

GOALS FOR THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF NDPC

North Decatur Presbyterian Church desires to be known as a place where music is woven through the fabric of our church life where “all are welcome” to make and experience the many threads of music. To guide us to this vision for the Music Ministry, we provide the following goals as a framework*:

1. Enrich our relationships with God and ourselves through music

Provide opportunities for members of all ages to share music as an expression of faith through

- Strong and diverse choral and instrumental programs (e.g., pop-up handbell choir, choirs for all ages).
- Contemplative opportunities using music (e.g., Taizé services, music-centered services).
- Rich variety of musical styles and traditions in worship.

2. Educate toward a deeper experience of the power of music

Provide formal and informal educational opportunities for all ages such as

- Music classes to educate on musical styles, theory, and compositions (e.g., monthly lesson on the Hymn of the Month, Kindermusik classes for the children).
- Inspire our children and youth to express themselves musically through programs focused on their preferences (e.g., middle school choral and instrumental program, contemporary music, integrate music into youth nights).

3. Build community

Offer musical social events and informal musical gatherings such as

- Include musical components within events (e.g., pot lucks, receptions).
- Host an annual musical social event (e.g., talent show, jam session, square dance).
- Host conversation groups around musical themes.

4. Bring music into and in from our wider community

Embrace opportunities for community collaboration through programs such as

- Provide space for community groups to rehearse and perform (e.g., Atlanta Philharmonic Orchestra, Resistance Revival Chorus).
- Offer musical presentations for the neighborhood (e.g., Music on the Lawn, fundraising concert for mission partner).
- Collaborate with others (e.g., perform in the annual Saint Philip AME Negro Spirituals Concert).

* This framework stems from the strategic planning led by NDPC’s Music Committee. The intent of the four goals is to serve as a general guide. It is not intended to be a static to-do list, but rather a framework to guide the NDPC community as we evolve and enrich NDPC’s Music Ministry.