

GRACE * SAINT STEPHEN'S



2027–28 INAUGURAL SCHOLAR IN ORGAN AND SACRED MUSIC APPLICATIONS OPEN

Grace and Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, Colorado Springs, CO, is pleased to offer a Scholarship in Organ and Sacred Music for an emerging church musician preparing for a career in professional sacred music. The Scholar will serve primarily as an organist and liturgical musician, working closely with the Director of Music Ministry and participating fully in the musical life of the parish. The Scholarship combines regular service playing with mentorship, choral experience, liturgical preparation, and practical exposure to the administration of a substantial Episcopal music program.

August 15, 2027 – May 31, 2028 • 28 hours/week

\$35,000 Salary • Housing Provided

Possibility of second-year renewal

Qualifications

- Demonstrate a strong interest in Episcopal worship, liturgy, and the Anglican choral tradition
- Intend to pursue professional church music as a career
- Possess substantial training and experience in organ performance
- Have an undergraduate degree in organ performance and/or sacred music with an organ emphasis
- Demonstrate maturity, reliability, and the ability to collaborate in a professional environment
- Be legally authorized to work in the United States

Responsibilities

- Play the organ for assigned Sunday and weekday services, special liturgies, and other events
- Prepare hymnody, voluntaries, accompaniments, and other liturgical repertoire
- Accompany and assist with rehearsals of parish choirs
- Participate in the musical life of the parish, including special liturgies and concerts
- Present an organ recital on the Taylor Memorial Concert Series during the Scholarship year
- Assist with appropriate administrative responsibilities, including scheduling, communication, music preparation, and program organization
- Gain practical experience in the professional administration of a parish music program

Mentorship & Professional Formation

The goal of the Scholarship is to provide practical preparation for full-time professional church music, bridging formal musical education with the responsibilities of serving as a parish musician. The Scholar will receive regular mentorship and guidance from the Director of Music Ministry in all aspects of leading a music ministry.

Scholarship Term

The Scholarship is a ten-month appointment, with the possibility of renewal for a second term. During the summer preceding the start of the second term, the salary rate would be adjusted to reflect the reduced responsibilities during those months. The Scholar is expected to give the position a high level of commitment and availability and to participate fully in scheduled services, rehearsals, major liturgical seasons, concerts, and other significant musical events including Evensongs, Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Any time-off requested during the term may be discussed with the Director of Music Ministry.

All Grace and St. Stephen's staff members are "employees at will." Employees have the right to end their work relationship with Grace and St. Stephen's with or without advance notice for any reason. Grace and St. Stephen's has the same right. Grace and St. Stephen's is an equal opportunity employer. We do not discriminate based on race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age or disability.

How to Apply

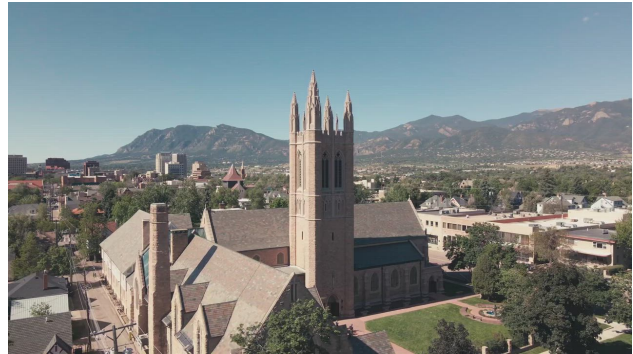
Applicants should submit the following materials to:
Mr. Richard Gray, Director of Music Ministry, at richard@gsse.church

- Cover Letter - A few paragraphs describing your interest in the Scholarship
- Résumé/CV - including education and relevant musical and church experience
- 2-3 Video Recordings - solo organ playing, hymn playing, and/or choral accompaniment
- 2 Professional References - one should be from an organ professor or church music professional

About Grace and Saint Stephen's

For over 150 years, Grace & Saint Stephen's has been an integral part of Colorado Springs. Grace Church was established in 1873 on land downtown deeded by William Jackson Palmer, the founder of the city. A second parish, Saint Stephen's, was established in 1893. In 1923, the two parishes combined and built our Gothic Revival building designed by a member of one of the architectural firms that built the Washington National Cathedral.

We are rooted in the Anglican tradition of The Episcopal Church, which formed from the Church of England following the American Revolution. Our tradition is inspired by a refrain found in the Psalms: "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." We aspire to do our part in revealing the beauty of holiness in reverent worship on Sunday and throughout the week, in thoughtful Christian formation for all ages, and in service with and for all God's people.



