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About the Series:

The concert series started in 2001 as an opportunity for church members to invite their friends and neighbors to quality artistic events. Over the years the series has become a fixture in the community and has featured a host of outstanding soloists and ensembles including Bill Mays and the Inventions Trio, Simple Gifts folk duo, The Hickory Project, PSU "Essence of Joy" ensemble, Presbybop Jazz Quartet, organist Mark Laubach, the Lyric Consort, and others.



All arts events in this series will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 300 School Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

These events are offered as a gift to enrich the cultural and artistic life of our community. All people are welcome!

Many of our concerts will be live-streamed and recorded on the Arts at FPCCS YouTube page. Visit [www.fpccs.org](http://www.fpccs.org) for details.



*The Arts*  
at First Presbyterian Church

## 2025 –2026 Program Schedule

**Salute to Duke Ellington: Flute and Piano**  
Sunday, September 14, 2025 4:00 pm

**Choral Artistry with the Arcadia Chorale**  
Sunday, October 12, 2025 4:00 pm

**Bluegrass with Colebrook Road**  
Sunday, October 26, 2025 4:00 pm

**Clarks Summit Festival of Ice**  
*Winter weekend of art, music, and fun*  
January 30 - February 1, 2026

**Silent Movie with organist Dan Brownell**  
Saturday, February 7, 2026 4:00 pm

**Jazz with the Presbybop Blue Note Band**  
Sunday, March 15, 2026 4:00 pm

**A Classical Bouquet with Nate Worrell**  
Sunday, April 26, 2026 4:00 pm

**An Evening of Broadway with Tim Shew**  
Friday, May 15, 2026 7:00 pm

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## Salute to Duke Ellington

Sunday, September 14, 2025 4:00 pm

*Peter Bloom and John Funkhouser Duo*



Two renowned musicians from Boston will celebrate Duke Ellington, America's most prolific composer, along with his esteemed co-composers Billy Strayhorn, Juan Tizol and Mercer Ellington.

## Echoes from the Cathedrals

Sunday, October 12, 2025 4:00 pm

*Arcadia Chorale and organist Chris Johnson*



Experience the soaring choral and organ music of England, France, Italy, Spain, and Germany in a concert inspired by the great cathedrals of Western Europe, featuring guest organist Christopher Johnson.

## Bluegrass with Colebrook Road

Sunday, October 26, 2025 4:00 pm



From Harrisburg to the national stage, this award-winning bluegrass band brings fiery picking, heartfelt harmonies, and pure joy to every note.

## Clarks Summit Festival of Ice

January 30-February 1, 2026

Join us for a fun weekend that chases away the blues of winter. Great music, insightful art show, a drum circle, an ice sculpture, and a Chili Café to get a warm lunch.



## Silent Movie: "Gold Rush"

Saturday, February 7, 2026

*Daniel Brownell, organist*

We interrupt winter with the classic Charlie Chaplin film "Gold Rush," accompanied by live and improvised music from a masterful organist.

4:00 pm



## Blue Note Jazz for Lent

Sunday, March 15, 2026

*The Presbybop Blue Note Sextet*

Our resident jazz ensemble returns to blow off the roof with finger-snapping tunes from the Blue Note recording label. Guaranteed to lift your spirits on the Ides of March.

4:00 pm



## A Classical Bouquet

Sunday, April 26, 2026 4:00 pm

*Nathaniel Worrell and friends*

Our talented friend returns with a group of luminous colleagues that he has met at Ithaca College and around the world. Nate is curating an afternoon of outstanding music, passionately performed. Join us as we welcome the next generation of musical talent.



## An Evening with Tim Shew

Friday, May 15, 2026 7:00 pm

*Broadway star sings in Clarks Summit*

He has portrayed Jean Valjean in *Les Mis*, played the Wizard in *Wicked*, and sung on Broadway and around the world. Now we welcome Timothy Shew to close out this year's Arts series in Clarks Summit. Tim will sing highlights from his extensive resume on the world of stage. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to hear this outstanding performer!

