

2018-2019 Concert Series

Concerts are held in the Sanctuary



October 21, 2018 / 4:00 pm – Bruce Blanck and Friends Jazz Concert

Bruce Blanck and his jazz ensemble are one of the premier jazz groups in the region. This will be the fourth year in a row that the jazz ensemble will kick off our concert series. Sit back, relax, and enjoy these cool cats.



November 18, 2018 / 4:00 pm – Chicago Gargoyle Brass and Organ Ensemble

The Chicago Gargoyle Brass and Organ Ensemble is comprised of classically trained adult musicians, and performs a variety of repertoire in an equally diverse range of settings. The Chicago Gargoyle Brass and Organ Ensemble continues to remain at the cutting edge of music for brass and organ, commissioning new compositions and entertaining audiences well into its third decade of existence.



December 2, 2018 / 4:00 pm – Messiah Sing-Along

First Pres is once again teaming up with the Northwest Symphony Orchestra to bring Handel's *Messiah* to the Arlington Heights community in sing-along form. The many will become one as the audience serves as the chorus. Warm up your vocal chords and join in the audience participation, as we fill the Sanctuary with beautiful music, such as the "Hallelujah Chorus," honoring the birth of our Savior.



December 16, 2018 / 4:00 pm– The Glory of Christmas

Experience a unique and inspiring vision of the Christmas story as the Chancel Choir, Chamber Singers, Men's Chorus, and Orchestra present a concert of seasonal favorites to celebrate the birth of the Messiah. Gerald Finzi's *In Terra Pax* will be the featured work. Audience participation is encouraged as we raise our voices in singing familiar carols of the season.



February 10, 2019 / 4:00 pm – 34th Annual Organ Fest

Come and celebrate as First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights hosts the 34th Annual Organ Fest. Join us as Paul Cochran, Marianne Kim, Don Mead, Gary Wendt, and Christopher Urban team up to provide a program featuring music written by Chicago organists, including Leo Sowerby, Paul Manz, Marianne Kim, and some piano/organ duets by Joel Raney.



March 17, 2019 / 4:00 pm – First Pres Community Talent Show

It's time for those in Arlington Heights and the surrounding communities to share their talents with each other! Solo, ensemble, musical, or otherwise, contact Adam Hendrickson at adamhendrickson@firstpresah.org for further details and to have your entry approved. There will be two opportunities to rehearse your entry in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, February 27, and Wednesday, March 13, at 7:00 pm to help you prepare for the Sunday concert. One of these rehearsal dates might even have a small audience! There will be four categories: K-5th grade, 6th-12th grade, Adults (non-retired), and Adults (retired). There will be a plethora of prizes. Don't miss your chance to shine!



April 14, 2019 / 4:00 pm – Spring Choral Concert

The closing concert of the series will be a celebration of life for those living and those who have moved on into the eternal light. Howard Goodall's, *Eternal Light*, will be the featured work, and it will be experienced as it was when it premiered in Oxford (Great Britain) with orchestra, choir, and dance. We will mark the beginning of our journey into Holy Week by acknowledging the love and loss that we feel as we move through life. We will walk together, "one step" at a time, and by Easter morning we will be reborn into hope with a sense of renewal as we bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus!