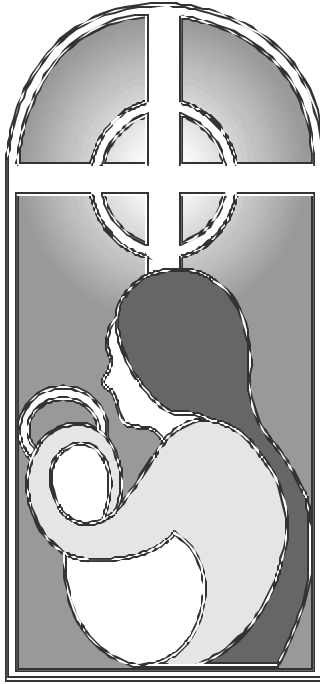


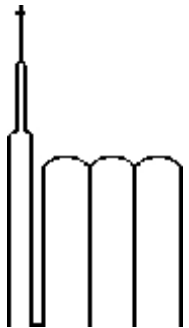
The Living Christmas Tree

December 13-16, 2001



...’Tis Love That’s Born Tonight

*The children in each different place
Will see the baby Jesus’ face
Like theirs, but bright with heavenly grace,
And filled with holy light.
O lay aside each earthly thing,
And with thy heart as offering,
Come worship now the Infant King,
’Tis love that’s born tonight!*



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Welcome...

We are delighted that you are present for this year's Living Christmas Tree! The people of First Baptist Church extend to you the warmest of greetings in Christ's name. We offer this presentation as a gift to the community. Our prayer is that the central message of LOVE is clearly communicated.

One scripture verse in particular has guided the creation of this year's LCT. You may know it by heart: *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3: 16)*

The love of God in Christ has never been more needed across our world. Wars and mistrust characterize life in so many places. Love is often the missing element in individual and corporate relationships. Our aim is for the Christmas message of love to be experienced anew this day, this presentation. Love is God's gift to you in the person of Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas!

*Billy Orton
Minister of Music and Worship*

A Christmas Prelude

Carols of the Season (Instrumentalists)

A Christmas Festival Leroy Anderson

Words of Welcome

Carols by Candlelight

Of the Father's Love Begotten arr. Paul Wohlgemuth
Choir from aisles and balcony steps

The First Nowell (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.**

**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.**

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come (ANTIOCH) Carol #87

**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,
and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n 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,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders and wonders of His love.**

The Living Christmas Tree

Fanfare on a French Carol arr. Mac Davis

"Farandole" from the L'Arlesienne Suite George Bizet

Love Came Down at Christmas John Rutter

Many Moods of Christmas, Suite III arr. Robert Shaw and Robert Russell Bennett

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella (first stanza sung in French)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Narration

Some Children See Him Alfred S. Burt

Soloist: Steve Foshee

Carols and Lullabies Conrad Susa

Sung in Spanish and English

El Desembre Congelat

A la Nanita Nana

Alegria! Soloists: Greg Ellison and Britt Blankenship/Brett Hollowell and David McKenzie

Narration

Salvation is Created Pavel Tchesnokoff

Orchestration! Bruce Houseknecht

Russian Composition

Carol of the Bells arr. Peter J. Wilhousky

Ukrainian Bell Carol

Pengyou Ting arr. Carolyn Jennings

Traditional Chinese Carol

Friend, hear this good news:

Jesus descended to earth to save you.

*Originally he was the Lord in heaven.
He came to save people in the world.
Hear, hear, hear this good news:
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
Descended to earth to save me, save you!*

Silent Night, Holy Night (STILLE NACHT) Carol #91

*Stanza 1 !! Solo sung in German
Soloist: Lea Hoppe/Tom Guffin*

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
Alles schlaft, einsam wacht
nur das traute hoch heilige Paar,
Holder Knabe mit lockigem Haar,
schlaf im himmlischer Ruh,
schlaf im himmlischer Ruh.*

**Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

O Come, All Ye Faithful (MENDELSSOHN) 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!**

*What Child is This (from Many Moods of Christmas, Suite III) arr. Robert Shaw and Robert Russell Bennett
English Carol*

*The Wexford Carol arr. David Hamilton
Irish Carol
Soloist: Tanya Dutton/Becky Foshee*

Narration

*Betelehemu arr. Jonathan Crutchfield
African Carol
(Youruban Text/Nigerian Melody)
Soloist: Suzanne Hefner/Meredith Hollowell*

*We are glad that we have a Father to trust.
We are glad that we have a Father to rely upon.
Where was Jesus born?
In Bethlehem, the city of wonder.
That is where the Father was born for sure.
Praise be to Him.
We thank you for this day, gracious Father.
Praise be to You, merciful Father.*

Some Children See Him (reprise) Alfred S. Burt

God So Loved the World arr. Benjamin Harlan

*God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that all who believeth in Him
should not perish but have everlasting life.
God sent not His Son to condemn;
but that through Him we might be saved.*

Narration

Sing Noel arr. David Hamilton

Soloist: Robyn Carrasquillo/Gaines Gravlee, Jr.

