



the
Living
Christmas
tree

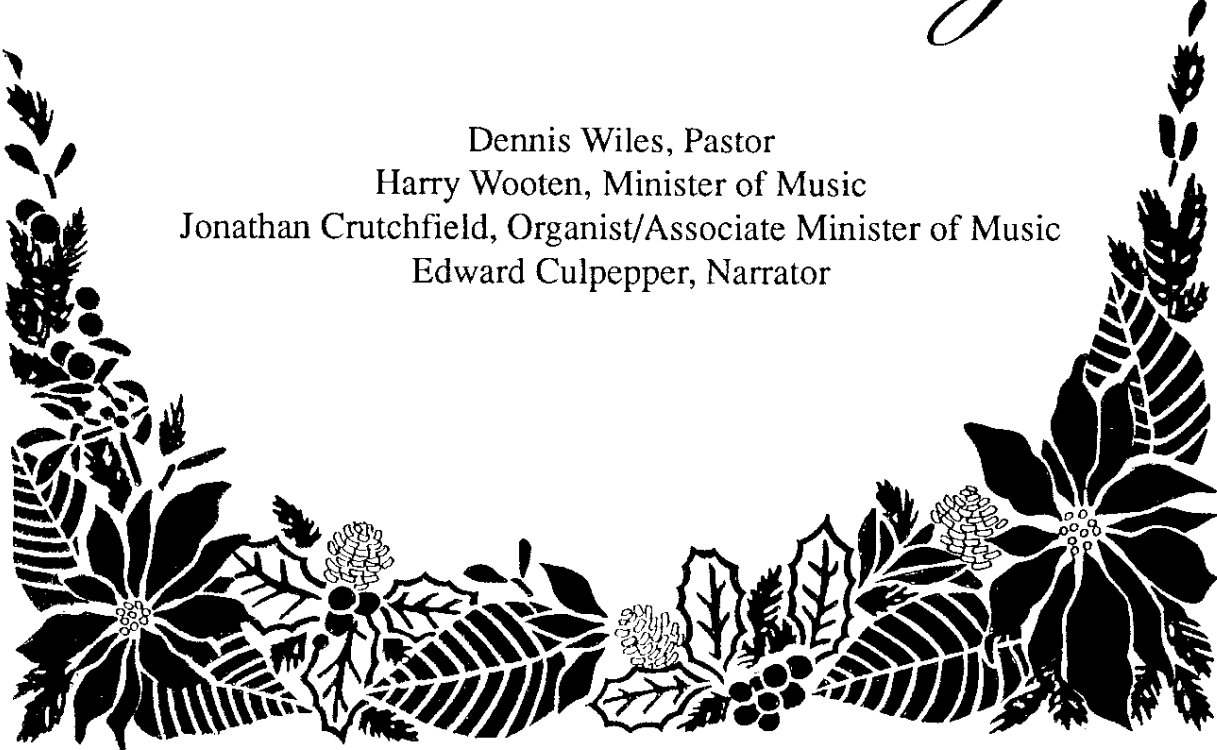
presents

The

HOLLY

and the

Joy



Dennis Wiles, Pastor
Harry Wooten, Minister of Music
Jonathan Crutchfield, Organist/Associate Minister of Music
Edward Culpepper, Narrator

We
are so glad
you are here
to join in this very
special presentation and
celebration of
The Holly and the Ivy.

This year some 13,000 people
will experience the beauty of the
sights and sounds of
Christmas as we celebrate
the birth of Jesus. Six programs
will be presented from the 39-foot
tree by a chorus of 145 singers accompanied
by a harp, flute, and organ. The
fourteen-tiered structure is comprised of
approximately 6,000 pounds of steel, wood
and chicken wire. It is decorated with over 7,500
pieces of greenery and 13,000 lights. The lights of the Tree
are computer-programmed and are
choreographed to the music manually from a console
located in the balcony of the Sanctuary. We hope you enjoy
this evening and the Living Christmas Tree 1995. From our
church family to yours, we wish you all a very joyous and blessed
Christmas!

LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE CHORUS

SOPRANO

Karen Anderson
 Carol Bagwell
 Ellen Bailes
 Jofunnie Barnes
 Lisa Belk
 Martha Boothe
 B. J. Boyanton
 Janet Cashion
 Linda Causey
 Ann Clinton
 Kimberly Collette
 Janet Crawford
 Polly Crawford
 Mary Dohrman
 Mary Louise Donahoo
 Bonnie Edmondson
 Betty Fine
 Becky Foshee
 Marilyn Guffin
 JoAnn Hadaway
 Angela Hanson
 Suzanne Hefner
 Cathy Hightower
 Lea Hoppe
 Patricia Howell
 Mindy Hyatt
 Rhonda Ivey
 Martha Jones
 Sonya Justice
 Cale-Deane Labram
 Sue Mahmoud
 Teresa Martin
 Susan McClung
 Sara McDaris
 Sue McElyea
 Mary Ann Moon

