

A New Jersey native, Jim Douglas enjoys an active career as a church musician, conductor, keyboardist, composer, arranger and teacher.

He was appointed the Director of Music at St. Margaret's Church (Episcopal), Annapolis, MD in August 2018, where he serves as parish organist and oversees a vibrant music ministry of two adult choirs, a newly reorganized K-12 chorister program, a contemporary ensemble, and a Compline Schola, in addition to an annual series of special services, workshops and concert offerings.

Jim received his initial musical training as a treble chorister and later head chorister under Gerre Hancock in the renowned Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys, where he attended Saint Thomas Choir School, one of two boarding schools remaining in the world that solely educates choristers, Westminster Abbey being the other. At St. Thomas, he sang for five weekly choral services, concerts, recordings and tours, performed with the likes of Jessye Norman and Carly Simon, and can be heard as a soloist on the choir's recording "Christ, the Fair Glory." He attended Saint James School, Hagerstown, MD, the oldest Episcopal boarding school in the US, where he studied multiple instruments and often played and conducted for weekly chapel services. At Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ, he studied sacred music, conducting, organ, piano and voice, and was a soloist in several of the school's renowned choirs, including the Westminster Symphonic Choir, the Westminster Choir and the Grammy-nominated Williamson Voices.

Jim has performed under the baton of the great orchestral and choral conductors of our time, and has performed, recorded and toured with such ensembles as the Saint Thomas Choir, The Choir of Trinity Church Wall Street, Vox Vocal Ensemble, Kinnara Ensemble and the Westminster Choir. He has also performed for television and radio broadcasts in the US and UK and in American premieres of works by Sir John Tavener and Tarik O'Regan.

Jim is an active member of the Association of Anglican Musicians and the American Guild of Organists (currently serving on the Executive Committee of the Annapolis Chapter), and the Royal School of Church Music in America, where for many years has served on the music faculty of the RSCM America King's College Summer Choral Course, Wilkes-Barre, PA. He also served on the Bishop's Advisory Commission on Music for the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey and the Saint Thomas Choir School Alumni Board of Directors, co-chairing the Development Committee. Jim resides with his family on Kent Island, MD.

