

Who are you?

We are a family group of WELS musicians who bring special musical worship services to various WELS churches. We also offer concerts and music for special events.



What worship services do you offer?

Spirited Strings offers two different worship services: *God's Plan for You*, which uses music timed to PowerPoint slides to help the congregation think about Jesus' life and what it means for us today; and *Celebration of Faith*, which works well for outdoor picnics and other celebratory occasions and examines the Apostles' Creed with more lively music.

Spirited Strings is now also providing music to enhance regularly planned worship services. We will play preservice, offertory, communion, and postlude instrumental music and possibly enhance the instrumentation for hymns.

Which weekends are you available?

Please check on the "Schedule" tab on this website. Sundays marked "Special Services Available" are still available for scheduling. If you want a specific Sunday that does not say "Special Services Available," it still may be a possibility; please email Spirited Strings with your request.

How much do you charge?

For our two worship service options, most churches we've visited will cover our gas expenses by writing us a check for whatever they would have paid the organist or pianist for the service, since the organist/pianist won't be playing that Sunday. In addition to this, we generally we try to pay each musician about \$100 for their time rehearsing, setting up, playing, and taking everything down. Most churches choose to do collect a freewill offering after the service, which tends to cover this amount. (Note: CD sales are used to pay for previous and future CD projects and therefore do not compensate musicians.) Some churches choose to supplement this with a check from the church. Please talk to us if you have any questions.

For the worship service enhancement option, we request a free will offering that will be used as follows: mileage/expenses deducted; then all remaining offering money goes to one of the WELS missions on our website. Our goal is to raise money for those missions.

What instruments do you play?

Members of Spirited Strings may bring different combinations of instruments based on which service we play, but here's a complete list of instruments: viola, cello, flute, Irish flute, hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, piano, guitar, and bowed psaltery.

What do I need to provide?

We have all the equipment necessary to present a special service. That being said, if you do happen to have sound equipment such as mic stands, music stands, PowerPoint screen and projector, etc., it might be nice for us to borrow yours so that we don't have to haul extra equipment. It is also necessary for the *God's Plan for You* service that the church provides a keyboard or in-tune piano at the front of the church.

Will you bring along "merch"?

If it's alright with the pastor, we do bring along CD's available for a \$10 suggested donation. We may also bring along small evangelism items for suggested donation, and sometimes Christian artwork. If we bring along evangelism items and/or artwork, we'll probably ask you to provide a 6-foot table, since most churches will have one already and it would be one less thing for us to haul.

What's the best way to contact you?

You can email us at spiritedstrings@spiritedstrings.com