

What is The Living Christmas Tree?

The Living Christmas Tree is a choral/orchestral presentation of sacred Christmas music presented by First Baptist Church since 1984. The selections are different each year and represent a wide variety of musical styles and genres. The choir and soloists sing from memory. Guest artists are featured alongside the choir and orchestra each year.

How much do tickets cost and where can I get them?

Tickets for The Living Christmas Tree are free of charge. Tickets are **only** available online. Please click on this link to reserve tickets, starting November 29:

<https://www.itickets.com/events/458261.html> . If you have additional questions you can call 256-428-9422 or email tickets@fbchsv.org.

Do you take up an offering?

The Living Christmas Tree is our gift to the community. No offering is taken.

Where is The Living Christmas Tree?

In the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Huntsville (600 Governors Drive, 35801)

Where should I park?

Please enter the church parking lot from Governors Drive. There will be parking attendants to direct you upon your arrival.

Is handicapped parking available?

Yes. Please notify the parking attendant when you enter the parking lot from Governors Drive if you need handicapped parking. Please call 256-428-9422 to discuss other needs you might have, including the use of a wheelchair.

Is childcare available?

Due to Covid-19, we will be unable to provide childcare.

Are masks required this year?

Masks are encouraged, but not required. Performers have been vaccinated.

What is “A Tree for the Children?”

Because young children may not be able to enjoy a full-length presentation of the LCT, we provide an abbreviated version on Saturday morning at 11:00am, designed especially for them. The program is much shorter, and does not incorporate items like the candlelight processional, the guest artist, and narrative material. Musical selections are based upon the program repertoire likely most enjoyed by the children. The atmosphere is very casual, and keeping kids quiet is definitely not required.

How early should I arrive?

Doors will open one hour before each presentation for ticket holders and seating is first come, first serve. Tickets will be honored until 15 minutes prior to each presentation, at which time seating will be open to all. A pre-Tree mini-concert of Christmas music begins 30 minutes prior to the presentation and is provided by orchestra, organ and select ensembles.

Why is it a little chilly in the sanctuary?

To offset some of the heat generated by the 17,000 lights used on the tree, the sanctuary is made cooler than normal during the presentations. Please dress warmly! In 2016, we switched many of our lights to LED bulbs, and we are able to keep the room at a warmer (although not warm) temperature.

Can I take pictures?

We ask that you refrain from using flash photography during the presentation. A camera flash is very distracting to those around you and also to the performers.

What is the easiest way to get out of the parking lot after the program?

When leaving the parking lot after the presentations, please make only right turns onto Governors Drive and St. Clair Avenue. This will speed up the exit process for you and those behind you.

Where can I get more information?

For more information, please contact the LCT office by phone at: 256-428-9422, or by email at: tickets@fbchsv.org.