



Cornerstone University Chorale
Comments from Concert Hosts
Joyful Hope Florida Tour, Spring 2024

As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more (Ps 71:14).

The Calvary Christian High School Fine Arts Department had hosted the Cornerstone University Chorale on two previous occasions so when the invitation was extended to host them again, we did not hesitate. The Chorale performed a wide variety of literature in different genres and styles with a high level of musical excellence. The thing that sets the Chorale apart is their heart desire to truly minister and bring glory to God and not to themselves. The willingness with which the students and leaders interacted with our students during lunch was very special and showed maturity and love that fostered a warm, friendly, and collaborative environment for the choral clinic that followed. We love hosting the CU Chorale at CCHS and I hope we have another opportunity in the future.

*Michael Martell, Fine Arts Director
Calvary Christian High School, Clearwater, FL*

It was a delight to host the Cornerstone University Chorale for morning worship and an evening concert at Saint Andrew's Chapel. Our choirs were refreshed and inspired by the ministry of the Chorale. Each piece of music was presented with excellence and the Chorale's impact was both moving and worshipful. The students were delightful, and our congregation enjoyed interacting with them. It was sad to see the bus leave. We wanted to linger in the moments we had together. What an outreach of Cornerstone University! Keep up the excellent work and keep sharing and singing the gospel of Christ!

*Todd Alexander, Chief Musician
St. Andrews Chapel, Sanford, FL*



What a tremendous joy it was to host the Cornerstone University Chorale last week and attend three concerts in the Northeast Florida area: Holy Family Parish Life Center, Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine! I am truly impressed by the choir's beauty of choral artistry, the high quality and unique variety of repertoire, and the impact of the Gospel message of "Joyful Hope." In all three venues, the choral literature was so beautifully performed that I was often moved to tears. But, more importantly, the life-changing focus on theological, experiential, and eschatological hope had real transformational impact. After having hosted the choir three times in the past, I would do it again in a heartbeat! Thank you for your ministry and witness to the Lordship of Jesus Christ!

*Dr. James R. Hart, President
The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies, Jacksonville, FL*

Our enthusiastic anticipation of hosting the Chorale did not disappoint. Layering the personal aspects of engaging with talented students willing to share their faith journeys with receiving the over-the-top vocals and musical arrangements made their visit a full experience. Courteous, thoughtful, and a maturity that belied their years, it was we who learned and we who were blessed beyond measure. We trust an encore performance is in our future. Bravo, Cornerstone Chorale!

Lou (and Angela) Kaloger, Pastor, Tampa Covenant Church, Tampa, FL

Our host families were all so richly blessed to meet and interact with these young men and women! My wife said that she loved that our two boys got to spend time with the young men from CU who were terrific role models. They went out of their way to make my boys feel special and my oldest was nearly in tears when they said goodbye Saturday morning. The concert itself was an immense blessing. I spoke with several attendees who expressed how surprised they were to find themselves worshipping in a concert. What an amazingly talented group of students! More importantly, what godly, humble, and Spirit-filled students! Thank you, Dr. Walters and CU. Tampa Covenant will be eagerly waiting for our next opportunity to host your future tour groups!

James Collins, Worship Arts Director, Tampa Covenant Church, Tampa, FL



Hosting the Cornerstone University Chorale was a great pleasure. The singing was beautiful and powerful, and the gospel message of hope rang out clearly touching many lives. The balance of the vocal parts and individual voices was exquisite, even when the students encircled the audience. They sang as one voice with control and passion. Our church was blessed by hosting the Chorale and we look forward to more opportunities in the future. To God be the glory, with heartfelt thanks to the students, Dr. Walters, and Deb Alley. Our world is a little more beautiful because they came.

David Ludwig, Director of Worship and Music, Printer of Peace Lutheran Church, Orlando, Florida

The Lord touched the congregation and community of Venice Presbyterian Church with a remarkable evening of worship through the Cornerstone University Chorale. The concert featured a rich array of music, with inspirational commentary by Dr. Walters. The passionate singing and personal testimony of the students strengthened our Christian hope and encouraged us to see how God is at work in their generation. I knew we were in for a special evening when I entered our chapel before the concert and joined the Chorale in a beautiful time of prayer. The host families have described their delight in welcoming these fine students into their homes. People are still talking about the concert. It was an evening we will long remember.

Chris Romig, Senior Pastor, Venice Presbyterian Church, Venice, FL

"It was heavenly; delightful." "I felt transported into God's presence with the angels." "The teachings between songs were inspired and faithfully proclaimed the good news of Christ." "It was a blessed evening of uplifting joy and hope that leaves you checking if your feet are touching the ground!" These are just some of the comments that were shared with me. I echo those sentiments and, as always, greatly appreciate the grace, power, and passion of the Chorale's performance. You were a great blessing to our congregation, family, and friends. It was truly a memorable evening.



Pastor David Alert, Christ the King Anglican Church, St. Augustine, FL