

About Tonight's Presentation

Thank you for joining us for "Peace on Earth" presented by The Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church in Pine Bluff. This year's presentation will recall the angels' song from the gospel of Luke: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace" (Luke 2:14).

We yearn for peace to reign in nations, neighborhoods, homes, and hearts. We pray God will use us to "give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace" (Luke 1:79). Jesus brings peace. Jesus is peace. In Jesus, we share peace with others.

The music you will hear at this year's presentation announces the birth of the Prince of Peace. Through word and deed may we carry this joyful message of love, promise, and hope to all people. This Christmas . . . hold fast to Jesus, Immanuel, God with Us, who is our rest, our peace, our stillness, our Savior.

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In Memoriam

The Poinsettias and Foyer Decorations have been placed by the Music Memorial Fund in Loving Memory of the people who have faithfully served in the Music Ministry of First Baptist Church.

Welcome to First Baptist Church



The
Music
Ministry
of First Baptist Church

The Music Ministry at First Baptist Church exists for the same reason the church does—to worship God, to edify each other, and to evangelize a lost world. We try to do this using a variety of musical styles and genres.

We believe that sacred music is a sacrificial act of worship and is not performed for the entertainment of man, but is offered up to a holy God. Old Testament sacrifices were required of God to be the very best quality—the unblemished animal, so we believe that our very best is also required of us in this ministry. Our motto is "Excellence in all things, and all things to the glory of God."



Sunday Worship at First Baptist Church

9:00 am — Television Broadcast on Fox 16 (week delay)
9:45 am — Sunday School (classes for all ages)
11:00 am — Morning Worship

Join us for worship in-person or watch our livestream at fbcpinebluff.org/media or facebook.com/firstpinebluff/live. You can also find a link on the Sermons page of our website.



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Presented by The Sanctuary Choir
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Organ Prelude—

He Is Born, the Divine Christ Child ... Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome and Prayer Kenneth Thornton, Pastor

Carol—O Come, All Ye Faithful..... Arr. Richard Kingsmore

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.

(Refrain) 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. *(Repeat Refrain)*

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. *(Repeat Refrain)*

The Promise of a Prince of Peace

A Light Shall Shine Arr. Lloyd Larson

The people walking in darkness shall see a great light! The people walking in darkness, on them a light shall shine. The people walking in darkness shall see a great light! The people walking in darkness, on them a light shall shine. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed: a Child shall be given, a Child shall be born. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed: the government shall be upon His shoulders. The people walking in darkness shall see a great light! The people walking in darkness, on them a light shall shine. He shall be called Wonderful Counselor; He shall be called Mighty God, the Mighty God. He shall be called the Everlasting Father, the Holy Prince of Peace. The people walking in darkness shall see a great light! The people walking in darkness, on them a light shall shine. The people walking in darkness shall see a great light! The people walking in darkness, on them a light shall shine.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel..... Arr. Mark Edwards

O come, O come Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel! O Come, Thou Dayspring come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel! O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee O Israel!

A Child Brings Peace to Earth

Grant Us Peace Arr. Joel Raney

Dona nobis, dona nobis pacem. Born a child to grant us peace. Dona nobis pacem. Grant us peace, Lord. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. Starlight shines in the evening sky while Mary sings a lullaby. Peace on earth good will for all. Hope is born in a manger stall. Dona nobis, dona nobis pacem. Born a Child to grant us peace. Dona nobis

pacem. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there. Dona nobis pacem. Grant us peace.

The Glorias of Peace

Et in Terra Pax (And on Earth, Peace) John Purifoy

Et in terra pax, and on earth, peace. Et in terra pax, and on earth, peace. Gloria in excelsis! Glory to God in the highest! Et in terra pax, and on earth, peace. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo! And suddenly with the angel there was a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace." Et in terra pax, and on earth, peace. Et in terra pax, and on earth, peace. Peace.

Glory in the Highest! Lloyd Larson

Gloria! We sing glory in the highest! Peace to all the earth. Gloria! We sing glory in the highest! Celebrate the holy Savior's birth. There were shepherds in the lonely fields guarding flocks of sheep by night when suddenly the darkened sky was ablaze with heaven's light. An angel of the Lord appeared saying "Do not be afraid, I bring you news of greatest joy! For the Lord is born this day!" Gloria! We sing glory in the highest! Peace to all the earth. Gloria! We sing glory in the highest! Celebrate the holy Savior's birth. Go to Bethlehem you'll find the Child in a lowly cattle stall, in swaddling cloths, a bed of hay, the King, the Lord of All! The shepherds marveled at the news as the angels filled the sky. They hurried off to Bethlehem shouting praise to God on high! Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains. Gloria! We sing glory in the highest! Peace to all the earth. Gloria! We sing glory in the highest! Celebrate the holy Savior's birth. Gloria! We sing glory in the highest! Peace to all the earth. Gloria! We sing glory in the highest! Celebrate the holy Savior's birth. Glory to God on high!

The Messengers of Peace

Carols of the Season..... Arr. John Purifoy

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing..... MENDELSSOHN

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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

The First Noel THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Noel 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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come ANTIOCH

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.

Silent Night, Holy Night STILLE NACHT

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 Prince of Peace Has Come

Sing We Now of Christmas..... Arr. Mary McDonald

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here! Hear our grateful praises To the Babe so dear. Sing we Noel, The King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, Sing we now Noel! Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest; Journey forth to Bethlehem, Find the Lambkin blest." In the stall they found Him; Joseph and Mary mild, Seated 'round the manger, Watching the holy Child. From the eastern country Came the kings afar, Bearing gifts to Bethlehem, Guided by a star. Gold and myrrh they took there, Gifts of greatest price; There was ne'er a stable So like paradise.

God's Gift of Peace

What Child Is This Arr. Sandy Wilkinson

What Child is this, who laid to rest On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing. Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary! Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. Nails, spears, shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you. Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mary! So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come peasant, king to own Him. The King of kings, salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone Him. Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby. Joy, joy for Christ is born, The Babe, The Son of Mary!

Carol—It Came upon the Midnight Clear... Arr. Richard Huggins

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old;
From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled, Two thousand years of wrong.
And man, at war with man, hears not, The love song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, By prophet bards foretold;
When with the ever circling years, Comes round the age of gold.
When peace shall over all the earth, Its ancient splendors fling;
And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing.

Prayer for Peace and Blessing

Closing Prayer Pastor

Glory in the Highest! (Reprise) Lloyd Larson

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We sing glory in the highest! Celebrate the holy Savior's birth. Glory to God on high!

Piano and Organ Postlude—

Angels from the Realms of Glory Arr. Janine Tiner