*African Noel
Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Prayer of Commitment

Hallelujah (from *Messiah*) George Frederic Handel

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
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!*

A Christmas Postlude

Variations sur un Noel Marcel Dupre

X Fugue and Presto

Dan Lawhon, Associate Minister of Music/Organist

*The Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra, and Music Ministry Staff
Dedicate The Living Christmas Tree 2001 to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
Bonnie Pimm
and
Martha Boothe*

THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE MUSICIANS

CHORUS

Soprano I

Karen Anderson
Anita Baker-Lopez
Beth Bice
Bertie Bramm
Dot Broad
Jane Broome
Nancy Campbell
Janet Cashion
Linda Causey
Jamie Clay
Ann Clinton
Janet Crawford
Mary Dohrman
Kristy Dunn
Tanya Dutton
Rosalynn Fairless
Mary Lee Galloway
Kelly Gattis
Suzanne Hefner
Meredith Hollowell
Lea Hoppe
Alison Hoskins
Frances Jones
Martha Jones
Kathy Lane
Sue Mahmoud
Lois Matthews
Sara McDaris
Sue McElyea
Mickey Murphy
Alicia Pettis
Paula Proctor
Mary Reavis

Katherine Russell
Anne Stone
Donna Thornton
Alice Tranter
Ann Vines
Maxie Wells
Janice Whipple
Kennie Worlund
Jennifer Woodrow

Soprano II

Cindy Aulds
Ellen Bailes
Johnnie Barnes
Jacqualyn Burton
Robyn Carrasquillo
Kimberly Collette
Polly Crawford
Charlotte Davis
Elisa Fairless
Betty Fine
Becky Foshee
Michele Futch
Regina Ginn
Marilyn Guffin
Jo Ann Hadaway
Ann Jones
Jennifer Matthews
Shoko Miwa
Mary Ann Moon
Betty Patterson
Dottie Richardson
Gwen Smock
Lisa J. Wilson

Alto

Elaine Alspach
Missy Aulds
Patty Atherton
Sylvia Bailey
Carol Belk
B. J. Boyanton
Gloria Branch
Carol Brigance
Rachel Cato
Susan Cloud
Janet Creech
Patricia Culpepper
Sherron Culpepper
Faye Davis
Bonnie Edmondson
Kelli Ellison
Gina Flynn
LeAnne Fowler
Sarah Funke
Karen Hangartner
Beth Harris
Amy McKenzie
Joy Moore
Nancy Moore
Nancy Morton
Jane Orton
Billie Perkins
Pat Perry
Rebecca Pickle
Mary Reeder
Jewel Rushing
Cindy Russell
Angela Seanor

Marian Talley
Betty Thurstone
Louise Walker
Fran Wilson
Karen Wojcik
Kelly Youmans
Joyce Zackie

Tenor

Roy Adams
Earl Alspach
Mike Bishop
Howard Culpepper
Wiley Davis
Greg Ellison
Steve Foshee
J. Brett Hollowell
Joe Holley
Mike Kirk
Jim Love
Bob Martin
Rickie Moon
Wayne Owen
Ed Perkins
Gerald Roberts
Tom Rogers
Leon Stallcup
Bill Stone
Len Worlund

Bass

George Barnes
Randall Belk
Britt Blankenship
Glenn Brown
David Buie
Wilton Causey
Gary Chambers
Dean Estill
Andrew Fairless
Gaines Gravlee, Jr.
Tom Guffin
Bill Hadaway
Roy Henderson
Rodger Keene
Dan Leak
Marvin Martin
Ron Martin
Dave McKenzie
Dru Murphree
Russell Pimm
Rad Reavis
Bill Renfroe
Lee Rhoads
Bobby Saint
Bob Smith
Jim Splawn
Borton Tranter
Donnie Traynham
Jeff Vaughn
Barry Vines
Bob Youmans
Joe Zimmerman

ORCHESTRA

Violin

%Christy McCleary
%Gretchen Perry
%Joyce Green
%Lee Cotruvo
%Laura Elrod
%Mary Ann Zollar

Viola

%Dan Nedelcu
%Steluta Nedelcu
%Rodena Tharpe

Cello

%Veneta Billmayer
%Marilyn Rue

Bass

Don Aulds

Flute

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

Oboe

%Bob Tift
%Aleesa Naish
Emily Hoppe

Clarinet

Bianca Cox
Ellen Field
*David Hoppe
Kristen Hubbard
Tiffany Hubbard
Robert Williams

Bassoon

Susan Keene
Megan Keller
Noah McQueen

Bass Clarinet

Rusty Clark
Richard Cox

Alto Saxophone

Dale Hutchens

Tenor Saxophone

David Field

French Horn

Alisa Dauro
Robert Jones
Susan Williams
*Suzy Young

Trumpet

Adam Dauro
Joyce Ellett
Dale Proctor
E. C. Richardson
*Werner Smock
%David Spencer
John Stice

Trombone

Ben Bragg
Lewis Harmon
%Danny Hutson
*Alan Jones
Bob Reas
Paul Zubrod

Euphonium

Susan Field
Emily Parker

Tuba

Ben Darby
Vince Dauro

Percussion

%Eric Corbett
Josh Hubbard
Cindy Hutchens
%Debbie Hutson
*Ken Smith

Guitar

%Phil Weaver

Harp

Kathryn Hoppe

Piano

Lisa Felder

Piano/Organ

Dan Lawhon

% Guest Musician

* Section Leader

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Christmas Eve

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5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.



Candlelight Lord's Supper Service

The First Baptist Church Television Ministry will present videotaped portions of The Living Christmas Tree 2001 on December 25, at 6:30 p.m. on WHNT TV-19

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