

April 14, 2021



Dear Family and Friends of Grace Episcopal Church,

Many parishioners and visitors know the excellent quality of the music program at Grace Church. This excellence is due in part to our *Friends of Music* program, which enables us to fund special musical concerts and services, enhance regular Sunday worship, and provide funding for half of our section leaders who help lead and sing with our talented parish choir and choristers. To continue and grow, we need your support.

Like all other music and performing arts programs, our 2020-2021 series was met with challenges. While we were not able to host the season we planned, we are proud of all the music we made virtually – music via Zoom, livestream soloists, virtual quartets and choirs, and special music for Christmas and Easter. Our new livestreaming equipment in the Nave greatly enhances online worship services and made it possible to host Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault at the organ. Looking towards the future, it is exciting to know we will be able to capture and replay our great music making and share it with a larger audience online.

While we don't know exactly how the future will unfold, *Friends of Music* is excited to announce that concert organist Patrick Scott will kick-off our 2021-2022 series in October. Patrick is one of the leading organists of his generation and hailed for his improvisation skills. If it is safe to do so, we hope to have listeners in-person in the Nave and online. His recital will include a good mix of organ repertoire, organ improvisation, and possibly some hymn singing! In January, we will welcome Kinnara back to Grace on their east coast tour of David Lang's *Little Match Girl Passion* along with a world-premiere commission companion piece by American composer Heather Gilligan. Our Parish Choir is looking forward to leading Sunday worship and presenting special services of Evensong, Compline, and Lessons and Carols when we are gathered back together in the Nave.

Grace Church seeks to provide first-class musical services and events to our parish and our wider community. As we shared at the Annual Meeting, the surplus funds for 2020 enabled us to meet budgetary challenges for 2021. To fully maintain our worship and liturgical opportunities, we hope that you will consider a donation of any size to support *Friends of Music* at Grace Church. It is our hope that we can step into the Fall in a meaningful way, mindful of how all aspects of our ministry support our common life as a Christian community. Please see the enclosed donation card for more information on giving levels and return using the enclosed envelope. Your donation, whether a one-time offering or a monthly offering, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Rector

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# Friends of Music at Grace Episcopal Church



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*Please make checks payable to Grace Episcopal Church with "Friends of Music" in the memo line. Contact our Parish Administrator, Reba Page, if you are interested in setting up automatic contribution installments.*

*Online contributions may be made at [www.gracechurchgainesville.org/contribute](http://www.gracechurchgainesville.org/contribute). Choose check or credit card and select "Friends of Music" as the contribution type. Please check here if you plan to contribute online.*

*Donor cards may be returned in the envelope provided or dropped in the offering plate during worship services.*

We will publish donor names and levels on programs and bulletins.

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