

Love Came Down at Christmas

**Love came down at Christmas,
love all lovely, love divine;
love was born at Christmas
star and angels gave the sign.**

**Worship we the Godhead,
love incarnate, love divine;
worship we our Jesus—
what shall be our sacred sign?**

**Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine;
love to God and neighbor,
love for prayer and gift and sign.**

Christina Rossetti, 1883

***But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us...Romans 5:8***

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...John. 3:16

***Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God...I John 4:7***

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends...John 15:13

Love Came Down at Christmas.....

We are delighted to welcome you to the 2005 presentation of the Living Christmas Tree at First Baptist Church! We have borrowed our theme from the beautiful poem by Christina Rossetti (the significant English woman poet who also wrote "In the Bleak Mid-Winter"). The text, found on the opposite page, has been profound in meaning for our performers, as we have reflected upon the Incarnation. We actually are singing two different musical settings of this text as a part of our presentation.

Our very special guest is Jeff Smith of Richmond, Virginia. Jeff's talents are rich and varied. His presence will help to communicate the love of Christ in creative fashion. You may read more about Jeff in the biographical information to follow. I know you join me in offering a warm Huntsville welcome to Jeff.

Our prayer is that the Love we share through music and drama will be an obvious witness to what the Love of God in Christ can bring to your life.

Welcome.....and Merry Christmas!

Billy Orton

Minister of Music and Worship

THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE 2005

Music of the Season

Prelude music from Orchestra, Handbells, and Josh Coble, Organ

Words of Welcome ~ David Hull, Pastor

Introit Carol

Fanfare for Christmas Day..... Shaw

Love Came Down at Christmas Cox
Choir from the aisles, with candlelight

The First Nowell..... Congregational Carol 85

The first Nowell the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

For all to see there was a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heaven and earth of naught,
and with His blood mankind hath bought.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

Prayer ~ Billy Orton, Minister of Music and Worship

Instrumental Worship

Organ and Orchestra

Christmas Flourish Bass

SHILOH (American Carol)
GLORIA (French Carol)

THE MINISTRY OF JEFF SMITH

Silent Night, Holy Night Arr. Marsh

Jingle Bell Fantasy..... Arr. Huff

Ubi Caritas Durufl  

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero*

Where there is charity and love, God is there
The love of Christ has gathered us as one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us honor and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one

another.

Joy to the World Arr. Rutter

O Holy Night..... Arr. Courtney
with soloists Karen Anderson, Jerry Cobbs, Gaines Gravlee, and Suzanne Hefner

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing..... Congregational Carol 88

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.*

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."*

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."*

THE MINISTRY OF JEFF SMITH

Nunc Dimittis..... Scholz

I Saw Three Ships Arr. Wilberg

Caroling, Caroling..... Arr. Burt

Bellsong Fantasy Wasson

THE MINISTRY OF JEFF SMITH

Love Came Down At Christmas Huntsinger
with soloists James & Laura Kendrick, Robyn Carrasquillo, and Terry Jarnagin

O Come, All Ye Faithful Congregational Carol 89

*O come, all ye faithful joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!*

Hallelujah (from Messiah) Handel

Organ Postlude Dan Lawhon

LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE MUSICIANS

SINGERS

SOPRANO

Karen Anderson
Cindy Aulds
Ellen Bailes
Anita Baker -Lopez
Johnnie Barnes
Betty Barnett
Beth Bice
Bertie Bramm
Dot Broad
Jane Broome
Jacqualyn Burton
Nancy Campbell
Robyn Carrasquillo
Janet Cashion
Linda Causey
Ann Clinton
Rita Cobbs
Linda Coffin
Kimberly Collette
Janet Crawford
Polly Crawford
Charlotte Davis
Linda Davis
Mary Dohrman
Linda Durrett
Brandi Edmonds
Elisa Fairless
Betty Fine
Becky Foshee
Kelley Gattis
Tracy Hackler
Solveig Harren
Suzanne Hefner
Margaret Hendrick

Emily Hoppe
Lea Hoppe
Ann Jones
Jennifer Jones
Laura Kendrick
Kathy Lane
Carolyn Loshuertos
Sue McElyea
Betty Moore
Mickey Murphy
Betty Patterson
Alicia Pettis
Dottie Richardson
John Mark Russell
Barbara Sizemore
Anne Stone
Donna Thornton
Ann Vines
Maxie Wells
Janice Whipple
Betsy Woods
Kennie Worlund

ALTO

Elaine Alspach
Missy Aulds
Carol Belk
Gloria Branch
Carol Brigance
Karen Campbell
Rachel Cato
Susan Cloud
Janet Creech
Patricia Culpepper
Sherron Culpepper

Faye Davis
Elizabeth Drozd
Tara DuBose-Schmitt
Beverly Easlic
Bonnie Edmondson
Kelli Ellison
LeAnne Fowler
Julie Franklin
Sarah Funke
Karen Hangartner
Beth Harris
Marsha Ann Hughes
Jennifer Matthews
Amy McKenzie
Megan McKenzie
Joy Moore
Nancy Morton
Dana Mucci
Betty Myers
Marti Norton
Nannette O'Dell
Jane Orton
Pat Perry
Becky Pickle
Jennifer Rice
Beth Russell
Cindy Russell
Angela Seanor
Ann Smith
Phyllis Stebbins
Betty Thurstone
Louise Walker
Karen Wojcik
Joyce Zackie

