



Irvington Presbyterian Church • Spring/Summer 2024

# THE CARILLON

## SUMMER WORSHIP PREVIEW

This summer, IPC will again be joining with our neighbors next door at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church for worship. All shared services will begin at 9 a.m. and childcare will be provided each week.

***IPC will host on June 30, July 7, July 14, July 21, and July 28.***

***St. Barnabas will host on August 4, August 11, August 18, August 25, and September 1.***

During the month of July, Rev. Crawford will be participating in a pulpit exchange program with a colleague in the Church of Scotland, Rev. Calum Stark. Rev. Stark will lead worship at IPC during the month of July, while Rev. Crawford will lead worship at the Avendale and Drumclog Church in Strathaven, Scotland. Rev. Stark and his family will be residing in the manse and exploring the Hudson Valley and NYC during their time stateside.

While Rev. Crawford is away, pastoral care coverage will be available through area Presbyterian colleagues. If there is a pastoral care emergency, please contact the church office and they will put you in touch with the on-call pastor. Rev. Crawford will be available via email while in Scotland. He will then be on vacation from August 4 - August 17.

## INTRODUCING REVEREND CALUM STARK

Born in Edinburgh, Rev. Calum Stark came to faith at age of 16. He went on to study law at Dundee University before going into a career in human resource management. Calum studied theology at New College, Edinburgh and was ordained at Macduff Parish Church (April 2011) in the north east of Scotland where he served for five years before moving to Bellshill. Rev. Stark is currently minister of Avendale old and Drumclog church near Glasgow in the central belt of Scotland.

