

Cathedral Concerts

— AT ST. PAUL'S —

Dr. Abigail Haake, Organist

March 15, 2026, 4 pm



Dr. Abigail Haake is the Director of Music and Organist at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She holds the Doctor of Musical Arts and Master of Music degrees in organ performance from the University of Michigan, where she studied with Marilyn Mason, and a Bachelor of Arts in music performance from West Virginia Wesleyan College, where she studied with Melody Meadows. Her additional teachers include James Kibbie, Robert Glasgow, Rose Kirn, and Edward Parmentier. Prior to coming to Ohio, Dr. Haake served as the Associate Director of Music and Organist at Madison Street United Methodist Church in Clarksville, TN. A passionate advocate for early childhood music education, she owns "Kindermusik with Abby Haake," and has offered early childhood music classes since 2012. Dr. Haake has served churches in Michigan, North Carolina, and West Virginia and has taught on the music faculties at West Virginia Wesleyan College and Murray State University.

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THE PROGRAM

Praeludium in e-moll

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

L'homme armé Organ Mass

Margaret Vardell Sandresky (b. 1921)

- I. Introit (Entrada)
- II. Kyrie (Lord, have mercy upon us)
- III. Gloria
- IV. Credo
- V. Sanctus
- VI. Agnus Dei

Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

-INTERMISSION-

Fugue, Sicilienne, and Toccata
on JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

- I. Fugue
- II. Sicilienne
- III. Toccata

Hommage à Langlais
(Song of Peace in a Time of War)

Mary Beth Bennett (b. 1954)

Tombeau, Opus 1571

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

Pièce d'Orgue, BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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Message from St. Paul's Director of Music:

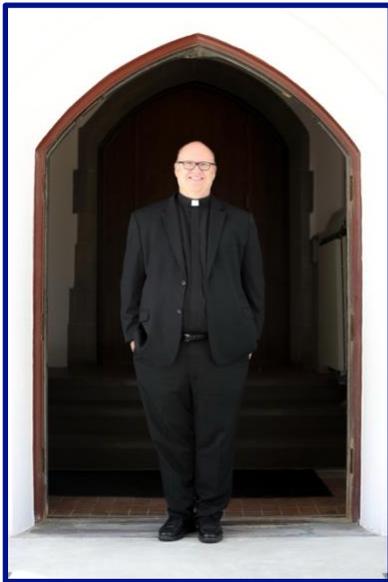
Welcome to St. Paul's! The Irish singer and songwriter Bono once said that "music can change the world because it can change people," and we are so glad you are here to connect with us through the gift of music. We are fortunate to be able to offer these concerts to the community at no cost and are exceedingly grateful for all our donors whose financial support helps to make our series possible.



It is my honor to play for you today, and especially to play music of living composers. All old music was once new, and I feel very strongly about supporting and amplifying the music of current composers.

We have a lot happening here at St. Paul's in the coming weeks as Lent winds down and we move into the Easter season. Join us for any of our worship services, and be sure to save the date of our final concert of the season on May 3 at 2:00 pm when we host the Canton Symphony Orchestra Chorus under the direction of Mr. Douglas Beery.

May God give us faith to sing always,
Dr. Abigail Haake



Message from St. Paul's Senior Pastor:

Good afternoon, and welcome to St Paul's Lutheran Church and to our Cathedral Concert Series. It is a joy to share this time of music with you in this sacred space. We believe that music has a way of lifting hearts, opening minds, and drawing us closer to the beauty of God's presence.

On behalf of our congregation, I want to extend a special word of gratitude for your being here tonight. Whether you are a longtime friend of this series or joining us for the very first time, we are glad you are part of this gathering.

As you enjoy the gifts of today's performance, I also want to invite you to return and join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 am. Each week, we gather in this same space to celebrate God's grace, to be renewed in faith, and to share in the fellowship of Christ. You will find a warm welcome here, and we would be delighted to see you again.

Thank you for coming, and may this afternoon's music be a blessing to you.

With warm regards and anticipation,
Rev. Mark Kreemer