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## *A Cantata for Christmas*

December 17, 2023 ✠ 6:00 PM

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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**Welcome & Prayer of Invocation**

Dr. Dennis Bazemore, *Interim Pastor*

***Sing We Now of Christmas***

Traditional Text adapted by Kyle Pederson | Kyle Pederson, *Arranger*  
The Vocal Ensemble

***Celtic Noel***

James Koerts, *Arranger & Composer*  
The Christmas Choir



**From the Music Friends**

***Welcome Jesus***

Tracey Craig McKibben, *Arranger*

***Jesus is Born***

Ruth Elaine Schram, *Composer*

***Gloria***

Elizabeth Charles, *Composer*

***Ring, Oh Ring the Bells***

Claire Russell, *Composer*

**+Carol Sing    *Joy to the World with For Unto us a Child Is Born***

Mark Hayes, *Arranger*  
Congregation & the Christmas Choir

Everyone: Joy to the world! the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let every 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.

Women & Children: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Men: repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,

Everyone: repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Choir Only: And the government shall be upon His shoulder,  
and His name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God,  
the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Everyone: 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, wonders of His love.

Choir Only: For unto us a Child is born.  
Joy to the world!



### ***While By the Sheep***

Lloyd Larson, *Arranger*  
Patrick Rose, Trumpet

### ***Rise Up Shepherd and Follow***

Greg Gilpin, *Arranger*  
Chairo



## ***Never Quite the Same***

Fred Bock, *Composer*  
The Vocal Ensemble

*Nothing has been quite the same since that day the Savior came among us.  
His name was Jesus.*

*See the Baby Jesus, born in a manger,  
shielded in His mother's arms from cold and danger.  
The shepherds came from their fields afar,  
to bring their homage to the Christ Child born beneath a star.  
And nothing has been quite the same  
ever since that Babe was giv'n the name of Jesus.*

*See Him in the temple, just a twelve year old,  
telling all the elders of His heavenly Father.  
He told them things they'd never heard before,  
about His mission here on earth, what God had sent Him for.  
And those men were never quite the same,  
Since they listened to that Boy whose name was Jesus.*

*Jesus gave Living Water to a woman by the well;  
filled her life with purpose and a brand new direction.  
He told her all the things she'd ever done;  
she told Him He must be a prophet, 'cause He knew so much.  
I know that she was never quite the same,  
since she met the Man from Galilee named Jesus.*

*Jesus is alive, and He's with us now,  
He's not just a baby in a manger at Christmas,  
He's not just a boy who astounded the rabbis,  
He's not just a prophet who knows all about us.*

*His name is Jesus, and He's our Savior, who came to love us.  
And we are never quite the same, when we put our trust in Jesus' name.  
Trust Jesus, our Savior, Jesus Christ!*



***Christ Child Noel***

Patti Drennan, *Arranger*

The Children Choristers & the Christmas Choir

***Hope of Christmas Light***

Patricia Mock, *Composer & Lyricist* | Joshua Metzger, *Arranger*

Music Friends, the Children Choristers & the Christmas Choir



***Noel, Sing We Here!***

Larry Shackley, *Arranger*

The Christmas Choir

**Pastoral Remarks**

*Dr. Dennis Bazemore*

**Benediction**

Rev. Anita Thompson

**+Reprise**    ***Joy to the World with For Unto us a Child Is Born***

Mark Hayes, *Arranger*

Congregation & the Christmas Choir

Everyone: 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, wonders of His love.

Choir Only: For unto us a Child is born. Joy to the world!

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***Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Christmas Cookie reception.***

## MUSIC FRIENDS

*Age 3 through Kindergarten*

Ava Blanchard	Helen Chamblee	Maddie Morris	Ruth Perry
Adalyn Britt	Gracie Griffin	Ryleigh Morris	Libby Pierce
Wade Britt	Olivia Jenkins	Peyton Outlaw	Hudson Rose
Wyatt Britt	Bracy Lawrence	Nash Perry	Eli Tinkham
Wells Britton			Liam Tinkham

*Suzanne Newbern, Leader*

*Lyndsay Britt, Debbie Magette & Lisa Outlaw, Assistants*

*Linda Bazemore, Accompanist*

## THE CHILDREN CHORISTERS

*Grades 1 through 5*

Abby Alexander	Corbett Britton	Winslow Gallop	Bennett Pierce
Jackson Alexander	Sophia Byrd	Leslie Jernigan	Lucy Pierce
Madison	Mac Chamblee	Grant Johnson	Stuart Pierce
Alexander	Pace Davis	Morgan Johnson	Briar Rascoe
Carleigh Bailey	Emma Flythe	Graham	Charlie Rascoe
Caroline Baker	Lily Flythe	Lawrence	Carson Rose
Jackson Baker	Mary Welch	Sarah Newbern	Milly Vaughan
Bryant Brinkley	Gallop	Freeman Perry	

*Anita Thompson, Leader*

*Ann Cooke, Georgia Copeland, Jayne Frei & Vicky Overman, Assistants*

*Linda Bazemore, Accompanist*

## CHAIRO

*Soprano 1*

Jamie Burns  
Jenni Byrd  
Sophia Byrd  
Betty Joyner  
Claudia Morris  
Vicky Overman  
Melissa Pasek

*Soprano 2*

Leah Newsome  
Ashleé Perry

*Alto*

Linda Alexander  
Lyndsay Britt  
Betty Cooper

## THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR

<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Tenor</i>	<i>Bass</i>	<i>Alto</i>
Rita Myers Bula	Jim Wiggins*	Dennis	Linda Alexander*
Jamie Burns		Bazemore	Betty Cooper
Jenni Byrd		Scott Outlaw*	Carol Jean
Harriet Byrum*		Brandon Zoch*	Fretwell
Claudia Morris			Ashleé Perry*
Vicky Overman*			Judy G. Pierce*
Melissa Pasek			Bonnie Revelle
Claire Presley*			Cheryl Slachta
Dana Wiggins			

*Leah Newsome & Linda Bazemore, Accompanist*

\* = Vocal Ensemble Members

## INSTRUMENTALISTS

Janice Cesil, *Flute*  
Patrick Rose, *Trumpet & Percussion*

## *Music Ministry Participation Opportunities*

***Music Friends*** – Age 3 through Kindergarten, and ***Children Choristers*** – Grades 1-5, meet each Wednesday from 5:15 to 6:15 PM, September through the first Wednesday in May. All children in the Roanoke-Chowan area are invited to join us. We are currently on Christmas break and will resume on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

***The Sanctuary Choir*** is our primary worship leadership choir which sings a variety of music styles. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. They will resume on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

***Chairo*** is an intergenerational music ensemble for students in Grades 4 through 12, and adults of all ages. *Chairo* sings Praise & Worship music and multicultural world music. We meet on Sundays from 2:00 to 3:00 PM and will resume rehearsals on January 14<sup>th</sup>. The word *Chairo* comes from the Greek word χαίρω meaning “to rejoice.”