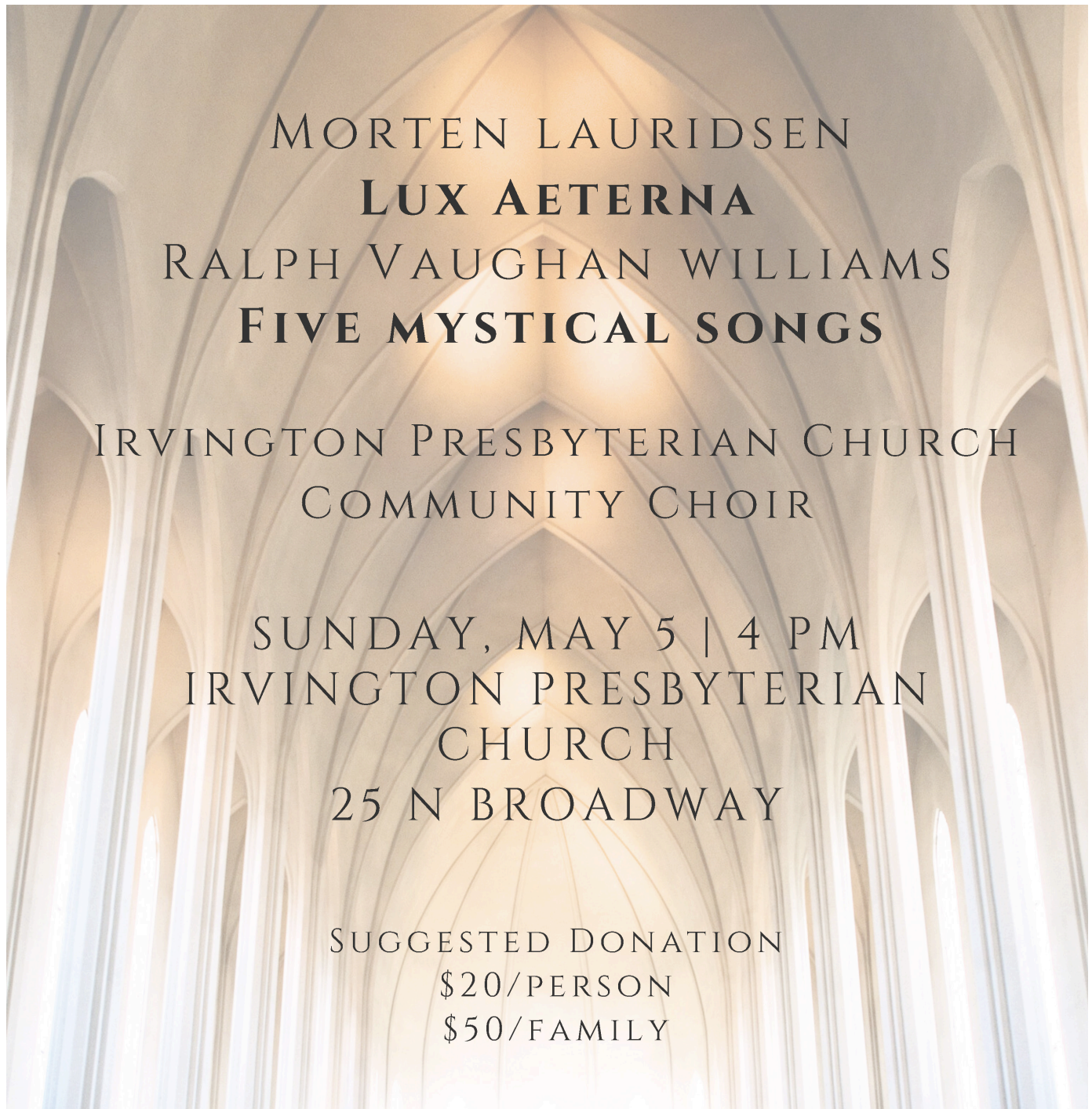


Calum is married to Liz and has two boys, Douglas (20) and Fergus (16). He enjoys running and following Motherwell soccer club. He also has an interest in the NBA and supports the Houston Rockets!

# SPRING CONCERT PREVIEW

The IPC Community Choir (our Chancel Choir and friends) is very excited to present Morten Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna" and Ralph Vaughan Williams "Five Mystical Songs" on Sunday, May 5th at 4PM. Featuring our very own Scott Lefurgy, the "Five Mystical Songs" are a celebration of Easter for baritone soloist, choir, and organ. "Lux Aeterna" is a beautiful contemporary piece for choir and organ featuring composer Morten Lauridsen's signature lush harmonies. Suggested donation of \$20 per individual and \$50 per family benefits the Concert Fund, and the concert should end by 5PM.

We encourage all in the congregation to discover these two wonderful works!



MORTEN LAURIDSEN

**LUX AETERNA**

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

**FIVE MYSTICAL SONGS**

IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

COMMUNITY CHOIR

SUNDAY, MAY 5 | 4 PM

IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

25 N BROADWAY

SUGGESTED DONATION

\$20/PERSON

\$50/FAMILY

# SUMMER CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

This summer, the church will continue its work addressing water damage and drainage issues. Summer construction will include three major components:

- 1) Completion of Playground Pathway and Drainage.
- 2) Removal of five stain-glass windows from the parlor and sanctuary to be restored, repaired, and re-installed at a later date.
- 3) Installing new drainage pipes and re-grading in three areas:
  - a) Around the manse, specifically in the back yard to prevent future flooding in the playground area, but also to prevent future basement flooding.
  - b) On the north side of the church, running along Matthiessen Park.
  - c) In the courtyard area which provides access to the Church Office door, the Chapel door, and one of the Good Shepherd classrooms.

Construction will begin shortly after the end of the Good Shepherd school year on June 14th (Good Shepherd will not be running its summer program, allowing for a longer window to complete the work). We hope the work to be completed before Good Shepherd is back in session in September.

Regarding the stained-glass repair, the windows will temporarily be replaced with painted plywood and will be re-installed after work on the mortar of the walls has been completed. In other words, it may be 1-2 years before the windows are back in place.

While the drainage work is being done in the courtyard area, the Church Office entrance and the Chapel door may need to be temporarily closed due to construction. Please be on the lookout for church communications about how to enter the building during office hours, should this occur.

## ATTIC SALE ANNOUNCEMENT

The planned work in and around the church building significantly impacts the logistics of the sale this year. As it is unclear when and how we might be able to collect donations and set up the sale, we will be taking a hiatus in 2024. Because the Attic Sale has been an important part of our fundraising mission, we are brainstorming for alternative events that might allow us to continue contributing to the many local charities who benefit from the proceeds of the sale.

## CHRISTIAN ED DIRECTOR UPDATE

The Personnel Committee (Bill Bayer, Ashley Wood, and Rev. Crawford) and the chair of the Christian Education Committee (George Bollenbacher) have been actively engaged in the search for a new Christian Education Director to replace Lisa Niven, who concludes her employment on June 30th. The job responsibilities and hours of the position have been reduced from its current iteration, with the vast majority of time and energy to be devoted to the Sunday school ministry. The search process began in January: candidates were reviewed, Zoom interviews conducted, and one on-site interview took place. The committee is not moving forward with any of the candidates to date and has re-posted the position with the hopes of hiring someone to begin in August.