At Grace & Saint Stephen's, we also aspire to gracious welcome, believing that diversity is a gift from God. We welcome and value people of all gender identities, sexual orientations, races, socio-economic backgrounds, and physical and mental abilities. Grace is not only a part of our name, it is our central belief and all are welcome on the merits of God's love for you, not our accomplishments, status, beliefs, or pasts. We are a proud member of the Diocese of Colorado, The Episcopal Church, and the Anglican Communion.

The Music Ministry at Grace and Saint Stephen's

Sacred Scripture tells us that God is worshipped by song and music. We, therefore, take pride in our renowned music program, which helps us to lift our voices in praise to the Holy Trinity. In 1928, Alice Bemis Taylor gifted the Taylor Memorial Organ to the city of Colorado Springs, to be housed at Grace & Saint Stephen's. Sacred music has always been a part of both our identity and witness as

a parish. Our music program features some of the finest music in the Anglican choral tradition, as well as many other styles, sung by our choirs and ensembles of all ages.

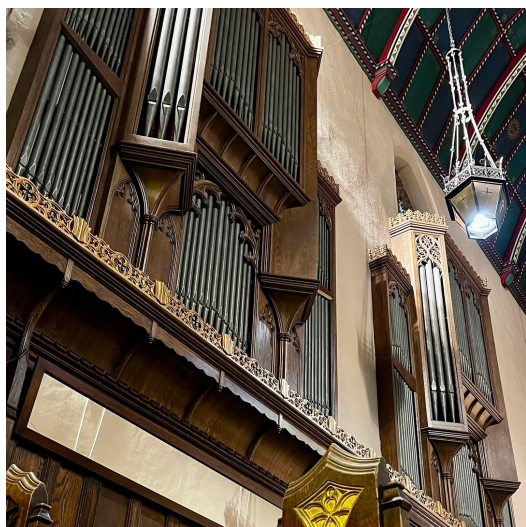
Music is at the heart of our worship at Grace and Saint Stephen's, from the hymns we sing together to our renowned choirs, accompanied by our magnificent, historic organ. All are welcome to participate in our music as an offering of love and service to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We strive for the highest quality in liturgy and music, seeking to touch the heart and renew the spirit. Our Saint Nicholas Choir, open to all students in 2nd through 8th grade without audition, receives training in music theory from the curriculum of the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) and rehearses on a weekday evening with a break and dinner provided. Our Taylor Choir, open to youth and adults through audition, rehearses weekly and sings in our choral Holy Eucharist, Evensongs, and occasional concerts.

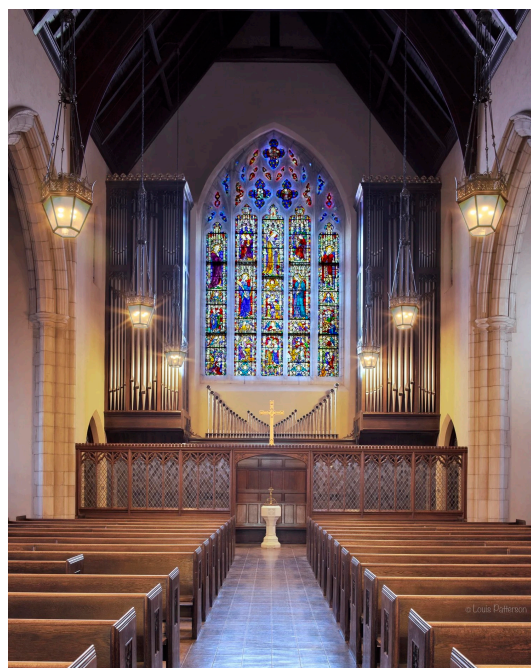
Alice Bemis Taylor's gift in 1928 of our organ crafted with over 4,000 individual pipes and endowment in memory of her husband, Frederick Morgan Taylor, allows us to present world-class organists, singers, ensembles, and choirs in concerts and services free to the public.

Services of Anglican Evensong are sung quarterly by the Taylor Choir accompanied by the Taylor Memorial Organ, and the Anglican evening service of Compline is sung by candlelight on the last Sunday of the month between September and May by our Compline Choir.

The Organs



1928 Welte-Mignon, Opus 261
4 manuals, 103 stops, 61 ranks



2020 Schoenstein, Opus 177
Antiphonal Organ, 5 Ranks