TENOR

Roy Adams
David Allen
Earl Alspach
Joel Cobbs
Josh Coble
Andy Coward
Wiley Davis
Joe Holley
John Humphrey
Terry Jarnagin
James Kendrick
Mike Kirk
Pat Lewallen
Jim Love
David Morgan
Wayne Owen
Webb Parker
Robert Pendley
Ed Perkins
James Potts
Jeremy Rice
Gerald Roberts
Warren Schmitt
Leon Stallcup
Bill Stone
Randy Taylor
Les Tillery
Donnie Traynham
Len Worlund

BASS

Don Aulds
George Barnes
Randall Belk

Britt Blankenship
Greg Branham
Glenn Brown
David Buie
Wilton Causey
Gary Chambers
Don Clark
Jerry Cobbs
David Cook
Ed Culpepper
Tom Cunningham
Jerry Davis
Dean Estill
Gaines Gravlee, Jr.
Tom Guffin
Bill Hadaway
Rodger Keene
Ron Martin
Dave McKenzie
Bobby Myers
Darren Myers
Dennis O'Dell
Gary Reas
Bill Renfroe
Lee Rhoads
Mark Russell
Bob Saint
Bob Searcy
Bob Smith
Jim Splawn
Barry Vines
Joe Zimmerman

INSTRUMENTALISTS

VIOLIN

+Lee Cotruvo
+Jeff Dortch
+Laura Elrod
+Joyce Green
+Emanuel Nedelcu
+Gretchen Perry
+Christie Weber
+Viljar Weimann

VIOLA

+Dan Nedelcu
+Steluta Nedelcu
Fred Sanders

CELLO

+Veneta Billmayer
+Marilyn Rue

BASS

John Gordon

FLUTE

Jana Clark
*Leighanne Dauro
Emily DePlachett
Amy Helser
Susan Hixson
Nan Kirk

OBOE

Eric Clark
+Gary Parks

CLARINET

Bianca Cox
Ellen Field
*David Hoppe
Amelia Lane
Lauren Obermann
Lauren Poniatowski
Robert Williams

BASS CLARINET

Rusty Clark
Richard Cox

BASSOON

*Susan Keene
Noah McQueen
Andrew Melton
Zack Tucker

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Briana Carrasquillo
*Dale Hutchens
Mike Kirk

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Chris Bales

FRENCH HORN

Alisa Dauro
Robert Jones

Susan Williams

*Suzy Young

TRUMPET

Adam Dauro
Brad Nash
Dale Proctor
E. C. Richardson
*Werner Smock
Bruce Zeiger

TROMBONE

Ben Bragg
*Alan Jones
Johnny Kirk
Matthew Parker
Paul Zubrod

EUPHONIUM

Susan Field
Emily Parker

TUBA

Ben Darby
*Vince Dauro
David Sanders

PERCUSSION

Thomas Lewallen
Dana Lewis
Zack Melton
*Ken Smith
James Smock

HARP

Kathryn Hoppe

PIANO/ORGAN

Dan Lawhon

+Guest Musician

*Section Leader

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR

Briana Carrasquillo
Janet Creech
Jennifer Jones
Lori Kegley
Thomas Lewallen
Nannette O'Dell
Jane Orton
Janice Owen
Laura Roberts
Angela Seanor
Debbie Zeiger

Our Guest Artist... Jeff Smith is Director of Salt and Light Ministries based near Richmond, VA. After graduation from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Jeff spent eight years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. Besides various military awards and decorations, Jeff has won a number of musical and drama honors, and has toured various parts of the world as a creative artist, dramatist and entertainer.

After resigning his commission to begin Salt & Light Ministries, Jeff worked in the local church and finished a Master's Degree in Communications with an emphasis on Script and Screenwriting. Since then, he has been a featured performer and master teacher in local, state and national training conferences and seminars in drama, worship arts, music ministry, teacher training, children's ministry and creative arts. As a performer and writer he has won numerous awards and has many published and recorded works. His training videos, "Movement for Non-Movers," have equipped teens and children all over the world to share the gospel through creative ministries and music.

Jeff currently resides in Richmond, VA, with his wife Debbie and their two sons, Benjamin and Samuel. For more information on Jeff and his ministry visit his web site at www.saltandlightmin.org.

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In Memoriam

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRANK STEBBINS***

August 14, 1933 - May 5, 2005

MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF

Billy Orton, *Minister of Music & Worship*
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Laura Roberts, *Music Ministry Assistant*
Dottie Richardson, *LCT Assistant*

CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24, 2005
5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Worship Services
The Lord's Supper will be served at 11:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP
Sunday, December 25, 2005
10:30 a.m.
Broadcast on WHNT-TV, Channel 19

"Ending and Beginning" - Luke 2:29-35
Nunc Dimittis
The Song of Simeon

2006 Music Ministry Highlights

April...Selections from Handel's MESSIAH

May 7...SAVIOUR: A Modern Oratorio

May 21...The FBC Orchestra in Concert

June 21-28...Youth Choir Tour to Washington, D.C.

July 10-14...Music Camp for Children

October 23-24...Kiev Symphony Orchestra & Chorus

December 14-17...Living Christmas Tree 2006