# PEOPLE OF IPC

When new members join, we do a feature in the Carillon to introduce them to the church. We would like to start doing the same for those who have been a part of the church for many years, as a way of introducing themselves to the newer families and members. We are delighted to start what we hope will become a recurring feature of this newsletter by (re)introducing everyone to the Picons:

## ALICE AND DOMINIQUE PICON

Alice and Dominique Picon are longtime Irvington residents (Alice having lived here since birth, and Dominique, who grew up in France, since 1981). Dominique, after a career in finance, taught French at Good Counsel Academy in White Plains, and now divides his time between managing the Cherry Door Thrift Shop in Tarrytown for the benefit of Phelps Hospital and docenting at the Morgan Library and Museum in Manhattan. Alice got a degree in library science but ended up working mainly in publishing. She now raises money for the Irvington Library and Phelps Hospital by selling used books. At the end of the day you're likely to find them at Mattheissen Park playing scrabble and admiring the sunset.



Our children, Christian and Edwina, now 31 and 30, respectively, are the reason you see us at church every week. One Easter Sunday in the mid-1990s, having never before set foot in IPC, we took our then pre-schoolers to the service there and they were enthralled! The next Sunday they demanded more. We suspect coffee hour had something to with it. That, and Rev. Harkness' children's sermon, the catchy hymns, and the attention they received from doting adults. The next thing you know Dominique is teaching Sunday school and Alice is singing in the choir. It's hard to imagine how different our kids would be now without the nurturing, the acceptance and sense of community, and the moral grounding and spiritual guidance they received from Rev. Harkness, Peter Fisher, and the many members of the congregation that looked out for them in a town that didn't always "get" them. And we could say the same for ourselves.

## RIVERTOWNS PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS:

### *Acting Shakespeare Inside America's Wilderness*

Rivertowns Playhouse, the resident theatre company at IPC, invites one and all to it's FREE, family friendly performance schedule taking place this July, here on IPC's backlawn. For more information, or to register for seats, please see their flier on the following page.



# ACTING SHAKESPEARE INSIDE AMERICA'S WILDERNESS

WE INVITE YOU TO JOURNEY THROUGH  
EARLY AMERICAN LIFE, WITNESSING HOW  
SHAKESPEARE'S THEMES OF POWER,  
LOVE, BETRAYAL, COMEDY, AND TRAGEDY  
WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN SHAPING BOTH  
OUR NATION'S FASCINATING IDENTITY AND  
ITS MOST DEFINING MOMENTS.



**FREE**



**FREE**

DURATION

90 MINUTES

GENRE

STAND-UP, CONCERT, DRAMEDY  
(FAMILY-FRIENDLY FOR ALL AGES!)

WHERE

BACKLAWN THEATER AT RIVERTOWNS PLAYHOUSE  
25 N BROADWAY, IRVINGTON, NY, 10533

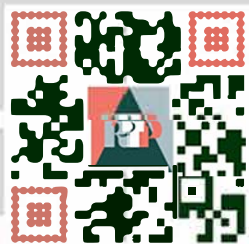
WHEN: JULY 2024

PREVIEWS

JULY 5 - JULY 12 @ 8PM (EXCEPT JULY 8 OR 9)

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

JULY 13 - JULY 28 @ 8PM (EXCEPT JULY 15, 16, OR 22, 23)



**FREE REGISTRATION:**  
[RIVPLAYHOUSE.ORG/ONSTAGE](http://RIVPLAYHOUSE.ORG/ONSTAGE)



**RIVERTOWNS  
PLAYHOUSE**

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Nancy Hertz



**Irvington Presbyterian Church** is called by Jesus Christ to glorify God in worship through word and song, grow as disciples through study, engage in mission to the world, joyfully extend hospitality and fellowship to all and, with God's help, to allow the Holy Spirit to work through us.

We seek to be a place of healing, where individuals can feel safe and find sanctuary from their own hurts, and can then turn that healing spirit outwards, to help others. We believe God is calling each of us to ministry, and we seek to be a place where each member will feel helped and supported in discovering their gifts.



**One time giving or easy  
automatic contributions...**

<http://irvingtonpresbychurch.org/give/>

To receive the weekly ministry email and other important IPC communications, please sign up for the church email list by scanning the QR code to the right:



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[https://www.instagram.com/irvington\\_presbyterian\\_church/](https://www.instagram.com/irvington_presbyterian_church/)

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