

FRIDAY MUSIC AT MIDDAY



National City Christian Church

5 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

DAVID K. HOUSTON

Organist

September 25, 2020

12:15 p.m.

PROGRAM

Veni Creator (1699) 1. en taille à 5 2. Fugue à 5 3. Duo 4. Récit de Cromorne 5. Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux	Nicolas de Grigny (1672-1703)
Twelve Choral Preludes (1947) Veni Creator, Toccata	Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)
Prélude, Adagio et Choral varié sur le thème du 'Veni Creator', Op. 4 (1926/1930)	Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

MEET THE ARTIST

David K. Houston is Organist and Choirmaster at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in College Park, Maryland, and currently serves as Dean of the District of Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. During the summer of 2019, his 31-voice Parish Choir spent a week in Norwich, England, where they sang in residence at the cathedral, singing Evensong daily morning Mass on Sunday.

Born in rural West Virginia, Mr. Houston began his organ studies at age 16 with Dr. Carol Eich. After finishing his bachelor's degree in music at Mount Vernon Nazarene College, he continued his studies with various teachers including John Russell and Ann Labounsky, coaching sessions in improvisation with Gerre Hancock, choral conducting with David Castleberry, and handbell ringing with Fred Gramann at The American Church in Paris. In 1993-1994, David had the opportunity to study with Mme. Marie-Louise Jaquet-Langlais in Paris. In 2015 he received his master's degree in organ performance at the Haute Ecole de Musique and Conservatory of Lausanne, Switzerland, as a student of Jean-Christophe Geiser.

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