

1723-2023

Celebrating our

300 *th*

Anniversary

Anniversary Year Information Brochure

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Nov.		
Dec.	Phillip Lamb	

Special Worship Services	Historical Emphasis	Other Events	Collections of 300
Gate of the Year	Winter Lecture: Tim Adriance		Canned Goods
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Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday			Animal Shelter Supplies
Vespers Service		New Flag Presentation	Animal Shelter Supplies
		Coopers Pond Event	Animal Shelter Supplies
	Summer Lecture: David & John Major		School Supplies
			School Supplies
	Exhibit at the Library	Anniversary Banquet	Winter Clothing
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service			Winter Clothing
Christmas Eve Service			Winter Clothing ₁

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Glorifying God for 300 Years



Those first members of the United Churches of Hackensack and Schraalenburgh back in 1723 could not have given much thought to what their new church would eventually look like in 300 years. Practical people, involved in mostly agricultural pursuits, had enough on their hands to think that far ahead. What cannot be argued is that their desire for a place to congregate for the worship of God and instruction in spiritual matters must have taken vast amounts of time, energy, money and dedication. As a result of their efforts, here we are, three (3) centuries later still glorifying God as South Presbyterian Church.

An entire year of special observances seeks, in some small way, to honor the sacrifice and devotion of the many generations that came before us. And while we celebrate the achievements of the past, our intention is to utilize fully the resources within our reach to continue this illustrious history into a long and fruitful future. With that objective, a variety of events has been planned for 2023 to which you are warmly and enthusiastically invited. We hope that you will use the information in the following pages to plan how you can be a part of this celebration.

Deep gratitude must be expressed to the members of the 300th Anniversary Planning Committee for their diligent efforts at coordinating hundreds of details: Lora Schade, Elaine Gustavsen, Tara Henderson-LaStella, Lisa Hayes, Phillip Lamb, Diane Nafash, Juli Nüesch, Leslie Weatherly, and Susan Woods. And to the elders currently serving in the Session of South Church for supporting all the Committee's recommendations by providing the means required to make them a reality: Don Wagner, Jr., Yvonne Campbell, Elaine Gustavsen Bill Henderson, Jeff Lyon, Melissa Naylis, Kerry Schade, and Cathy Wills. And, in advance, we thank all the guests, lecturers, artists who have agreed to participate along with the many members of the congregation, all of whom will give of their time and energy to make them all memorable and enjoyable.

All this and more is always done in gratitude and to the glory and praise of God!

Peace!

Reverend Osvaldo (Osy) D. Nüesch
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1/22 & 7/30

Historical Emphasis Events



Winter Lecture
A Look at the Early
History of South Church
Tim Adriance

Sunday, January 22, 2023
(snow date: January 29) 3:00pm

Tim Adriance is a well – recognized professional historian, historic preservation consultant, researcher and writer. He has been involved with, and led, numerous history related activities in Bergen County for the last 40 years. Tim's connections to South Church trace back to its founder Domine Guiliam Bertholf (his 11 great grandfather). He is Chairman of the Closter Historic Preservation Commission and a past president of the Bergen County Historical Society. As a contributing editor with Autumn Years magazine, he is an author on topics of local interest. In 2016, Tim received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Bergen County in recognition of his leadership in historic preservation for more than 30 years. A knowledgeable historian, and expert on local history, he is an entertaining presenter.



Summer Lecture
The Huguenot Heritage of
South Church
David C. Major & John S. Major

Sunday, July 30, 2023
3:00pm

David C. Major, Ph.D. and John S. Major, Ph.D. are brothers who grew up in Bergenfield and attended South Church. They are descendants of the French Huguenot David des Marets (Demarest) and his wife Marie Sohier. David Demarest was the proprietor of the "French Patent," formed in 1677, an expanse of land east of the Hackensack River that included the land on which South Church now stands. Many of his descendants were among the founders of the church in 1723. The photograph shown here, David and John's favorite joint photo, is from the dust jacket of their book, *A Huguenot on the Hackensack: David Demarest and His Legacy* (2007). David and John remain active in their own professional fields, respectively global environmental change, and the history of ancient China.