Jennifer Morton
 Mickey Murphy
 Betty Patterson
 Lennie Pelton
 Alicia Pettis
 Cathy Reas
 Charlotte Rhoads
 Virginia Sisco
 Anne Stone
 Melanie Stone
 Kennetha Thomas
 Donna Thornton
 Eddi Vinson
 Joan Warren
 Maxie Wells
 Debi Wooten
 Kennie Worlund

ALTO

Sylvia Bailey
 Terri Brown
 Joan Burns
 Doris Cox
 Janet Creech
 Sherron Culpepper
 Tina Darby
 Faye Davis
 Brenda Dunn
 Kelli Ellison
 LeAnne Fowler
 Karen Hangartner
 Beth Harris
 Lettie Harrison
 Terri Hollis
 Jennifer Jones
 Ann Jones
 Libby Kemp

Carolyn Loshuertos
 Amy McKenzie
 Linda Mills
 Jill Millsbaugh
 Joy Moore
 Nancy Morton
 Dana Mucci
 Judy Myrick
 Susan Perry
 Rebecca Pickle
 Bonnie Pimm
 Linda Quinn
 Juanita Roberts
 Jewel Rushing
 Cindy Russell
 Lis Schendel
 Theresa Scholz
 Angela Seanor
 Ann Smith
 Cecille Spina
 Bren Stilson
 Jan Storey
 Louise Walker
 Fran Wilson
 Lisa Wilson
 Karen Wojcik
 Joyce Zuckie

TENOR

Todd Broome
 Girod Cole
 Wiley Davis
 Greg Ellison
 Steve Foshee
 Joey Jesup
 Jim Love
 Tyler Marlow

Bob Martin
 Scott Mills
 David Morgan
 Warren Schmitt
 Leon Stallcup
 Bill Stone
 Len Worlund

BASS

Tim Anderson
 George Barnes
 Randall Belk
 Glenn Brown
 Wilton Causey
 Del Cox
 Ben Darby
 Gaines Gravlee, Jr.
 Tom Guffin
 Bill Hadaway
 Roy Henderson
 Ron McClung
 Dave McKenzie
 Michael Moore
 Mark Mucci
 Patrick Newman
 John Noblin
 Kevin O'Hara
 Stephen Pethel
 Russ Pimm
 Bill Renfroe
 Lee Rhoads
 Gerald Roberts
 Kenneth Smith
 Bob Smith
 Jim Splawn
 Bob Youmans
 Joe Zimmerman

CARILLIONS

Michael Moore
 Bob Youmans
 Jonathan Crutchfield
 Patrick Newman

WOODWIND ENSEMBLE

David Hoppe
 Bianca Cox
 Leighanne Dauro
 Emily Richardson
 Teresa Carroll

BRASS CHOIR

Werner Smock
 Tim Patterson
 Joyce Ellett
 E. C. Richardson
 Gary Smith
 Will Lewis
 Allen Jones
 John Kirk
 Russ Pimm
 Lea Hoppe
 Suzy Young
 Vince Dauro

The Holly and the Ivy

Prelude Music Carillons, FBC Woodwind Ensemble, FBC Brass Choir

Words of Welcome Dennis Wiles

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree Elizabeth Poston
Debi Wooten, soloist

A Festival of Carols Congregation

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in
exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts of
heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

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.

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

The Holly and the Ivy arr. John Rutter

I

Shepherd's Pipe Carol John Rutter

I Saw Three Ships arr. Wes Ramsay

Ding Dong Merrily on High Carol McClure

This Christmastide (Jessye's Carol) Donald Fraser

II

Ave Maria Franz Biebl

Semi-Chorus: Karen Anderson, B. J. Boyanton, Todd Broome, Greg Ellison,
Leigh Anne Fowler, Suzanne Hefner, Terri Hollis, Libby Kemp, Tyler Marlow,
Linda Mills, Michael Moore, David Morgan, Dana Mucci, Judy Myrick,
Alicia Pettis, Kathy Reese, Cindy Russell, Cecille Spina, Debi Wooten

The angel of the Lord
made his annunciation to Mary,
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

And the Word was made flesh
and dwelt among us.
Hail, Mary . . .

Hail, Mary, full of grace;
the Lord is with you
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners.
Holy Mary, pray for us
now and in the hour of our need.
Amen.

