

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 12:15-12:45 p.m.

Yuki Harding, English Horn and Oboe Paul Haebig, Organist

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A native of Japan, Yuki began playing the oboe in the United States at age fourteen, continuing her studies at the Eastman School of Music with Richard Killmer and at Northwestern University with Ray Still. Over the years, she has developed a special love for the orchestral English horn repertoire and also for works for English horn and organ. Her unusual oboe is a custom acrylic instrument recently made by Tom Hiniker, a world-class American oboe maker. Yuki lives in Dexter, Michigan with her husband, four children and a parakeet.

Paul Haebig has served as interim organist for First Presbyterian since September of 2018. His varied career in sacred music has included music director and organist positions with Jewish, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Presbyterian congregations. Paul has been involved with choirs most of his life, as a singer, accompanist, and director. From 2013 to 2017 he was director of Ann Arbor's Out Loud Chorus. As an accompanist he has performed with the University of Michigan Arts Chorale, The Masterworks Chorale (Toledo), and the Renaissance City Choirs (Pittsburgh.) From 2010 to 2012 he was accompanist for the vocal music program at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

Paul earned the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts in organ performance and sacred music from the University of Michigan, where he studied with Marilyn Mason. He received his M.Mus. in church music from the University of Michigan, and his B.Mus. in organ performance from the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music. When he's not making music, Paul enjoys writing limericks, several of which have been published.



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