Organ Concert Series



Cynthia Powell
Sat., March 4, 2023 7pm



Alan Montgomery
Fri., June 9, 2023 7pm

A graduate of Westminster Choir College, Cynthia Powell has worked with many choral organizations in the NY metropolitan area and has conducted major works for chorus and orchestra. She is the pianist, organist and choir director of Temple Sinai in Tenafly and has served on the guest faculty at Sarah Lawrence College, led the St. George's Choral Society in NYC, and was a guest conductor at the International Choral Festival in Havana, Cuba. She is the Artistic Director of the Stonewall Chorale and Melodia Women's Choir and has produced recitals, oratorios and concerts to benefit Doctors Without Borders, the Pastors for Peace Cuba Caravan, and Water is Life, Kenya. She was the Director of Music and Organist at West End Collegiate Church in NYC from 2008-2020, and has played organ recitals at various churches, including Good Shepherd, Brooklyn, Grace Church, Middletown, NY, Christ Church, Ridgewood, NJ, and St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia University.

Cynthia has performed at Lincoln Center, the Guggenheim, BAM, the Whitney Museum and Zankel Hall with composer Meredith Monk, and has toured the U.S. and Europe in various works by Monk. Featured in GO Magazine's 'Women at the Helm' series, Powell conducted the Stonewall Chorale and members of Melodia Women's Choir in a gala benefit concert for the American Cancer Society at Carnegie Hall, with Julie Andrews as the honoree. The current season of the Stonewall Chorale marks Cynthia Powell's 20th anniversary as its Artistic Director.

A native of Vacaville, California, Alan Montgomery is the Associate Organist of the Riverside Church in New York. He is also a recent graduate of the Juilliard School, where he earned a Master of Music degree while studying with Paul Jacobs. At the age of 15, Mr. Montgomery moved to the United Kingdom to pursue his interests in organ and church music. While in the UK, Mr. Montgomery was awarded a number of organ scholarships, including the sixth-form organ scholarship at Lincoln Cathedral. He holds a Bachelor of Music (Honours) degree from the Royal College of Music in London, where he studied with David Graham, Sophie-Véronique Cauchefer-Choplin, and Andrew Dewar. While in London, he also served as Organ Scholar of St. Mark's, Hamilton Terrace and Farm Street Church. While a student in New York, he was the Director of Music at the Church of St. Thomas More on East 89th Street, where he was responsible for the musical direction of over 300 liturgies per year. At St. Thomas More, Mr. Montgomery directed a professional octet, which sang a wide array of choral repertoire, with a focus on more obscure works of the 19th and 20th centuries. Mr. Montgomery maintains an active recital schedule in the United States and in Europe. He has recently performed at venues such as St. Patrick's Cathedral, The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, St. Gertrude's Church (Riga), St. Mary's Cathedral (San Francisco), and Union Chapel (London).

3/4, 6/9, 9/15 & 12/8



Ronald Coles & Friends

Fri., Sept. 15, 2023 7pm

Ron Coles is Director of Music at Maternity BVM, the largest Roman Catholic Church in Philadelphia, and teaches Music at the Thomas Mifflin Elementary School. He has served Temple, Eastern, West Chester, and Chestnut Hill Universities as a cooperating music teacher. His teachers have included Prof. John J. Binsfeld of Temple University, Dr. Gordon Turk of West Chester University, and a private student of Dr. John Weaver who served as Organ Professor at the Juilliard School of Music and the Curtis Institute of Music. His original composition on the Ave Maria has been heard on live radio and presented to Pope Benedict. He regularly performed for the Annual Red Mass for the Judiciary of the City of Philadelphia. In addition to his Master of Music Degree in Organ Performance, he also earned a Master of Educational Administration Degree and is a certified school principal PK-12 in PA, NJ, and NY. Ron is celebrating his 25th year of service in the School District of Philadelphia. Ron is also a proud organ teacher specializing in Organ Pedagogy. Ron will be joined by brass players for an evening of classical organ and brass repertoire.



