

The music program at Grace UMC is a vital ministry and means of outreach to the community. The music program at Grace provides opportunities for young musicians in the community by offering a Choral Scholarship program. This program helps 8 students per year by offering training and the opportunity to develop their vocal and musicianship skills. In 2016 Grace embarked upon a major project to replace the pipe organ. We are now fortunate to have a versatile instrument that excels in many roles. Through the Music at Grace Concert Series we hope to share this beautiful instrument with the community. The Concert Series receives no funding from the operating budget and therefore relies solely on the generous donations of those who support this outreach ministry. If you would like more information about the music program at Grace or information on how to make a donation to the Concert Series, please contact the Director of Music, Jonathan Leonard. Thank you to all who have already given generously to support music in this sacred space.

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# Music at Grace Concert Series

2019-2020

**All concerts are free and  
open to the public.**

## Grace United Methodist Church

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Pastor  
Reverend Margaret Clemons

Director of Music  
Jonathan Leonard

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**Sunday**  
**October 20, 2019**  
**4 p.m.**



**Simon Johnson**



Simon Johnson is one of the most versatile musicians of his generation, successfully combining life as a virtuoso organist with extensive work in choral direction, composition and arrangement.

As the Organist and Assistant Director of Music at St Paul's Cathedral, he has been involved in all the national occasions that have taken place there since his appointment in 2008, including the funeral service of Baroness Thatcher, the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen and Her Majesty's 90th Birthday celebrations, for which he also arranged some of the music.

**Sunday, December 15, 2019**  
**4 p.m.**



**Annual AGO Christmas Recital**

Please join us for this special event featuring local members of the American Guild of Organists as they perform music for the Christmas season. This



is a wonderful chance to get into the Christmas spirit while listening to a wide variety of musicians from local churches.

**Sunday**  
**December 29, 2019**  
**4 p.m.**



**Nicholas Will**



Nicholas Will is the Director of Liturgical Music at the Pontifical North American College where he oversees all aspects of liturgical music, serves as principal organist, and directs the Seminary Choir. He is currently on a leave of absence as Assistant Professor of Music and Coordinator of the Sacred Music Program at Franciscan University of Steubenville. A graduate of Duquesne University and Peabody Conservatory of Music, Nicholas is currently studying improvisation at the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome.

**Sunday**  
**January 26, 2020**  
**4 p.m.**



**Dr. John T. Lowe, Jr.**

Known for his creative variety in programming and outstanding musicianship, John Lowe returns to



Grace Church! Dr. Lowe is Director of Music/Organist at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Gainesville, FL), and a graduate of The University of Alabama, and Indiana University.

**Sunday**  
**March 15, 2020**  
**4 p.m.**



**Jonathan Leonard**



Our Director of Music and Organist, Jonathan Leonard, will present an organ concert. His programs are known for their interesting variety. Jonathan has been at Grace Church for 5 years and oversees all aspects of the music program and concert series.

**Sunday**  
**May 3, 2020**  
**4 p.m.**



**Nathan Strite**



Nathan Strite is a recent Shepherd University graduate and a native to the Hagerstown area. Having completed a Bachelor's Degree in Organ Performance, Mr. Strite currently does freelance work as a choral accompanist and organist. He is also the Organist and Choir Director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Sharpsburg.