

FRIDAY MUSIC AT MIDDAY



National City Christian Church

5 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

THEODORE S. DAVIS

Organist

October 2, 2020

12:15 p.m.

PROGRAM

Suite No. 1 for Organ

Florence Price (1857-1953)

Fantasy
Fughetta
Air
Toccata

Esquisses Byzantines

Henri Mulet (1878-1967)

Honoring the centennial of the work's publication in 1920

Nef
Rosace
Tu es petra

MEET THE ARTIST

Theodore S. (Ted) Davis is an active organ and harpsichord recitalist as well as a chamber music performer and conductor. As a soloist he has performed around the mid-Atlantic region, New England, and the Southeast. He has achieved national recognition in organ-playing competitions and is an active composer with works printed by two publishers.

Ted is organist and choirmaster at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland, a position he accepted in 2005 following a nearly 20-year career including previous positions in Richmond, Virginia and Cambridge, Massachusetts. He holds music degrees in organ performance from Birmingham-Southern College, choral conducting from Northwestern University, and harpsichord from the Longy School of Music (Cambridge, Massachusetts). He recently received his doctoral degree from the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore.

At St. Bartholomew's, he conducts the church choir in choral evensong services, presents an annual "Bach at St. Bartholomew's" series (music of J.S. Bach for organ and harpsichord), and conducts choral concerts. In the latter, the church choir is joined by additional singers from the community and orchestra, performing works which have recently included Duruflé's *Requiem* with chamber orchestra, as well as Handel *Messiah*, cantatas and of *St. John Passion* of J.S. Bach with period instruments.

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National City Christian Church is the national church of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a house of prayer for all people, and home to an open and affirming community of faith. The congregation dates back to 1843, and the current sanctuary, designed by celebrated architect John Russell Pope, was dedicated in 1930. Pope later planned and built the National Archives and the Jefferson Memorial. NCCC has long been a church of presidents. James A. Garfield and Lyndon B. Johnson were members and actively involved in this congregation. During the 1980-81 renovation of the sanctuary, stained glass windows were installed to memorialize these two great leaders of our country. NCCC is actively involved in social service projects and supports organizations such as Martha's Table and N Street Village. It also distributes 10,000 bags of food each year at its weekly food pantry and is home to a number of non-profit organizations. Please join us for worship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Our services are currently being broadcast on the church's YouTube channel and Facebook page. Please visit our [website](#) for a complete listing of our offerings, services, and events.



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