

# THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Huntsville, Alabama

Dr. Ralph H. Langley, Pastor



## THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

*singing*  
"HALLELUJAH"

Joel Duncan, Director

DECEMBER 14th and 15th  
5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 17th and 18th  
7:30 p.m.

## TOTALLY CHRISTMAS CLASSICS

Hallelujah! Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
For unto us a Child is born, unto us  
a Son is given.

And the government shall be upon His  
shoulder; and His name shall be  
called: Wonderful Counselor!  
the Mighty God the Everlasting  
Father, Prince of Peace!

Jesu, Joy of man's desiring,  
Holy Wisdom, Love most bright;  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,  
Soar to Uncreated Light.

Lullaby and goodnight, angels watch  
o'er Thy sleeping,  
Shepherds worship and adore,  
little newborn gift of love.  
Stars above sing for joy, peace to earth  
now has come.

Little child, Son of God, lullaby and  
goodnight.

He for us, came down from heav'n,  
was born of the Spirit, and the  
Virgin Mary, Mother mild; He was  
made man for us.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim  
continually do cry;

Holy, holy, continually, Holy,  
Lord God of Sabaoth, Lord God  
of Hosts!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and Heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other  
Lift us to the joy divine.

Sleepers wake! a voice is calling,  
The night is gone the day is dawning;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Alleluia! Magnificat!

The kingdom of this world is become  
the kingdom of our Lord and of  
His Christ; and He shall reign for-  
ever and ever.

King of kings and Lord of lords;  
and He shall reign forever and ever.  
Hallelujah!

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### CAROL MEDLEY

Soloist: "Sweet Little Jesus Boy"  
Gaines Gravlee, Jr.  
Melanie Burns

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart  
and soul and voice; Give ye heed to  
what we say: News! News! Jesus  
Christ is born today! Ox and ass  
before Him bow, and He is in the  
manger now. Christ is born today!

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,

Sweet little Jesus boy, they made you  
be born in a manger;  
Sweet little Holy Child, they didn't  
know who you was.  
Didn't know you come to save us,  
Lord, to take our sins away?  
Our eyes was blind, they could not see;  
They didn't know who you was.

The world treat you mean, Lord, treat  
me mean, too;  
But that's how things is down here—  
they don't know who you is.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love.

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son:  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

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Unto Us  
a Son Is Given

## HAIL, THOU WHO ART HIGHLY FAVORED

Soloist: Bill Stone

Hail, thou who art highly favored,  
The Lord is with thee:  
Blessed art thou among women.  
Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found  
favor with God;  
And behold, thou shalt conceive and  
bring forth a son;  
Thou shalt call his name Jesus!

Luke 1:28,30-31

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## NOEL

### WONDERFUL NAME

Mary was the first to hear it,  
Name that came from heaven above;  
Name that raises souls from darkness,  
This the only name worth singing of.

Wonderful name, Jesus!  
Wonderful name, Jesus!  
Name angels sang the night all  
heaven rang;  
Wonderful name, Jesus!

Heaven touched His name with glory,  
Precious name of Jesus, our King;  
In God's Word is told the story,  
Of this wondrous name the angel sing!

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## SAVIOR OF SINNERS

Wonderful message from heaven,  
Wonderful promise to sing;  
Savior of sinners is Jesus,  
Down thru the years it will ring.

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Let all our voices agree;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Savior of sinners is He.

Great is His grace and His mercy,  
Great is His kindness and love;  
Now and forever we'll praise Him,  
Here and in heaven above.

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## MARY'S LITTLE BOY CHILD

Long time ago in Bethlehem,  
so the Holy Bible say,  
Mary's boy child, Jesus Christ,  
was born on Christmas day.

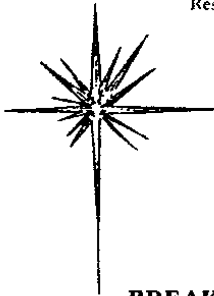
Hark! Now hear the angels sing,  
Christ is born today;  
And man can live forevermore  
Because of Christmas day.

Joseph and his wife, Mary,  
came to Bethlehem that night;  
They found no place to bear her child,  
Not a single room was in sight.

By and by they found a little nook  
in a stable all forlorn.  
And in a manger cold and dark,  
Mary's little boy child was born.

Trumpets sound and angels sing  
Listen to what they say:  
That man can live forevermore—  
Because of Christmas day.

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## BREAK FORTH O BEAUTEOUS HEAVENLY LIGHT

Break forth, O beauteous,  
heav'nly light  
And usher in the morning;  
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright,  
But hear the angel's warning.

This Child, now weak in infancy,  
Our confidence and joy shall be,  
The pow'r of Satan breaking,  
Our peace eternal making.

## WORSHIP THE KING

Soloist: Jane Holloway  
Melanie Burns

O come to the place where the Holy  
Child is laid.

O come let us see the new born King.  
For He is our God and greatly to be  
praised.

Come let us worship the King!  
Come let us worship the King.  
Jesus, the Savior is born.  
For the Lord will reign over all the  
earth.

