



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church ____ _ January 14, 2022

Spotlight: Congratulations to our Associate Organist!

Grace Church congratulates our Associate Director of Music, David Heinze, for winning First Prize in the [National Competition in Organ Accompaniment](#) which was held on January 8 at the historic [St. Paul's Church, K Street](#) in Washington, D.C.



The competition, the first-ever of its kind, was co-sponsored by [Schoenstein & Co. Organ Builders](#) of Benicia, California and the [Washington, D.C. Chapter of the American Guild of Organists](#) and was organized by DC AGO Chapter Treasurer Rob Church and the Director of Music at St. Paul's, K Street, Dr. Jeffrey Smith. Most organ competitions focus on solo organ repertoire and not on what most organists do on a weekly basis-- which is to accompany a choir and play hymns.

David and three other finalists were chosen from a pool of applicants (all under the age of 30) who submitted live recordings of hymns, a psalm, and accompanying a soloist on [“The Call” by Ralph Vaughan Williams](#) and a choir on [“How lovely is thy dwelling place” by Johannes Brahms.](#)

The live round was challenging, to say the least. The finalists each led the audience in two contrasting hymns (including introduction, interlude, and final verse reharmonisation) of their choice, then accompanied a psalm sung to Anglican chant, a vocal solo, and choral work chosen from a short list. They were each given three hours of practice time on the organ, and then each had a 15-minute rehearsal with a soloist followed by a 30-minute rehearsal with the eight-member professional test choir and the choir director. Forty-five minutes is not a lot of time to rehearse nearly 30 minutes of music with an unfamiliar director, soloist, choir, and organ.

David chose the following repertoire to accompany in the final round (click on the links to listen):

Hymn 67: [Comfort, comfort ye my people \(Tune: PSALM 42\)](#)

Vocal Solo: [Ex ore innocentium by John Ireland](#)

[Psalm 19: 1-10 sung to Anglican chant by Stephen Darlington](#)

[Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in A, Op. 12 by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford](#)

Hymn 432: [O Praise ye, the Lord \(Tune: Laudate Dominum\)](#)

The jury for the live round consisted of Canon [Michael McCarthy](#), Director of Music at the Washington National Cathedral, Professor [Thomas Murray](#), University Organist & Professor of Music Emeritus of Yale University & the Institute of Sacred Music, and [Dr. John Walker](#), Professor of Organ at the Peabody Conservatory. Jack Bethards, President and Tonal Director of Schoenstein & Co. Organ Builders presented the First Place and Second Place prizes of \$5,000 and \$2,500.

As a note of interest, two of the three other competitors have performed at Grace Church on our Thursdays at Noon Concert Series. Jerrick Cavagnaro, who won Second Prize in the competition, played here in November 2019, and Jordan Prescott played in December 2021.

Choral Compline Cancelled

The service of Choral Compline that was scheduled for this coming Sunday, has been cancelled due to a steep rise in COVID numbers in our area. We hope to be able to offer this lovely, meditative service of chant, incense, and candles again in the near future. Thank you for your understanding.



On-Site Weekday Ministries Paused

Given the surging rate of community spread of the Omicron variant, our on-site weekday ministries have been paused through the end of January. Activities placed on this temporary pause include: Wednesday Noon Eucharist, Thursday Noon Concerts, the Open Doors Ministry, and on-site gatherings of the Quilting, Prayer Shawl, and 20s/30s ministries. We look forward to resuming those weekday activities as soon as conditions improve, so please stay tuned to the weekly ENews.



Our in-person Sunday worship will continue, but please take care to retain your face masks in place throughout your time indoors here. For the time being, we will not gather for Coffee Hour following worship.

Helping Afghani Refugees

Grace Church will be working with the Dorcas International Resettlement Program, helping to place refugees from Afghanistan in homes in our area. There are sign up sheets located on the table in The Pavilion for an upcoming Saturday on **January (1/22)** where we will need at minimum a team of 15 volunteers. There are also info packets about the volunteer work available. (please only take one if you are volunteering and please only take one per family). If you are interested in signing up to volunteer, please fill out the sign up sheet and Bill Galligan will contact you with more info once we have enough volunteers. All ages are welcome to help out!



DORCAS INTERNATIONAL
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In addition to the volunteer work, Dorcas is ESPECIALLY desperate for furniture. Gently used coffee tables, side tables, bedside tables, dining room tables and chairs, bureaus, area rugs in good repair and condition, bunk beds, couches and stuffed chairs. All without rips and unsightly wear. These can be brought to the Furniture Bank of RI, our space is in the back.

Address:

**Furniture Bank of RI
70 Ernest St, Providence, RI 02905**

Hours:

**Tuesday - Friday 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

If you need assistance with a truck to move larger items or if you have any questions about this volunteer opportunity please email Bill Galligan at wgalligan@gmail.com

Also, if you are someone with a truck or van and would be willing to help out with any large items please reach out to Bill.

Sunday Morning Worship: The Second Sunday after The Epiphany January 16, 2022

Every Sunday Morning, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning eucharist service. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in the worship life at Grace.

~ **Sunday Morning Links** ~

YouTube: [Click here!](#)

Facebook: [Click here!](#)



This service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church Facebook Page](#) and the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the links provided below to watch. The service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#), [Vimeo](#), Facebook, and YouTube pages for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sunday to participate in the worship.

If you would like to download or print the service leaflet for The Second Sunday after the Epiphany, [please click here.](#)

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE POLICY:

All individuals are kindly asked to wear masks indoors at Grace Church when attending worship or other events.

Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!

January 9, 2022
**The Second Sunday
after The Epiphany**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



For the texts of the readings for The Second Sunday after the Epiphany, [please click here.](#)

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