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Fantasia in G Major (BWV 572	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)
Chaconne in c minor (BuxWV 159)	Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus	arr. Joyce Jones (1933 – 2022)
Sheep May Safely Graze (from BWV 208)	J. S. Bach
	arr. Virgil Fox, (1912 – 1980)
Retrospection	Florence Price (1887 – 1953)
I'll Fly Away	Albert Brumley (1905 – 1977)
	arr. Henry Sexton (1940 - 1994)

Intermission

Rhapsody (Op. 17, No. 1)	Herbert Howells (1892 – 1983)
March from Organ Symphony No. 3 (Op. 13)	Charles-Marie Widor (1844 – 1937)
Andante from Trio Sonata in e minor (BWV 528)	J. S. Bach
Choral (Op. 37, No. 4)	Joseph Jongen (1873 – 1953)
Pastorale from Organ Symphony No. 1 (Op. 42) Alexandre Guilmant (1837 – 1911)	
Final from Organ Symphony No. 1 (Op. 42)	Alexandre Guilmant

A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, **Christopher Johnson** serves as Director of Music and Organist at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Scranton, PA, and as Director of Chapel Music at The Interchurch Center, in New York City on Manhattan's Upper West Side. In addition to previous appointments as Director of Music and Organist at The Riverside Church in New York City, Artist-in-Residence at Union Theological Seminary, and Director of Music and Organist for the Woodstock/St. Paul Community at Columbia University, he also served as Assistant Organist at Christ Church United Methodist in Manhattan.

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