



The third program in Tappahannock Presbyterian's Concert Series, will be an organ recital offered by Kelly Grooms on Sunday, May 4th, at 3:00. She and her husband George Payne built the organ that TPC enjoys every Sunday. This is her third appearance at TPC, the first to dedicate the organ, and the second, a hymn study with participatory singing.

Dr. Grooms is an active church musician, accompanist and recitalist. She has recently been appointed the Director of Music and Organist at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Staunton, Virginia. She is the regular choral performance accompanist for Louise County Middle and High Schools and has served the District Chorus accompanist many times. She has twice been the organist for the Annual International Gathering of the Alliance of Baptists.

Kelly Tennille Grooms received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond in 2016, focusing on worship and congregational song, culminating in a dissertation entitled "An Exploratory Study on the Impact of Acoustics on Worship and Congregational Singing." She earned the Master of Music degree in Organ Performance and Church Music from Indiana University, Bloomington in 2004. She holds the Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance from Mars Hill College (now University), in Mars Hill, North Carolina. She is a member of the Southern Appalachian Chamber singers, a professional choir based in Mars Hill, North Carolina, a group which has regularly performed at such events as the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina.

Dr. Grooms is partner with her husband, George Payne, in Grooms & Payne, Ltd., pipe organ builders of Louisa, Virginia. She is one of a handful of female members of the American Institute of Organ builders and the International Society of Organ builders, the only American and international professional organizations in the field. In addition to building new organs and major projects, she currently cares for about one hundred organs in five states. Promoting, encouraging, and supporting congregational singing – by building new organs and maintaining existing instruments, leading and playing for worship, and teaching about music and worship– is Kelly's passion and calling in ministry.

At this program, there will be an opportunity for those attending to sing hymns and learn more about the origin of those hymns. The hymn selections will represent well known tunes and some new. All are invited to join their voices with others to celebrate through sacred music. The program will last about an hour and will be followed by a cookies and lemonade reception.

Tappahannock Presbyterian Church is located on Kino Rd. and Rt. 360, opposite Tappahannock Chevrolet