Come let us worship the King.  
Jesus the Savior is born!  
For the Lord is great and greatly  
to be praised through all the earth—  
Let us worship the King.

The Savior has come let all the nations  
sing!  
The mountains ring out with angelic  
praise!  
The heavens rejoice for the earth  
receives her King.

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## THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR

Soloist: Carol Brigance  
Karen Ivey

There's a song in the air!  
There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer  
and a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains its fire while the  
angels all sing:  
Hallelujah, Hosanna, hear it ring!  
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles  
a King!  
Hear the song in the air.

There's a tumult of joy at this  
wonderful birth,  
For Mary's little boy is the Lord of the  
earth.  
And the star rains its fire while the  
angels all sing:  
Hallelujah, Hosanna, hear it ring!  
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles  
a King!  
Sing His song as a prayer.

In the light of that star lies redemption  
for man;  
And that song from afar has swept  
over the land.  
Ev'ry hearth is aflame while the  
children all sing:  
Hallelujah, Hosanna, hear it ring—  
In the hearts of all people that Jesus  
is King!  
Take the song ev'rywhere.

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## CHRISTMAS CAROL MEDLEY

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 host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem. Hark! the Herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains; And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

It came upon a midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.

Peace on earth good will to men from heav'n's all gracious King! The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down and glory shone around.

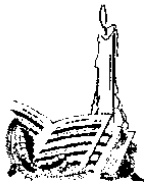
Fear not said he, for unto you is born in Bethlehem a Holy Child in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all men.

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 Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation. Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above. Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him Christ the Lord. Hallelujah!

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## A THOUSAND CANDLES

Soloist: B. J. Boyanton

We light a thousand candles bright around the earth today,  
And all the beams will shine across the heaven's grand display.  
Yes, over land and sea tonight the happy message brings  
The birth of Him, our Lord and Christ,  
Our Savior and our King.

Dear brightest star o'er Bethlehem,  
O let your precious light  
Shine in with hope and peace t'ward men in ev'ry home tonight.

In all our house so cold and dark  
Please send your warmth sublime,  
The warmth that comes from Jesus' love this blessed Christmas time.

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## GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN / AMEN

Compiled by Phil Barfoot, Richard Crain  
Arranged by Dave Williamson

Soloist: Michele Ammons

Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain that  
Jesus Christ is born.

When I was seeker, I sought both  
night and day.  
I asked the Lord to help me and  
He showed me the way.

In a lowly manger, our humble  
Christ was born,  
God sent us salvation, that blessed  
Christmas morn.

Amen! See the little baby wapped  
in a manger on Christmas mornin'.  
See Him in the temple talkin' with  
the elders who marveled at His  
wisdom.

See Him at the Jordan--John baptizin'  
and savin' all the sinners.

See Him at the seaside talkin' with  
the fishermen an' makin' them  
disciples.

Marchin' in Jerusalem over palm  
branches in pomp and splendor.

See Him in the garden prayin' to His  
Father in deepest sorrow.

Led before Pilate, then they crucified  
Him, but He rose on Easter.

Hallelujah, He died to save us and He  
lives forever. So we're gonna sing  
Amen, Hallelujah, that Jesus  
Christ is born!

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## THAT NIGHT

That night, in all of heaven,  
there wasn't a sound--  
As God and the angels watched the  
earth:  
For there in a stable, the Father's  
only Son--  
Chose to give Himself through human  
birth.  
And when the cry of a baby pierced  
the universe,  
Once for all men were shown their  
worth.

And the heavens exploded with music  
ev'rywhere,  
And the angels spilled over heaven's  
edge and filled the air;  
And the Father rejoiced for He did  
not lose His Son,  
But He gained to Himself forever those  
who'd come! Amen!

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## THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS

Hallelujah! for the Lord God  
omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah!  
The kingdom of this world is become  
the kingdom of our Lord and of His  
Christ; and He shall reign forever  
and ever. King of Kings and Lord  
of Lords! Hallelujah!

--Handel

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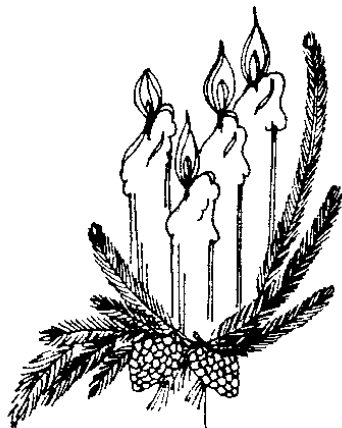
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THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

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## *In Appreciation*

*Expressions of appreciation and thankfulness are due so many who have planned, constructed, wired and decorated "The Living Christmas Tree." Behind-the-scene people, like the nursery workers, parking lot attendants, ushers, seamstresses, sound and lighting crews and numerous others have worked faithfully toward this inspiring presentation.*

*It was our hope, in the planning and preparation steps of "The Living Christmas Tree," that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ would be glorified. It is to that end that we have all worked together as a team . . . a family.*

## THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE COMMITTEES

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