



Minister of Music: Chris Fischer (they/them)

Chris came to FSA in April 2023 after serving as Pastoral Musician at Knox Presbyterian Church in Guelph for the past 17 years. At Knox, Chris was responsible for a multigenerational ministry which included a midweek Worship Arts program (ages 4-19), an adult choir, a multigenerational handbell choir, and occasional vocal and instrumental soloists.

A member of the Juno-nominated Elora Singers since 2012, Chris participated in 9 recordings and tours of Eastern Ontario and Quebec, New York City, and the Maritimes. They have performed with several of Ontario's leading choirs and orchestras in major works as a tenor soloist and served as Collaborative Pianist for the Rainbow Chorus of Waterloo-Wellington, the country's largest 2SLGBTQIA+ chorus outside of a major metropolitan centre. In addition, they taught private piano and singing lessons, pioneering an online vocal studio for trans and gender-nonconforming singers.

In London, Chris looks forward to building on the musical legacy of First-St. Andrew's, both in congregational worship and in outreach to the neighbourhood and city beyond our walls. They are co-conductor of the Aeolian Pride Chorus, music leader of an interfaith singing group called Inshallah (based at Trinity Lutheran Church), and with FSA Children's Program Coordinator Christina Lindsay, have started a collaborative choral initiative with El Sistema Aeolian – a unique joint venture which combines participants from both organizations in weekly rehearsals and public performances.