



Service-Learning Opportunity for FGCU Students

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church · Sanibel, Florida

Guest Musician — Sunday Worship

Share your musical gifts with the St. Michael's community as a guest singer or instrumentalist during Sunday morning worship. Students may offer a prelude or offertory piece, support congregational singing, or collaborate with the music director and existing ensemble. It may be a solo or a small group. All voice types and instruments are welcome, and repertoire can be selected in consultation with the music director to fit each student's skill level and the liturgical season.

ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

Music is central to worship at St. Michael's, a faith community rooted in hospitality, inclusion, and service to its neighbors. Guest musicians help create a welcoming and reflective atmosphere for the congregation while gaining valuable experience performing for a live, appreciative audience. Accompaniment is typically provided, so students need only prepare their own part.

WHAT STUDENTS DO

- Performing a prelude, offertory, or other solo selection during the service
- Supporting congregational singing as a vocalist or instrumentalist
- Collaborating with the music director and members of the existing ensemble
- Selecting repertoire appropriate to the liturgical season
- Participating in a brief rehearsal or sound check before the service

WHY IT'S A STRONG SERVICE-LEARNING SITE

Few settings give student musicians regular, low-pressure performance experience before a warm and attentive audience. Guest musicians build a repertoire of prepared pieces, learn to work with an accompanist and a music director, and gain practical experience with live sound, service timing, and the demands of performing on a set schedule — all while offering a genuine gift to the congregation.

Skills students develop: live performance · collaboration with an accompanist and ensemble · repertoire selection · rehearsal preparation · stage presence · professionalism and reliability

Good fit for majors in: music performance, vocal performance, music education, music therapy, and any student who sings or plays and wants regular performance experience

COMMITMENT & REQUIREMENTS

Schedule: Sunday mornings at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, Sanibel. Services are held at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; participation in the 10:30 a.m. service is primary, with the 8:00 a.m. service optional.

Flexible: Students may sign up for a single Sunday or for multiple dates across the semester.

Preparation: Accompaniment is typically provided. A brief rehearsal or sound check is scheduled before the service. Toll and gas reimbursement available.

CONTACT

To learn more or to schedule a Sunday, contact Erik Entwistle, Music Director at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, music@saintmichaels-sanibel.org

Love all. Love always.