

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
PRESENTS

# Christmas Worship 2021

Celebrating the season  
in worship and song!

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First Baptist Church

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Regina, SK

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We acknowledge that First Baptist Church is situated on Treaty 4 lands. We respectfully acknowledge that these are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihšînāpēk, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation.

## **A note from the director:**

*Christmas Worship* is a musical celebration for this season of Advent and Christmas. As believers we are taught to, “Be thankful in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:18), and for many (myself included), expressing gratitude was a challenging thing to do during the initial stages of the pandemic. At times, it felt easier to wallow in the fears and uncertainties of the situation rather than to have faith and be thankful. In preparation and anticipation for the gradual return to choral rehearsals and concerts, however, many musicians found it easier to choose gratitude over sorrow.

Musicians of faith express gratitude in the form of worship through song. The music for this concert is selected not to impress but to inspire feelings of gratitude, praise and worship to God. Symbolically, during this time of Advent, the church teaches that there is a shift from darkness into light. The texts of the well-known German hymn, *Silent Night*, in addition to the choral arrangements of *Holy Night*, *Silent Night* and *Once in Royal David’s City*, allow us to reflect, remain calm, and see the light, despite the darkness surrounding us all. The piano interludes *Étude* and *Disco-Visit*, in addition to familiar tunes such as *He is Born*, *Gesu Bambino* and the *Variation on In Dulci Jubilo*, are uplifting melodies, connected by their ability to generate the emotions of hope and love.

As we approach the mid-point of the program the music is increasingly connected by the threads of light, peace and joy. The trumpet solo, *Sonata for Trumpet and Piano*, the gospel-influenced, *This Little Light of Mine*, featuring the Sanctuary choir and guest soloist, Stella Salido Porter, and the more traditional *Light the Advent Candle*, featuring the flute, awaken the spirit with texts, musical textures and harmonies to brighten the soul. The pieces, *Christmastime*, *O Holy Night*, and *The Sleep of the Infant Jesus*, featuring flute and soprano, Stella Salido Porter, are sure to bring peace to our hearts and minds.

The final three selections, *While By My Sheep*, featuring the handbells and organ, *Joy to World*, and *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* are lively, energetic, and joyful pieces to conclude our Christmas Worship 2021 concert.

On behalf of the First Baptist Church community, thank you all for coming to this, the first in-person Christmas performance since December 2019. As we move from darkness to light, we want to encourage you to “Be thankful in all circumstances.” We hope that you will be moved by our choirs, soloists and our special guest soprano soloist, Stella Salido Porter, and pray that this concert will inspire, and uplift you, during this challenging time in our world.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Morgan

***Christmas Worship Concert 2021***  
***Program***

**Silent Night** (Traditional German Carol)

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*Congregational singing*

**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.**

**Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour is born!**

**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.**

**Holy Night, Silent Night**

**arr. Ruth Elaine Schram**

*Sanctuary Choir*

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope; the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine; O night when Christ was born.  
O night, O holy night, O night divine.  
O holy night. All is calm, all is bright;  
Round yon virgin mother and Child.  
Holy Infant so tender and mild!  
Precious baby, sleep in heavenly peace, in peace;  
Sleep in heavenly peace.  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine; O night when Christ was born.  
O night, O holy night, O night divine.  
O holy night.

**Once in Royal David's City**

**Mark Shepperd**

*Sanctuary Choir*

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Saviour holy.  
And our eyes at last shall see him through his own redeeming love;  
For that child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heav'n above.  
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by.  
We shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high.  
There his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.  
Bright like stars, with glory crowned.

**Étude in C Minor, op.29, no. 7**

**Henri Bertini**

*Adoniram Holtslander, Piano solo*

**He is Born**

**arr. Cynthia Dobrinski**

*JuBELLation*

**Gesu Bambino**

**arr. Mark Hayes**

*Stella Salido Porter, Soprano Soloist*

When blossoms flowered mid the snows upon a winter night  
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light  
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced  
And at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

(Chorus)

O come let us adore him O come let us adore him  
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night  
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light.  
Let every voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell  
From paradise to earth he came that we with him might dwell

Chorus

**Variation on In Dulci Jubilo**

**Denis Bedard**

*Xavier Russell-MacLean, Organ Scholar*

**Disco-Visit**

**Mike Schoenmehl**

*Adoniram Holtslander, Piano solo*

**I Wonder as I Wander**

**arr. Peggy Bettcher**

*JuBELLation*

**Sonata For Trumpet and Piano, Mvt. II**

**Eric Ewazen**

*Matthew Field, Trumpet*

**This Little Light of Mine**

**arr. John Leavitt**

*Stella Salido Porter, Soloist  
Sanctuary Choir*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine. (2x)

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

Hallelujah, halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, halle, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, halle, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, halle, hallelujah,  
Halle, hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelu.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.

