

First Pres 2016-2017 Concert Series

Free child care for First Pres Concert Series events is available with reservation, by contacting the church office by the Wednesday preceding each event.



Bruce Blanck Jazz Ensemble **Sunday, October 16, 2016 — 4:00 pm**

One of the premier jazz groups in the region, the Bruce Blanck Jazz Ensemble is an ever-revolving lineup of talented musicians and vocalists whose energetic music evokes the fun and excitement of the Big Band, Swing, and Cool Jazz eras. You never know what to expect, so come on out and celebrate the music from an era gone by.



Pipes & Hammers **Sunday, November 13, 2016 — 4:00 pm**

Chuck Beech and Chris Urban team up to play duets for piano and organ and will be joined by many other musicians from the congregation. Highlights of the program include “Music for the Royal Fireworks,” by G.F. Handel; a hymn arrangement of “A Mighty Fortress,” featuring the First Pres Brass and Chancel Choir; and a stunning arrangement of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic,” written for two pianos, organ, trumpet, and choir. Pam Orals will play the second piano part on a second grand piano rented specially for the performance. The program will also feature music to honor veterans, in observance of Veterans Day weekend. It promises to be an evening of music you will not want to miss.



The Glory of Christmas **Sunday, December 11, 2016 — 4:00 pm**

The Chancel Choir, Chamber Singers, Men’s Chorus, and orchestra will present seasonal favorites to celebrate the birth of the Messiah. Randol Bass’s *Glad Tidings*, with narration by Lynn Stolley, will be the featured work. Audience participation is encouraged as we raise our voices in singing familiar carols of the season. Come early to get a seat!



The 32nd Annual Organ Fest **Sunday, February 12, 2017 — 4:00 pm**

Come and celebrate as First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights hosts the 32nd Annual Organ Fest. This year's event will feature Michael Gagne, Jeffrey Neufeld, Kirstin Synnestvedt, Christopher Urban, and Gary Wendt, who will provide an exciting program that will include variations on “The Star Spangled Banner,” a sonata based on “Somewhere Over the Rainbow” from *The Wizard of Oz*, and a suite of music from *Star Wars*. These talented local organists will bring out the range and depth of the 52-rank Schantz pipe organ.



New Chicago Brass
Sunday, March 5, 2017 — 4:00 pm

A fresh take on the classic style, New Chicago Brass (NCB) represents the cutting-edge generation of high-quality brass performance in Chicago. Since its inception in 2012, the ensemble—in various combinations of trumpets, horns, trombones, and tuba—has amazed audiences throughout the Chicagoland area with its resplendent sound and virtuosic playing.



Spring Choral Concert
Sunday, April 30, 2017 — 4:00 pm

The First Pres Chancel Choir, Chamber Singers, Men's Chorus, and orchestra will bring the incredible works of Dan Forrest to life.



'May' the Horse Be With You
Sunday, May 21, 2017 — 4:00 pm

May is the month for horse racing in Arlington Heights, and while we can't have any horses racing in the Sanctuary, we can have a concert! Join us for the closing concert of the series, featuring Marianne Kim, Kristen Walter, and Steven Walter.