

## LENTEN EVENSONG and CONCERT

Sunday, February 18, 3PM

THE ENSEMBLE OF OREGON, Patrick McDonough conductor, leads this contemplative service of music, scripture and prayer followed by a concert of inspiring choral music.



## HAL OWEN CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 11, 3PM

Local choirs and instrumentalists join in a program celebrating the creative work of composer Harold Owen. The centerpiece of the program is his wonderfully ornate *Canticle of the Sun*.



## BACH CANTATAS

Sunday, April 22, 3PM

Soprano Brittany Rudoi and tenor Paul John Rudoi sing Bach's signature but lesser known solo cantatas alongside several beautiful duets.



## SCHUBERT SONGS

Sunday, May 6, 3PM

Soprano Emma Lynn and pianist Andrew Pham bring us an afternoon of Lieder from *Die Schöne Müllerin* by the Viennese master.



## MUSIC-FILLED SEASONAL WORSHIP

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 3, 9:50am

Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*

FUMC Choir and harp

Paul John Rudoi, conductor

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24,

10pm Candlelight service with

Vocal and Handbell Choirs

EASTER SUNDAY, April 1, 9:50am

FUMC Choir and Brass Ensemble

join in a celebration of the resurrection

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# 2017-2018 CONCERTS AT FIRST



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## Welcome to the 18th season of CONCERTS AT FIRST

—Dr. Julia Brown, Artistic Director

CONCERTS AT FIRST is an outreach ministry of First United Methodist Church: an expression of the talents and passions of the music staff and volunteers, supported by the church and offered to our community. We welcome all who come through our doors and pride ourselves in hosting affordable live music by local and international musicians featuring the finest repertoire. For each concert we ask for a suggested \$10 donation to help defray costs and a contribution of non-perishable foods for the local food bank. We invite you to consider being a *Friend* of CONCERTS AT FIRST by contributing to the season. More information is included in this brochure. This year in addition to our many non-ticketed concerts we offer one special ticketed event. Welcome to this sacred space. May your lives be enriched, your imaginations expanded and your spirits filled by the sounds offered here.

## A WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES

### Terra Nova Trio



**Sunday, September 24  
3PM**

**The contemporary classic trio with Mike Curtis** (bassoon, clarinet and soprano sax),

Annalisa Morton (oboe, English horn and alto sax) and Sandy Holder (piano, accordion and guitar) bring us a program of classical, klezmer, tango, jazz and exotic originals.

## PIPE SCREAMS

### A Spooktacular Organ Recital

**Friday, October 27, 7PM**

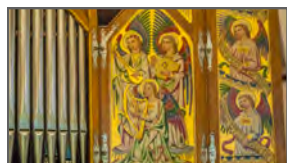
Wacky, wild, spooky and silly concert featuring members and friends of the Eugene Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Costumes encouraged. Fundraiser for The Organ Loft aired weekly on KWAX-FM.



## ALL SAINTS CHORAL EVENSONG and CONCERT

**Sunday, October 29, 3PM**

FUMC Choir and Paul John Rudoi, conductor, lead us in a contemplative service of music and prayer for All Saints. A brief concert will follow with soprano Jessica Rossi and organist Julia Brown.



## ADVENT ORGAN RECITALS

**Four Fridays in December,  
Noon to 12:45 PM**

**Friday, December 1**

Dr. Julia Brown

**Friday, December 8**

Dr. Barbara Baird  
(University of Oregon)

**Friday, December 15**

Dr. Philip Brisson (Louisville, KY)

**Friday, December 22**

Dr. Julia Brown

Meditative organ music for the season featuring the beautiful sounds of the Hochhalter organ.



## PORTLAND GAY MEN'S CHORUS

### The Most Wonderful Season

**Saturday, December 16, 3PM**

Directed by Bob Mensel, this award-winning choir brings the joy and cheer of the season. You will hear music of Solstice, Christmas, Hanukkah and the New Year. This year's concert delivers a strong antidote to the angst of our times with an emphasis on diversity, joy and hope.



## MESSIAH Sing

**Saturday, December 23  
3PM**

Handel's timeless work is sung by the audience with soloists singing the arias and recitatives, accompanied by Delgani String Quartet. Paul John Rudoi, conductor.



## TWELFTH NIGHT CELEBRATION



**Sunday, January 7, 3PM**

Jazz saxophonist Joe Manis joins FUMC Handbell Choirs in a celebration of Solstice and Twelfth Night.

## ST. OLAF CHOIR

**Friday, February 2, 7PM**

Dr. Anton Armstrong brings the 75-voice internationally renowned St. Olaf Choir on a Northwest Tour. The Choir has brought its message of hope and faith to audiences around the world for more than a century. Special ticketed event.

*Ticketed Event*



*Tickets sold in advance ([stolaf.edu/stolaf-choir](http://stolaf.edu/stolaf-choir)) and at the door. Open seating, so plan to come early (doors open at 6:15)*