## Light the Advent Candle

Ruth Elaine Schram

*Kyera Levesque, Flutist*  
*Sanctuary Choir*

As we light the Advent candle with the light of joy burning bright,  
Faithfully we wait for his coming; faithfully it shines through the night.  
In our hearts a fire burns as well; hear the prayer these flames would tell. (2x)

O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel.  
So, faithfully we wait for his coming; faithfully it shines through the night.  
In our hearts a fire burns as well; hear the prayer:

O come O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.  
Hear the humble prayer these flames would tell:

Come, O come, Emmanuel.

## Christmastime

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Sanctuary Choir*

(Chorus)

Ring Christmas bells ring them loud with a message bringing  
Peace on earth, tidings of good cheer!  
Come, carolers, come and join with the angels singing,  
"Joy to the world!" Christmastime is here!

Children, gather around and listen.  
You'll hear the sound of angels  
Filling the sky telling everyone  
Christmastime is here!

Chorus

Loved ones close to our hearts  
And strangers in lands afar together sharing the joy:  
Emmanuel! Go tell the world!  
He has come to dwell! The time is here!  
With one voice, let the world rejoice!

Chorus

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Chorus

Sing gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Sing gloria in excelsis Deo!

## The Sleep of the Infant Jesus

Arthur Halbardier

*Stella Salido Porter, Soloist*

*Kyera Levesque, Flutist*

*Sanctuary Choir*

Here 'mid the sheep and oxen mild,  
Sleep, sleep, sleep, my little Child.  
Thousand seraphim, thousand cherubim  
Come from heav'n above to guard the Lord of Love.

Here, where sweet flow'rs their fragrance bring,  
Sleep, my little King. Thousand seraphim and cherubim  
Come to guard the little Lord.

Here, where the shepherds' search is done,  
Sleep now, sleep, my little Son.  
Thousand seraphim, thousand cherubim  
Come from heav'n above.  
Sleep now, Lord of Love.

## O Holy Night

arr. Mark Hayes

*Stella Salido Porter, Soprano Soloist*

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night! Divine! O night when Christ was born!  
O night divine! O night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming  
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand;  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming  
Here came the wise men from Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
In all our trials born to be our Friend;  
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger  
Behold your King before him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another  
His law is love, and his gospel is peace  
Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in his name all oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise his holy name;  
Christ is the Lord, oh praise his name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

**While By My Sheep**

**arr. Cynthia Dobrinski**

*JuBELLation*  
*Mark Anderson, organ*

**Joy to the World**

**arr. Joseph Martin**

*Sanctuary Choir*

Let heav'n and nature sing, let heav'n and nature sing,  
Let every nation, all creation, sing for joy!

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, (2x)  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs, their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy (3x)

Joy to the world! Joy to the world! The Lord is come!  
Let every nation, all creation, sing for joy!

Christ rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love (2x)  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Joy to the world! Joy to the world!  
Joy to the world for Christ the Lord is born!  
Joy to the world! Joy to the world!



*Congregational singing*

**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 th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

**Closing Prayer**

Joel Russell-MacLean

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Dr. Mark Anderson, Organist  
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Matthew Field, Trumpet  
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Kyera Levesque, Flute  
Featured Guest: Stella Salido Porter, Soprano

A few words about our featured guest:



Stella is thrilled to be able to make music after the stressful break of the pandemic and is happy to celebrate Christmas with First Baptist Church! Making numerous guest appearances in both Classical and Musical theatre performances, Stella's credits include solo and Oratorio work with the Regina Symphony Orchestra and players, musical productions with Regina's *Globe Theatre*, and several performances at the Mae Wilson Musical Theatre with associations with *Diversified Theatre* (Pantomimes), *Live Out Loud Theatre*, and *Rubarb Productions Inc.* With a Musical Theatre certificate from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City and a Master of Music Performance degree in voice from the University of Regina, Stella is busy teaching and coaching voice and violin, performing, conducting vocal workshops, and is the vocal instructor for the Musical Theatre program at the Doris Sitter School of Dance. Stella: "A big thanks to my husband, Derek, my boys, Jaylon and Micah, my family, friends, and students for their support."

## **Sanctuary Choir**

*Dr. Melissa Morgan, Director  
Brianna Levesque, Accompanist*

### **Soprano**

Hélène Bailliet  
Kathleen Brown  
\*Karen Haggman  
Brenda Kerfoot  
Louise Krueger  
Marilyn Phillips  
Maizy Russell-MacLean  
Amy Warren

### **Alto**

Esther Gurnsey  
\*Kathleen Halbich  
Heather Russell-MacLean  
Hilary Ryan  
Laureen Snook  
\*Betty Tamlin  
Rosemary Ward

### **Tenor**

Ben Friesen  
Gord Kerfoot  
Bryan Orthner  
Xavier Russell-MacLean

### **Bass**

Derrick Bellows  
Roger Bellows  
William Crook  
Dean Gilchrist  
Manford Kwan

*\*Denotes guest member*

## **JuBELLation**

*Rev. John Nelson, Director*

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Lorna Gorman  
Steven Greves  
Esther Gurnsey  
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Xavier Russell-MacLean  
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