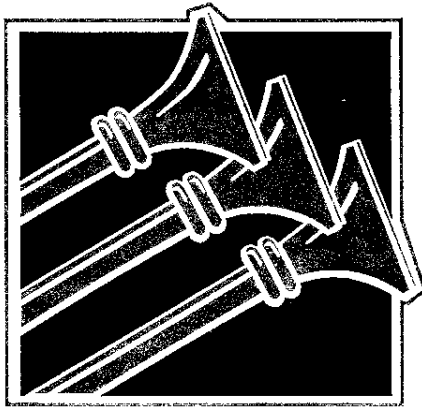


the
Living
Christmas
Tree
1998

presents



How
Great
our *Joy!*

Thursday, December 10 • 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 11 • 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 12 • 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 13 • 5:00 p.m.



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PRELUDE MUSIC

Carols of the Season Arr. Douglas Smith
The Woodwind Ensemble (in Narthex)

Joy to the World Arr. Bob Walters
Orchestra

Five Variations on "What Child Is This" Don Phillips
Michael Moore, Organ

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen Mark Hayes
Lisa Belk, Piano

Christmas Joy and Glory Arr. Jeff Cranfill
Orchestra

WELCOME AND PRAYER—Dennis Wiles, Pastor

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

In The Bleak Midwinter Gustav Holst/Arr. Moore
Michael Moore, Organ

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts Claude L. Bass
Choir from aisles and balcony steps

. . .Thou fount of life, Thou light of men, . . .Chase the dark night of sin away,
from the best bliss that earth imparts, shed o'er the world Thy holy light.
we turn unfilled to Thee again.

O Little Town of Bethlehem (Carol 86)

**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!**

**How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ
enters in.**

Silent Night (Carol 91)

**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, sleep in heavenly peace.**

The First Nowell (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.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

A Christmas Festival Leroy Anderson
Orchestra

Angels We Have Heard On High Arr. Mack Wilberg
with Karen Anderson, Soloist

CHRISTMAS JOY—Ed Culpepper

How Great Our Joy Arr. John Rutter
with Tom Guffin, Soloist

Hodie Christus Natus Est Healey Willan

Hodie, Christus natus est: hodie,
Salvator apparuit:
in terra canunt Angeli: laetantur
Archangeli: hodie, exultant justi,
dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Alleluya.

Christ is born, The Savior hath appeared:
On earth the choirs of Angels sing:
Archangels together rejoice: the righteous
rejoice together,
saying: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Alleluya.

I Wonder As I Wander Arr. Keith Christopher

SURPRISING JOY—Ed Culpepper

This Child, This King Daniel E. Gawthrop

Sweet Little Jesus Boy Robert MacGimsey
Gaines Gravlee, Jr, Bass

O Come, All Ye Faithful (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:**

CHORUS:
**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,
Sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above;
Glory to God all glory in the highest:**

**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:**

There Shall A Star from Jacob Felix Mendelssohn
(from *Christus*)

RENEWING JOY—Ed Culpepper

O Holy Night Adolphe Adam
Susazne Hefner, Soprano

African Noel Ronald Kauffman

Away in a Manger Arr. Mack Wilberg

EVERLASTING JOY—Ed Culpepper

Joy to the World Arr. Frank Kuykendall

Hallelujah George Frideric Handel
(from *Messiah*)

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Toccata on "Angels We Have Heard On High" Richard Unfreid
Michael Moore, Organ

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As the tradition of the Living Christmas Tree returns to Huntsville First Baptist this year, gratitude is expressed to the many persons who have given of themselves in time, talent, and energy. The committee/group leaders listed below represent just a portion of the many who have served so willingly in preparation for this presentation. Our prayer is that the message of Jesus Christ, our joy, be communicated in all aspects of the 1998 Living Christmas Tree!

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Billy Orton, Minister of Music and Worship
Syble Noblin, Music Ministry Secretary
Cindy Russell, Music Ministry Assistant
Lisa Belk, Pianist/Rehearsal Accompanist
Michael Moore, Organist

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Angela Seanor and the Childcare Staff.

Welcome to First Baptist Church's presentation of *The Living Christmas Tree*. It is our belief that the best news ever shared in human history was the heavenly announcement of the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Indeed, this news has brought "great joy to all people." Tonight, we celebrate that joy with you.

The joy that we have discovered in Jesus Christ is deeper than the happiness we enjoy in the midst of pleasurable experiences. This joy is available even in the face of sorrow, tragedy and grief. It is our prayer that we will faithfully communicate that joy in tonight's musical celebration. May your life be enriched and your joy be enhanced as you join us in this worship experience.

Welcome to First Baptist and Merry Christmas,

Dennis R. Wiles, Pastor

Our Narrator

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).

Dr. 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. Culpepper is currently serving as Administrative Pastor at First Baptist Church, Huntsville. He serves on committees of the Madison Baptist Association, the Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care, and is Director of the Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Information Center.

In 1990, as the result of diabetic retinopathy, Dr. Culpepper became blind. Since that time, with the aid of talking computers and an optic scanner, he has continued to serve actively in ministry. In recent years he has preached in revival meetings and has been the Bible teacher for national conferences. He is currently a member of the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind Huntsville Regional Center Advisory Board. He continues to enjoy "handyman" projects and is an avid water skier.

