

# FRIDAY MUSIC AT MIDDAY



*National City Christian Church*

5 THOMAS CIRCLE, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005

**NICHOLAS WILL**

*Organist*

*March 26, 2021*

## PROGRAM

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Prelude in b minor, BWV 544a	Johann Sebastian Bach 1685 – 1750
Toccata “da sonarsi alla Levazione” No. 4, Book II	Girolamo Frescobaldi 1583 – 1643
Evocation à la Chapelle Sixtine, S. 658	Franz Liszt 1811 - 1886
Pièce Heroïque	César Franck 1822 – 1890

*This concert was originally performed at  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,  
July 26, 2020*

## MEET THE ARTIST

**Nicholas Will** is the Director of Liturgical Music, Organist, and Lecturer at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he plans all aspects of liturgical music, serves as primary conductor and organist, and teaches a comprehensive sacred music curriculum to the seminary's 160 students. He also serves as Adjunct Associate Professor of Music at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he directs the Schola Cantorum Franciscana and teaches Gregorian chant and private organ. From 2018 to 2020, he served as Director of Liturgical Music at the Pontifical North American College, Vatican City State, where he oversaw all aspects of liturgical music, served as principal organist, directed the Seminary Choir, and provided sacred music instruction to seminarians from throughout the United States and Australia. From 2013 to 2018, he was an Assistant Professor of Music at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he also served as Coordinator of the Sacred Music Program from 2016 to 2018. Other previous positions include directorships at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Carnegie, Pennsylvania, and the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

A graduate of Duquesne University and the Peabody Conservatory of Music with additional study in improvisation with Dom Theo Flury, O.S.B. at the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music, Rome, Nicholas is a past winner of the *André Marchal Award for Excellence in Organ Performance* (Duquesne), the *Dorothy DeCourt Prize in Organ* (Peabody), the Young Organists' Audition sponsored by the Pittsburgh Concert Society, and the Duquesne University Concerto Competition. He has performed as an organist, accompanist, and conductor throughout the eastern United States and in Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, and Croatia, including national gatherings of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (2012 and 2018) and the Church Music Association of America (2018). An Associate and active member of the American Guild of Organists, Nicholas also serves on the National Association of Pastoral Musicians' national Steering Committee for Organists. His recordings as an organist and conductor have been released by Navona Records and Jade Music, and he is a published composer with CanticaNOVA Publications.

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