

Taylor Concerts and Special Services

2025

2026



Grace and St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church

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Dear Friends,

I am excited to announce the 2025-2026 season of Taylor Memorial Concerts and Special Services at Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. This year, our season begins on Sunday, September 7 with the Plein Aire Chamber Ensemble playing Dohnanyi's *String Sextet in B-Flat Major* and Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir de Florence*. In October, pianist Katie Mahan will take listeners on a journey to Vienna with works by Beethoven, Schubert, and Mozart. In November, the Houston-based organ and trumpet duo, Deux Voix, will present an eclectic program spanning Bach to Bossa Nova. And to end the year, the combined choirs of Grace and St. Stephen's will offer our traditional service of Advent Lessons and Carols.

Looking ahead to 2026, season highlights include:

- The Muse Duo, a one-of-a-kind guitar and piano duo presents a program of dynamic arrangements.
- The Colorado Vocal Arts Ensemble performs masterworks from five centuries of choral tradition, including the music of Bach, Brahms, and Joanna Marsh.
- The Taylor Choir sings a program of French choral music, including Fauré's *Requiem* and works by de Séverac and Duruflé.

In addition to our Sunday afternoon concerts, services of Choral Evensong and Compline will be sung periodically throughout the year by the Taylor Choir and Compline Choir. Please share these dates with your friends. All concerts and services are free and open to the public, providing a unique opportunity to experience excellent music in an inspiring space.

We are ever grateful for Alice Bemis Taylor's gift of the organ and the endowment that funds the concert series today. To further the day-to-day music ministry at Grace and St. Stephen's, I invite you to make a gift to the Music Fund, which primarily supports the Taylor Choir and their constant dedication singing on Sunday mornings. Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you at our events this season.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joel Trekell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Joel Trekell

Director of Music & Organist

Concerts

2025

All concerts are free and open to the public.

Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 3pm

Plein Aire Chamber Ensemble

The Plein Aire Chamber Ensemble returns to the Series, playing Dohnanyi's *String Sextet in B-Flat Major* and Tchaikovsky's '*Souvenir de Florence*' played by Elisa Wicks, Jacob Klock, Michael Sabatka, Esther Nahm, Emma Patterson, and Jennifer Yopp.



Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 3pm

"An Afternoon in Vienna"

Katie Mahan, piano

Katie Mahan takes listeners on a journey to Vienna, with Beethoven's ever popular '*Moonlight*' Sonata, Schubert's posthumous *Impromptus* OP. 142, Mozart's beloved *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*, and Katie's own arrangement of one of Gershwin's most famous concert works.



Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 3pm

Deux Voix

Justin Langham, trumpet

Stephen Distad, organ

Known for their engaging and creative programming, Deux Voix ("Two Voices") presents an eclectic blend of music spanning Bach to Bossa Nova, with many surprises in store. Join Justin Langham and Stephen Distad for a musical journey through time.



Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 3pm

Advent Lessons and Carols

The Taylor Choir

The St. Nicholas Choir

The combined adult and children's choirs of Grace and St. Stephen's offer the traditional service of Advent Lessons and Carols, followed by an Advent Family Festival in the Parish Hall.



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Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 3pm

The Muse Duo

Collin Holloway, guitar

Luke Benedict, piano

This one-of-a-kind duo brings listeners through classical repertoire, folk song, and modern chamber music written expressly for the Muse Duo. Works by Manuel de Falla, Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, and Malcolm Arnold are heard alongside new music by emerging composers Robert Luke Benedict and David Leach.



Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 3pm

Colorado Vocal Arts Ensemble

Under the direction of Deborah Jenkins Teske, the Colorado Vocal Arts Ensemble sings a program of masterworks from five centuries of choral tradition, including the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, Johannes Brahms, and Joanna Marsh.



Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 3pm

Fauré *Requiem*

Joel Trekell, director

Joseph Galema, organ

The Taylor Choir and Compline Choir combine to offer a program of French choral music, including Fauré's *Requiem* and works by de Séverac and Duruflé.



Sunday, April 19, 2025 at 3pm

David Pickering, Organ

Professor of Music at Kansas State University, David Pickering performs works by Bach, Sowerby, Richard Purvis, George Thalben-Ball, Dudley Buck, and Daniel E. Gawthrop, showcasing the wide breadth of orchestral tone available on the Taylor Organ.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Choral Evensong

Join us for Choral Evensong, a traditional Anglican service of evening prayer that beautifully combines chanted prayers, scripture readings, and beautiful choral music sung by the Taylor Choir. All services begin at 7pm.

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Choral Compline

Join us for Compline, an ancient service of night prayer which offers a beautiful conclusion to the day. This candlelit service is sung entirely by the Compline Choir, with ancient plainchant and Renaissance polyphony offered with prayers for rest and protection through the night. All services begin at 8pm.

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Sunday, May 31, 2026

FOR A CENTURY, Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has sought to offer music of the highest quality in both services and concerts. With Alice Bemis Taylor's gift in 1928 of a magnificent pipe organ and endowment to provide concerts in memory of her husband, Frederick Morgan Taylor, a vast richness of musical opportunities became possible. Grace Church has presented many world-renowned organists, singers, chamber ensembles, and choirs in concerts and services to national and international acclaim. Many premieres of major choral works have taken place in the beautiful Gothic Revival nave of Grace. With thanks to the generosity of Alice Bemis Taylor and the support of the community, we are able to continue the tradition of varied and exciting musical events year after year.

Joel Trekell, Director of Music & Organist
John Herman, Assistant Director of Music