Meet Our New Minister of Music and Worship

Billy Orton moved to First Baptist Church this fall from Northern Virginia, where he had served for ten years as Minister of Music at Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church. He is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Rev. Orton has been a guest teacher, conductor, and performer in various states throughout the nation, specializing in instrumental leadership and choral conducting. He has numerous published articles in the area of church music ministry and administration, and has organized and led music mission trips both at home and abroad. He has performed and taught in Russia, in Zimbabwe, and most recently as a coordinator and leader at the Baptists In Worship International Conference held in Berlin, Germany.

Billy brings a great love for the local church and a rich, varied experience in music ministry to his work at First Baptist. He leads a multi-faceted program here that involves hundreds of individuals on a weekly basis, stretching from preschoolers through senior adults. Great emphasis is placed upon the worship of God—and upon the wonderful responsibilities of leading and equipping persons for lifelong involvement in that important act.

This is also Billy's first Living Christmas Tree!

LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE CHORUS

SOPRANO

Mary Alverson
Karen Anderson
Ellen Bailes
Johnnie Barnes
Darlene Berry
Beth Bice
Martha Boothe
Susan Boothe
Jane Broome
Nancy Campbell
Janet Cashion
Jamie Clay
Ann Clinton
Kimberly Collette
Janet Crawford
Polly Crawford
Charlotte Davis
Robin Douglass
Kristy Dunn
Rosalyn Fairless
Elisa Fairless
Lisa Felder
Betty Fine
Becky Foshee
Michele Futch
Mary Lee Galloway
Kelley Gattis
JoAnn Hadaway
Suzanne Hefner
Lea Hoppe
Ann Jones
Frances Jones
Jennifer Jones
Martha Jones
Cale-Deane Labram

Ann Lee
Sue Mahmoud
Teresa Martin
Jennifer Matthews
Sue McElyea
Betty Patterson
Alicia Pettis
Paula Proctor
Mary Reavis
Dottie Richardson
Virginia Sisco
Gwen Smock
Anne Stone
Kristi Taylor
Donna Thornton
Ann Vines
Joan Warren
Maxie Wells
Jennifer Woodrow
Kennie Worlund

ALTO

Patty Atherton
Sylvia Bailey
Carol Belk
B. J. Boyanton
Gloria Branch
Terri Brown
Pat Chambers
Janet Creech
Sherron Culpepper
Faye Davis
Stephanie Davis
Kelli Ellison
LeAnne Fowler
Karen Hangartner
Beth Harris

Faye Jernigan
Laura Jones
Joy Moore
Nancy Moore
Nancy Morton
Ginger Norris
Jane Orton
Alison Palmiter
Pat Perry
Rebecca Pickle
Bonnie Pimm
Mary Reeder
Kristy Richmond
Juanita Roberts
Jewel Rushing
Cindy Russell
Edith Schmitt
Angela Seanor
Ann Smith
Lynda Staggs
Martha Stogner
Marian Talley
Betty Thurstone
Fran Wilson
Lisa Wilson
Karen Wojcik
Joyce Zackie

TENOR

Todd Broome
Wiley Davis
Greg Ellison
Joey Jesusp
Mike Kirk
James Love
Bob Martin

Rick Moon
David Morgan
Ed Perkins
Warren Schmitt
Leon Stallcup
Bill Stone
Randy Taylor
Len Worlund

BASS

George Barnes
Randall Belk
Glenn Brown
Wilton Causey
Dean Estill
Gaines Gravlee
Tom Guffin
Bill Hadaway
Roy Henderson
Frank Hilleke
Rodger Keene
Dan Leak
Patrick Newman
Russ Pimm
David Rabb
Gary Reas
Rad Reavis
Bill Renfroe
Lee Rhoads
Gerald Roberts
Bob Smith
Kenneth Smith
Jim Splawn
Bob Youmans
Joe Zimmerman

ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN

Marx Pales
Gretchen Perry
Frank Garcia
Christy McCleary
Laura Elrod
Arlene Yedid
Pat Cassity
Lee Roy Johnson

VIOLA

Rono Prince
Rodena Branch

CELLO

Veneta Billmayer
Dwayne Wasson

BASS

John Gordon

HARP

Katie Hoppe

FLUTE

Emily Richardson
Leighanne Dauro
Amy Helser

OBOE

Gary Parks

CLARINET

David Hoppe
Bianca Cox
Tiffany Hubbard
Kristen Hubbard

BASSOON

Susan Keene

ALTO

SAXOPHONE
Dale Hutchens
David Fields

FRENCH HORNS

Kent Eversmeyer
Cheryl Hawkins
Suzy Young

TRUMPET

Werner Smock
Dale Proctor
E. C. Richardson
Joyce Ellett
Adam Dauro

TROMBONE

Danny Hutson
Alan Jones
Jan Toomey

TUBA

Vince Dauro

PERCUSSION

Debbie Hutson
Kenneth Smith
Cindy Hutchens
Matthew Cashion
Matt Davis

KEYBOARDS

Michael Moore,
Organ
Lisa Belk, Piano
Lisa Felder,
Orchestra Piano

The First Baptist Television Ministry will present videotaped portions of the 1998 Living Christmas Tree on December 25, at 6:30 pm on WHNT TV-19.