplative Compline worship service led by the Parish Choir.

Virginia Commonwealth University Convocation

Tuesdays, October 27, 2026 & April 20, 2027 | 12:30 PM

Join us on Tuesday, October 27th at 12:30 p.m. in the church for a special performance featuring talented student musicians from VCU's wind, brass, voice, and piano studios. They will offer a varied selection of music that highlights the artistry, dedication, and versatility of these emerging musicians. *Admission is free.*

Holy Eucharist with VCU's Vox Concordia Treble Choir & Vocal Chamber Ensemble

Sunday, November 8, 2026 | 10:30 AM

VCU's Vox Concordia Treble Choir and Vocal Chamber Ensemble, conducted by Lisa Fusco, will sing anthems and lead the hymns and service music at the worship service.

Choral Evensong for Veterans Day & Day of Remembrance

Sunday, November 8, 2026 | 4:00 PM

The Choral Evensong will include music by Casurella, Shephard, and Vaughan Williams sung by the Parish Choir.



Caroling in Monroe Park & Holiday Market

Saturday, December 5, 2026 | 3:00 PM

The Greater Richmond Children's Choir, RVA Street Singers, Grace & Holy Trinity Vocal Ensemble and Intergenerational Choir, and a brass quintet will lead Christmas carols for this year's Caroling in Monroe Park and Holiday Market on Saturday, December 5th. There will be local artisans, food trucks, and fun children's activities starting at 3:00 p.m. The brass quintet music will begin at 4:15 p.m. with caroling following at 4:30 p.m.



Festival of Christmas Lessons & Carols

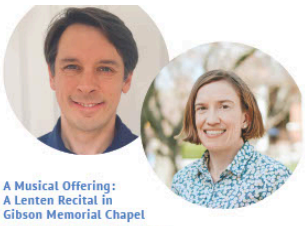
Sunday, December 20, 2026 | 4:00 PM

This worship service, presented by the Parish Choir and brass quintet, will include music by Burnett, Handel, Rutter, Shephard, and Vivaldi. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall following the worship service.

Holy Eucharist with Greater Richmond Children's Choir

Sunday, January 24, 2027 | 10:30 AM

The internationally award-winning Greater Richmond Children's Choir (GRCC), led by Artistic Director, Crystal Jonkman, and Associate Director, Roshan Chakane, will sing anthems and lead the hymns and service music at the worship service. Now in its 30th season, GRCC has sung on four continents in over 40 languages and is recognized for its commitment to excellence and diversity.



A Musical Offering: A Lenten Recital in Gibson Memorial Chapel

Saturday, March 13, 2027 | 4:00 PM

Well-known Richmond musicians Ryan Tibbetts, organist, and Katharine Tibbetts, cellist and flutist, will perform solo and ensemble works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Herbert Howells, Camille Saint-Saëns and Ethel Smyth. *Admission is free.*

"Heard at the Movies"

Saturday, April 10, 2027 | 4:00 PM

Join the talented musicians of GHTC for a lively concert featuring movie classics from Casablanca, Born Free, Titanic, James Bond, and more in the Parish Hall. The vocalists will be accompanied by Spencer Koger, pianist. There will be a reception following the concert. *Admission is free.*

Holy Eucharist with "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi

Sunday, April 25, 2027 | 10:30 AM

The Parish Choir will present Vivaldi's beautiful "Gloria" with chamber ensemble and organ. Soloists for the worship service will include Keely Borland, Abigail Stinnett, and Caroline Whisnant. The work will be accompanied by Spencer Koger, organist, and conducted by Dr. Elizabeth Melcher Davis. The music will be sung within the context of the Holy Eucharist liturgy. There will be a reception following the worship service.

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