



## Church of St. John the Evangelist

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### Announcement on Sunday October 24, 2021

After a long and thorough search process, the Wardens are pleased to announce that Patrick Murray has accepted their offer to join our team as the new Director of Music at St. John's.

Patrick Murray is a Canadian choral conductor and composer, presently working as director of the Laurier Singers at Wilfred Laurier University, director of the University of Toronto Scarborough Concert Choir, and Sessional Assistant Professor of Choral Music at Western University. Between 2018-2020, Patrick served as Interim Coordinator of Choral Activities at Western University, directing three choirs and teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in conducting and choral literature.

He is a graduate of University of Illinois (DMA), Yale School of Music (MM), and University of Toronto Faculty of Music (BMus). Patrick's academic research focuses on artistic practices of community collaboration in contemporary American choral music, and between 2018-2021 was supported by a SSHRC doctoral research fellowship.



Patrick, originally a native of Kitchener-Waterloo, has experience in the United, Lutheran, and Episcopalian churches. He is a widely respected choral conductor and composer, whose works have won awards and recordings. We have experienced him as a person who brings gifts of thoughtfulness, humility, administration, and a deep commitment for creating an experience of choral excellence in the community.

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Patrick Murray to St. John's starting on November 1st. I trust that you will join me in extending your warm welcome, your support and your prayers to Patrick as he establishes a new chapter in the St. John's choral tradition.

Thank you to the members of the search committee: Christina Stelmacovich, Jurgen Petrenko, Michael Cressman, Janelle Santi, Peter Barr and Charlotte Logan for their hard work.

With deep gratitude,

Canon Paul J. Walker  
Rector