

FPC Fine Arts Vision Statement

At FPC Lakeland, we believe that the arts are a powerful means to glorify God, uplift the spirit, and bring our community closer together. Our primary goal of hosting a Fine Arts Series is to provide affordable access to high quality music. Furthermore, we are dedicated to celebrating the transformative power of music in and out of worship, to build bridges in our community reaching hearts and minds beyond our walls, and supporting the talents of local musicians. Through this, it is our hope that all will become better disciples of Christ through the revolutionary power that music has to deepen our connection to our faith.

Affordable Access

It is often said that FPC Lakeland is a beacon for excellent music and art. We want to continue to kindle the light that already exists within our walls, letting it shine outwardly to reach our community and the next generation of worshippers. In order to do this, it is important that this offering is accessible to all, which is why all of the featured fall concerts will be offered for free. This is only possible through the support of our congregation and the portion of giving which is set aside for this purpose. We ask for donations at each concert for those who have the means to offer additional support and will set aside those funds to replenish the budget.

Music in and out of Worship

Music is a vital element of our worship experience, bringing us closer to God through revelations of the presence of the Holy Spirit all around us. The Fine Arts Series allows for a closer exploration of music that would not always have the time or place in our worship services, but holds tremendous value in the annals of our musical repertoire. Through this series, we aim to offer diverse musical expressions that inspire and deepen our communal connection with God.

Outreach

We believe that music has the power to enrich our collective spirit, driving us to be better disciples of Christ. We are committed to extending our reach into the broader community, inviting individuals from all walks of life to experience the joy and solace that music brings. By offering concerts, recitals, and other artistic events, we hope to foster a sense of unity, spreading the message of love, hope, and faith to our community. Each featured concert will be recorded and offered for free on our YouTube channel, inspiring those far beyond our walls, reaching and providing strength to the universal Church.

Supporting Local Musicians

We recognize the incredible talent within our local community and are devoted to providing a platform for these musicians to share their gifts. Our Fine Arts Series will primarily focus on providing opportunities for local artists to perform, collaborate, and grow, enriching our worship and community life. By supporting local musicians, we invest in the cultural vitality of our region and demonstrate our commitment to nurturing the arts as a reflection of God's creativity. Beyond that, we hope to be able to invite high quality professional musicians from around the world in order to give musicians within our church an opportunity to see what is possible at the highest level of music-making.

This year, we are excited to celebrate the legacy of J. S. Bach. Our very own Tom Ingui has taken on the monumental task of performing the complete organ works over a 9 concert series throughout the year.

Together, through our Fine Arts Series, we aspire to create a vibrant, inclusive, and spiritually enriching environment where the arts flourish, faith is deepened, and community bonds are strengthened.