

ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER ANNOUNCED



Nick Voermans at the organ—Trinity Episcopal Church, Newport, Rhode Island

I am pleased to announce to our parish that **Mr. Nicholas J. Voermans** has accepted my offer to join us at Christ Church beginning September 1st of this year. Nick has served Episcopal Church parishes and schools as organist, choir-master, and choral scholar. His experience includes an internship at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City while he was studying at Westminster Choir College in Princeton. Nick is young, energetic, professional, reverent, and highly motivated. He is a perfect fit for us (and we for him) as we will have a great deal of rebuilding to accomplish together after the pandemic quarantine abates. From his letter sent to my attention:

"The mission and approach of your music ministry is very appealing to me. The structures in place and the commitment to excellence within those structures are able

to attract new participants from outside of the parish drawing more people together into the Christ Church community. Your enthusiasm for collaborative ministry and teamwork is also very appealing to me as I thoroughly enjoy working with others in a team-based environment and have done so through helping, guiding, and empowering people throughout my career. . . . My goal is to continue the hard work that has been put into your program by engaging in music-making and the discovery of each individual's own unique musical voice in the spirit of following St. Augustine's notion that when we sing, we pray twice."

Nicholas is quite eager to work with our parents in expanding and further developing our chorister

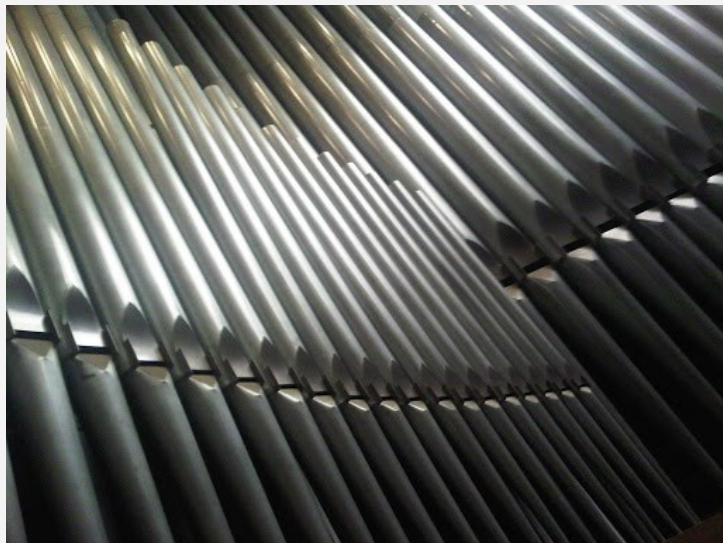
program. He conducted and led rehearsals of the Cathedral Choir of Girls and Boys at St. John the Divine and he has served for a time within the Choir School of Delaware in Wilmington. I was pleased to learn of his familiarity with the Royal School of Church Music in America (RSCMA) curriculum.

A native of Wisconsin and the son of public school educators, Nick completed his bachelor's degree in music at Iowa State University, in Ames, majoring in organ performance, before earning his master's degree in sacred music at Westminster Choir College. Once he joins us, Nick plans eventually to pursue advanced studies in choral conducting and education on a part-time basis at Temple University's Boyer College of Music.

Nick comes to us from Trinity Episcopal Church in Newport, Rhode Island. He plans to move into the Jackson House by the end of August. His first Sunday with us will be September 6th, The Fourteenth Sunday after

Pentecost. In his spare time, Nick loves cooking, spending time with his two rescue cats, golfing, antiquing, gardening, and other physical activities such as weightlifting and yoga. Nick is also a die-hard Green Bay Packers fan who follows the team, and the NFL, very closely.

You may learn more about Nick by visiting his website: <http://nickvoermans.com/>



Nick is looking forward to being back in this area and having benefit of close friends, trusted colleagues and former university professors within immediate reach. He is at home in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Please take a moment to offer prayer of thanksgiving to almighty God and please plan now on assisting me, Vestry, and the choral music leadership of our parish in welcoming Nick.

For Church Musicians and Artists:

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*The Book of Common Prayer* - pg. 819)

In the peace of God, which passeth all understanding;

Fr. Brian K. Burgess



IN SUPPORT OF THE CHORAL MUSIC PROGRAM

If you would like to be contacted regarding participation in the choral music program of Christ Church, for either yourself or your child, please complete and return this form to the parish office. Now is a great opportunity to become part of a highly recognized expression of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving within our parish and community.

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