Phillip Lamb

Fri., Dec. 8, 2023 7pm

Phillip Lamb holds degrees in Organ Performance from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and the Manhattan School of Music, having studied with Jack Mitchener, Erica Johnson, Timothy Olsen, and McNeil Robinson II. Upon graduation from the Manhattan School of Music, he was the recipient of the Bronson Ragan award for demonstrating excellence in organ performance. In addition to several venues across North Carolina, Phillip has performed at many prominent New York churches including the Riverside Church, Brick Presbyterian Church, Grace Church, the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, St. Peter's Roman Catholic, and Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall. During his studies at the Manhattan School, Phillip served as Organ Scholar at Grace Church, where he had the privilege of demonstrating the newly installed Taylor and Boody Opus 65 for the New York City chapter of the American Guild of Organists, as well as performing frequently on the 'Bach at Noon' recital series. Phillip is a regular performer on the Midmer-Losh organ at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey. In 2020, he was asked to contribute two tracks to the Christmas CD "Deck the Hall." His interpretation of Richard Purvis's Carol Rhapsody has been featured on British Public Radio's "Hot Pipes" program, as well as America Public Media's "PIPEDREAMS" program. Mr. Lamb currently serves as Director of Music and Organist at South Presbyterian Church in Bergenfield, NJ and Assistant Organist at St. Mary's Abbey in Morristown, New Jersey.

Special Worship Services

Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 10am
Gate of the Year Communion Service

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 7pm
**Ash Wednesday Service with
Imposition of Ashes**

April 2nd -9th, 2023
Holy Week

Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 10am
Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 7pm
Good Friday, Friday, April 7, 2023 at 7pm
The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 7:30pm
Resurrection Day, Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 10am

Friday, May 5, 2023 at 7pm
Vespers Service

A contemplative service incorporating hymns and scripture lessons. It will include the premiere of a commissioned Anthem for Choir and Organ by Aaron David Miller

Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 7pm
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, December 24, 2023 at 7pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

2/17 & 10/21

Musical Events

Cantor Recognition Friday, February 17, 2023 at 7:30pm

We were blessed to have many excellent musicians assist us with worship during the Pandemic. This evening of music and song gives us a chance to hear them again and will feature performances of music of their choosing.

Confirmed participants include:

**Tara Henderson-LaStella
Mitchell Lane
Stephanie Quirk
Ann Van Cleave
Jonathan Yount
Gay Willis**

Julian Jenson and Phillip Lamb, Accompanists



Anniversary Festival Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 7:00pm

A celebratory evening with various performing ensembles and soloists presenting music spanning three centuries

May 15 – 21

*Music
&
Arts
Week*

Celebrating the Visual Arts
Monday through Friday, May 15 to 19,
from 4 to 8pm in the Church House
EXHIBITIONS BY OUR CONGREGATION

Celebrating Movement
Tuesday, May 16,
7pm in the Church House
DANCE CAPADES STUDENTS IN RECITAL

Celebrating Young Talent
Wednesday, May 17 at 7pm in the Sanctuary
**BERGENFIELD HS HONORS VOCAL
ENSEMBLE AND HONORS
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

Celebrating the Culinary Arts
Thursday, May 18 at 6pm in the Church House
**BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH
FOR A TRADITIONAL POTLUCK DINNER**

Celebrating the Written Word
Thursday, May 18 at 7pm in the Church House
AN EVENING OF FAVORITE POEMS

Celebrating Musical Theater
Friday, May 19 at 7pm in the Sanctuary
SONGS FROM THE SHOWS

Celebrating a Global Instrument
Saturday, May 20 at 5pm in the Sanctuary
ACCORDION POPS ORCHESTRA

Celebrating the Rhythms of Jazz
Saturday, May 20 at 7pm in the Sanctuary
JERRY SQUILLANTE JAZZ QUARTET

Celebrating the Sounds of Brass
Sunday, May 21 at the 10am Worship Service in the Sanctuary
GRAMERCY BRASS ORCHESTRA PRINCIPALS

Anniversary Events

October 21 – 22

Anniversary Homecoming Weekend

This weekend will be our grand celebration with former pastors and members participating and denominational officials bringing greetings.

Saturday, October 21, at 7:00pm

Anniversary Festival

A celebratory evening with various performing ensembles and soloists presenting music spanning three centuries.

Sunday, October 22, at 10:00am

Anniversary Sunday Worship

Sunday, October 22, at 12:30pm

Anniversary Banquet

Seasons

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