Our Mission

The mission of the Friends of Music at St. Mark's is to enrich the life of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the broader community through the promotion of music to the glory of God. The Friends of Music supports this mission by sponsoring performances by renowned ensembles and solo artists in our beautiful sacred space. In addition, it empowers the St. Mark's Choir to perform sacred choral masterworks which exceed the normal bounds of the St. Mark's rich liturgical life.

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We invite you to support the Friends of Music at St. Mark's. (Parishioners please consider this donation above and beyond your Annual Fund pledge.) Your generosity will allow us to expand our program offerings in the future. All donors are acknowledged in the printed event programs.

You may donate via this QR code:

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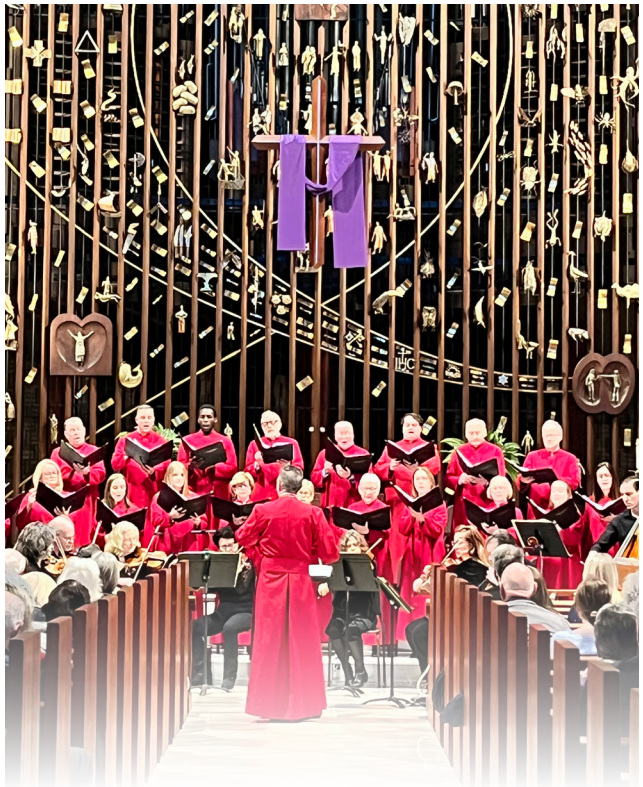

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SEASON 2025-2026

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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Welcome to The Friends of Music at St. Mark's 2025-2026 Season

We proudly announce our 2025-2026 season! Come experience the joy and depth of music in the soaring vaults of St. Mark's. Festive receptions, hosted by the Friends of Music, follow all special services and concerts.

OCTOBER 4, SATURDAY, 6PM

Choir Cabaret Benefit: *I got Rhythm– Music of George Gershwin*

Morrill Hall will once again become a candle-lit venue, with a gourmet buffet and festive beverages, featuring some of the most enduring and familiar works of the 20th century master of the genre, George Gershwin, sung by the St. Mark's Choir & Soloists, with Ned Tipton and Andrew Kimsey at the piano. Over 21, please.

Special ticket price: *$100 per person* – this is our only fund-raising event for the year (all other events are supported by a combination of ticket sales and donor contributions).

NOVEMBER 2, SUNDAY, 5PM

A Service of Evensong for All Saints & All Souls

Solemn Evensong is perhaps the most uniquely Anglican/Episcopal Service in Christian worship, and is one of our most beautiful means of outreach to the broader community. Sung in observance of the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, the service will include music specifically written for those two feasts by Franz Schubert, and T. Tertius Noble, all sung by the St. Mark's Choir and Soloists; and accompanied by Dr. Michael Burnette at the organ. *No ticket required.*

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DECEMBER 14, SUNDAY, 5PM

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

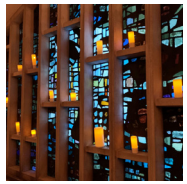
Now a perennial favorite, uniting the St. Mark's Choir, Choristers, and Soloists, the story of our redemption is told – in word and song – from the story of Adam and Eve to the arrival of the Magi at the Manger. Carols and hymns are sung by the Choir and by all, accompanied by Dr. Michael Burnette. *No ticket required.*

FEBRUARY 28, SATURDAY, 6PM

St. Mark's Soloists: *Melodies & Madrigals*

Mary Petro Noonan, soprano; Lydia Cseh Dahling, mezzo-soprano; Trevor Scott & Nicolas Dávila, tenors; Matthew Dexter, bass.

The professional members of the St. Mark's Choir will delight us with their talents in a program of solos from operas, oratorios, and musicals, as well as entertaining works for vocal ensemble. *$30 general admission ($35 day of event) / $10 students.*



MARCH 15, SUNDAY, 5PM

A Service of Evensong for Lent

Our second Evensong of the season will feature works for the penitential season of Lent by Herbert Howells, Thomas Tallis, and Felix Mendelssohn, all sung by the St. Mark's Choir and Soloists. *No ticket required.*

APRIL 18, SATURDAY, 5PM

Master Organ Recital: Frédéric Blanc

Monsieur Blanc, grand prize winner of the 1997 Paris International Organ Competition, is recognized as one of the most extraordinary concert artists in Europe, specializing in improvisation. This recital will be enhanced by a large video screen, giving us a view of his virtuosity at the organ console. Frédéric will play popular works of the organ concert repertoire, and will also improvise a large-scale work on a melody provided to him … just before he begins to play! *$30 general admission ($35 day of event) / $10 students.*

MAY 15, FRIDAY, 7:00PM

The Jeff Franzel Trio

Jeff Franzel is a multi-talented songwriter and composer who began his career as a jazz pianist, accompanying such artists as Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., and Mel Tormé. Jeff has had over 20 top ten singles and 275 recordings worldwide, and his Jeff Franzel Trio is well-known and popular in the New York City jazz world. Event in Morrill Hall, complete with hors d'oeuvres and beverages. *$30 general admission ($35 day of event) / $10 students.*