First Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the 25th season of fine concert programs. The Concert Series is designed to encourage further appreciation of the arts in our church, community, and beyond.

We appreciate the support and enthusiasm given to this series, and we ask that you indicate your endorsement by participating in the funding of this completely self-supporting ministry.

Your generosity makes possible the high caliber of programming this series offers. All of the concerts are free and open to the public; a free-will offering is received at each program. Most of the concerts will also be webcast for live or later viewing at firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/.

You also won’t want to miss this year’s Wednesdays @ Noon recital series, held from 12:10 to 12:45 pm on the first Wednesday of the month. Mark your calendars!

Thank you for your interest and continued support.

Adam Hendrickson
Director of Music and Worship

Chris Urban
Associate Director of Music/Organist
35th Annual Organ Fest  
February 9, 2020 / 4:00 pm  
Come and celebrate as First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights hosts the 35th Annual Organ Fest. Join us as Adam Gruber, Marianne Kim, Christopher Urban and Gary Wendt team up to provide a wonderful organ program.

First Pres Community Talent Show  
March 15, 2020 / 4:00 pm  
It’s time again 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 are four categories: K-5th grade, 6th-12th grade, Adults (non-retired), and Adults (retired). Don’t miss your chance to shine!

A Festival of Psalms!  
April 5, 2020 / 4:00 pm  
Our Spring Choral Concert will be the closing concert of the season, and we will be celebrating the Psalms! Join us as our Adult Choirs and Orchestra present a variety of inspiring choral arrangements of the Psalms.

Concert Series Events

First Pres Hymn Sing  
October 20, 2019 / 4:00 pm  
The Music Ministry at First Pres is proud to present a community Hymn Sing with Orchestra. Join us as we celebrate our faith, singing hymns that span several centuries!

Martin Jones, pianist  
November 10, 2019 / 4:00 pm  
The English pianist, Martin Jones, made his debuts at Queen Elizabeth Hall in the South Bank Centre of London and at New York’s Carnegie Hall in 1968. Martin is a prolific recording artist and since 1988 has recorded many discs for Nimbus Records. This includes the complete solo piano works of Felix Mendelssohn, Johannes Brahms, Debussy, Percy Grainger, Szymanowski, and the sonatas of Alun Hoddinott.

The Messiah Sing-Along  
December 1, 2019 / 4:00 pm  
First Pres and the Northwest Symphony Orchestra are, once again, bringing 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 as we fill the Sanctuary with beautiful music, such as the “Hallelujah Chorus,” honoring the birth of our Savior.

The Glory of Christmas  
December 15, 2019 / 4:00 pm  
Experience the dawn from on high through Dan Forrest’s Lux! First Pres Adult Choirs and Orchestra will present their annual Christmas concert to celebrate the birth of the Messiah. Audience participation is encouraged as we raise our voices in singing familiar carols of the season. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it!

Wednesdays @ Noon

The following recitals will be presented on the first Wednesday of the month from 12:10 to 12:45 pm in the Sanctuary. They will also be webcast for live or later viewing at firstpresah.org/media/live-stream/

October 2, 2019 — Christopher Urban, organ  
November 6, 2019 — Marianne Kim, organ  
December 4, 2019 — Carol Frieburg, piano; Kris Ward, handbells  
February 5, 2020 — Megan Hendrickson, soprano; Sarah Jenks, piano  
March 4, 2020 — Michael Hawes, trumpet; Christopher Urban, organ  
April 1, 2020 — Chuck Beech, piano; Christopher Urban, organ

“O Blessed Art, how often in dark hours, when the savage ring of life tightens round me, have You kindled warm love in my heart, have You transported me to a better world!” — Franz von Schober

Contribute to the Concert Series

Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and mail to: 302 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Gifts may also be made at www.firstpresah.org  
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Gifts support the cost of the Concert Series, including but not limited to: contracting musicians, purchasing and/or renting music and the rights to perform, and a reasonable share, as provided by the Session of First Presbyterian Church, of maintaining and improving the church’s musical instruments and resources.

Thank you for your support!