Coventry Carol Carol McClure

Mary, Did you Know? arr. Tom Fettke
Jan Storey, Soloist

Angels' Carol John Rutter

III

Do You Hear What I Hear? arr. Harry Simeone

What is this Fragrance? arr. Dale Warland

What Child Is This? Carol McClure

This Child Is arr. Tom Fettke
Girod Cole, soloist

IV

Snow Had Fallen; Christ Was Born Stephen Paulus

Go Where I Send Thee arr. André Thomas
Karen Anderson, soloist

V

Hallelujah Chorus from MESSIAH G. F. Handel

A Christmas Farewell

We Wish You A Merry Christmas arr. John Rutter

A Christmas Flourish Jonathan Crutchfield



Carol McClure, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, began harp study at age six. By age thirteen, she was the student of renowned harp teachers Marcel Granjany of the Julliard School and Mildred Dilling, and a master class student of Nicanor Zabaleta. By age fourteen, she had won two American Harp Society competitions, and began her international concert career, performing throughout Great Britain and Europe. She has served as a symphony harpist in positions from Glasgow, Scotland to New Orleans, Louisiana. Carol is a renowned harp teacher, most recently having served on the faculty of Vanderbilt University from 1990 to 1993. An alumna of the University of Louisville, she earned her MCM at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, majoring in choral conducting and performance. She has given hundreds of concerts as a soloist and worship leader, and has recently come into her own as a recording artist and composer. The breadth of her experience includes service as choral director at Queen's Park Baptist Church in Glasgow, Scotland (1977-78), Director of Music and Arts at North Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Georgia and as harpist on albums for Steve Green, John Michael Talbot, Cynthia Clawson, Larnelle Harris and Kurt Kaiser, among others.

*Her career currently focuses on solo concerts and recordings for Fortress Records (USA), and Kingsway Records (international). Albums currently available include Carol McClure's Hymns of Hope for Harp, Carol McClure's Christmas Harp (Fortress), Harp Praise (Kingsway) and Open Our Eyes—Classic Praise Harp, released in February 1994 as Kingsway Record's featured release in the United Kingdom, and released in the U. S. in November 1994. She was a featured artist at the International Church Music Festival in Coventry, England, in July 1994, performing with such notables as Neilson and Young, Paul Leddington Wright, Sir David Willcocks, and accompanied our own First Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir. This is Carol's third appearance at First Baptist Church. In 1993, she accompanied our Sanctuary Choir in their presentation of *Requiem* by Gabriel Fauré, and she also joined our worship leadership this past November following our Living Christmas Tree Rehearsal Retreat. It is with great joy that we present Carol McClure as accompanist and guest artist for the 1995 Living Christmas Tree.*



J. Edward Culpepper is a native of Mobile, Alabama, who has become firmly transplanted in the Huntsville community over the last nine years. He received the B. S. degree in Public Administration from the University of Alabama in 1974, graduating with honors. While at the University, he competed on the Alabama Intercollegiate Debate Team. He received his education for ministry at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. There, he earned the M. Div. degree (1979), the Th. M. in Christian Preaching (1981), and the Ph. D. in Christian Philosophy (1986).

*Culpepper has served churches in Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Arkansas, and Indiana. He also served with the administration of Southern Seminary as Assistant Director of Placement. He serves on committees of the Madison Baptist Association, the Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care, as a director of the Christian Life Commission of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and in leadership roles in the Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. In 1991 he was awarded one of Samford University's annual *Outstanding Minister of the Year* recognitions.*

In 1990, as the result of diabetic retinopathy, Culpepper became blind. Since that time, with the aid of talking computers and an optic scanner, he has continued to serve actively in ministry. He was the co-founder in 1992 of a minister's reading group in North Alabama. In recent years he has preached in revival meetings and has been the Bible teacher for national conferences. Culpepper continues to enjoy "handyman" projects and is an avid water skier.

In 1975, Culpepper married the former Sherron Prestage, a native of Huntsville, Alabama. Sherron is an inventory clerk, a homemaker, a special education teacher, and a state convention approved worker in Special Education Sunday School. Together they have two sons, Tom (born 1979), and Dan (born 1983).



Bob Gifford has been performing in Huntsville since 1980 after returning from six years as principal flutist in the U. S. Navy Band in Washington, D.C. He holds a Master of Music Degree in performance and studied with Julius Baker of the New York Philharmonic. Bob was principal flute with the Huntsville Symphony and Huntsville Chamber Orchestra for several years and currently is a leading agent at RE/MAX Huntsville real estate agency.



Shannon Marie Smith, a Huntsville native and member of First Baptist Church, received early training from Community Ballet. She began pre-professional training at age nine with Performing Dance Arts. She performed in numerous theatrical productions and classical ballets. She received a Performing Arts Scholarship to Huntingdon College where she received the 1995 Dance Performance Award. Miss Smith's repertoire includes: "Swanhilda" from the "Coppelia Suite", Eugene Loring's "Pas de Deux" from "Billy the Kid", and Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols". Additional dance experience includes study with Nashville Ballet, Ballet Magnificat, and appearing as Pluto at Walt Disney World. She has been guest soloist at Canterbury Methodist Church, Birmingham, where she taught their summer Creative Movement Workshops for Children.

Currently, Shannon is a scholarship student at Montgomery Ballet and is involved with the newly established "Dance to Glorify" at Huntingdon College. She is honored to be in this year's Living Christmas Tree, and hopes to pursue liturgical dance as a future career.

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