

**2021-2022 Concert Series  
at  
Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church**



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Dear Friends of Music,

I am excited to share the 2021/2022 Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Concert Series with you! We have talented artists from our own neighborhood, and talented artists from around the globe! We have instrumental soloists, organ recitals, choir concerts and many super-talented vocal soloists. There is something for everyone.



Please browse through this brochure, and mark your calendars accordingly! In order to present talent on this level, we need your financial support. Please consider giving generously, as you are comfortable. If you are unable to give, please come to the concerts anyway! This free concert series was started in 1991 as an outreach to our community in an effort to introduce them to our church family and beautiful facility. I am thrilled by the number of people we are reaching in the area, but would love to see more of our own members at the concerts.

Attend the concerts! Invite your friends to lunch and a concert. (NOTE: we are presenting our concerts at TWO P.M. this year so you can attend church, enjoy lunch at a neighborhood restaurant, and then attend a concert!)

Please take a look at what we are offering this year, and contribute as generously as you can. And then, tell your friends about the series, and attend these remarkable world-class concerts!

Sincere thanks,  
Dr. James B. Cochran,  
Director of Music



November 14,  
2021  
2 p.m.

**James Kealey,  
Organ**



James Kealey is Associate Director of Music and Organist at Third Presbyterian Church in Rochester, New York. This fall, James will begin his candidacy for the Doctor of Music Arts degree at the Eastman School of Music, in the studio of Prof David Higgs. Kealey was awarded the 2020 Cochran Prize for best organ recital of the year at the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester. He will play a varied program including works by Bach, Franck, Widor and Vierne. Don't miss this rising star in the organ world!

Wednesdays:  
December 1, 8, and 15, 2021  
from 12 - 12.30 p.m.

### **Advent Noontime Concerts**

December 1: Joshua Brusseau, Bass  
December 8: Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano  
December 15: Michele Byrd, Soprano

These recitals provide a respite from the frantic holiday season. Come and enjoy seasonal music in our beautifully decorated Sanctuary.



December 12, 2021  
2 p.m.

## Nine Lessons and Carols

Each December, the Chancel Choir and the VandeReaders present the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols made popular by King's College, Cambridge, UK. This service of lessons, choir carols and congregational carol singing is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit! Soloists, Choir, Trumpet, and Organ.



February 6, 2022  
2 p.m.

## Barry Ross, Violin James Cochran, Piano

Barry Ross has collaborated at Vanderbilt with Jim



Cochran every year since 1992. He is thrilled to perform a recital at the church with his dear friend, Jim. The program brings an eclectic mix of repertoire from Brahms to Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, from Irving Berlin to John Williams' *Theme From Schindler's List*. There will be music to suit every taste!

January 9, 2022  
2 p.m.

## Daniel Minnick, Organ



Daniel Minnick is currently pursuing a DMA degree in Organ Performance at the Eastman School of Music in the studio of David Higgs, having previously studied with Nathan Laube. Minnick was awarded the 2021 Cochran Prize for best organ recital of the year at the Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester. His concert will feature works by Bach, Widor, Reger, and Demessieux.



February 27, 2022  
2 p.m.

## Dexter Kennedy, Organ

2022 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Belgian-French composer César Franck, whose organ works

arguably represent the most important contribution to the organ repertoire other than J.S. Bach, and charted the course for the entire French Romantic organ school. In commemoration of this anniversary, Dexter Kennedy is presenting Franck's complete organ works throughout the United States during this anniversary year, including the complete works performed in Naples. (Part I takes place February 13th at 4:00 at Trinity-by-the-Cove) As the winner of the 24<sup>th</sup> Grand Prix d'interprétation at the 2014 Chartres International Organ Competition, he has been hailed "one of the greatest organists of our times" by *The Iceland Monitor*.

April 10, 2022  
2 p.m.

### Chancel Choir Spring Concert

The Chancel Choir, guest instrumentalists, and vocal soloists will present John Rutter's "Mass of the Children" and "A Gaelic Blessing."



May 15, 2022  
2 p.m.

# GULFSHORE OPERA



### Gulfshore Opera Recital Art Song plus French Mélodie

This special concert begins with art songs, followed by Opera arias and finally ends with a full, comic scene from a French operetta. Regional artists will join Steffanie Pearce for this performance. Translations will be provided.

*Musique - C'est bon pour vous!*

July 3, 2022  
2 p.m.

### Patriotic Concert featuring a Trio of Friends - Byrd, Cochran & Gerlach



You won't want to miss this patriotic concert honoring our country and troops. Jim Cochran will be joined on the keyboards by Brice Gerlach and his wife, Michele Byrd, soprano. There will be a salute to the armed forces and many of your favorite songs about America. Come to the concert in your **RED**, **WHITE**, and **BLUE!**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS ! VPC Concert Series in 2022:

October 23, 2022 - 2 p.m.  
Mark Pacoe, Organ

November 13, 2022 - 2 p.m.  
Edward Alan Moore, Organ

December 4, 2022 - 2 p.m.  
Christmas for Brass and Organ

December 7, 14, 21, 2022 - 12 p.m.  
Advent Noontime Concerts

December 11, 2022 - 2 p.m.  
Annual Choirs Christmas Concert

### Don't forget we are the southwest Florida home of Seraphic Fire!

December 7, 2021 - 7 p.m.  
Christmas Concert

January 20, 2022 - 7 p.m.  
Hildegard von Bingen

February 24, 2022 - 7 p.m.  
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

March 24, 2022 - 7 p.m.  
Music for Men's Chorus

April 28, 2022 - 7 p.m.  
Handel *Messiah*

December 6, 2022 - 7 p.m.  
Christmas Concert

**Tickets available at**  
**[www.seraphicfire.org](http://www.seraphicfire.org)**