

CHRISTMAS ON
CHIPPEWA SQUARE

A CONCERT OF
Dreams

DECEMBER 12, 2021
AT 6:00 PM



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SAVANNAH, GA

WELCOME

*First Baptist Church is a welcoming congregation
located in historic downtown Savannah, Georgia.
We believe Jesus treated everyone with a spirit of love and equality.
Therefore, we accept every individual without regard
to age, gender, race, ethnicity,
sexual orientation, or socio-economic status.
We affirm all persons as created in the image of God.
At First Baptist Church, individuals can find family,
families can find community, the injured can find healing,
and all can seek truth and justice.
We labor together in love for each other,
our community, our world, and our God.
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcomed, you are accepted, you are loved.
For more information about our church,
please visit www.fbc-sav.org.*

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*We kindly ask that you maintain social distancing while in the sanctuary,
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Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

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PROGRAM

CHORAL PRELUDE - "God, Beyond Our Dreams"
Emily Richardson-Dion, Solo

by Bernadette Farrell

*God, beyond our dreams,
You have stirred in us a memory,
You have placed your powerful spirit
In the hearts of humankind.*

*God, beyond all words,
All creation tells your story,
You have shaken with our laughter,
You have trembled with our tears.*

*All around us, we have known you;
All creation lives to hold you,
In our living and our dying
We are bringing you to birth.*

*God, beyond all time,
You are laboring within us;
We are moving, we are changing,
In your spirit ever new.*

*God, beyond all names,
You have made us in your image,
We are like you, we reflect you,
We are woman, we are man.*

*God of tender care,
You have cradled us in goodness,
You have mothered us in wholeness,
You have loved us into birth.*

- The text is by Bernadette Farrell

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The power of dreams lies in waking up.
For when we close our eyes,

**All: We can see a better world.
We can dream a better dream.**

One: But when we open our eyes,

All: We begin the work of faith.

One: The power of worship is the same.
When we enter this space,

**All: We can see a better world.
We can dream a better dream.**

One: But when we leave this space,

All: We begin the work of faith.

One: So come in, dream your dream.

All: Find hope here.

One: For in an hour,

All: We will begin the work of faith.

One: Let it be so.

All: Amen.

- Written by Sarah Are

1. **Come, let us dream God's dream again.
Come, one and all, let us ascend
The mountaintop where those of old
Saw God's new day on earth unfold.**
2. **The lame shall walk, the blind shall see,
The doors swing wide, all prisoners free,
The lowly raised, the proud brought low.
This is God's dream: let justice flow.**
3. **When hatred ends and war shall cease,
So all may dwell in deepest peace,
Then be assured the time is near
When perfect love casts out all fear.**
4. **But know the cost of claiming sight
Of God's new day, of wrongs made right;
Though dreamers die, the dream will live,
For we have yet ourselves to give.**
5. **Come, let us dream this Christmastide
Of peace on earth; let love abide.
May dreams come true in every land.
We dream together hand in hand.**

- Stanzas 1-4 by John Middleton, alt., Stanza 5 by Justin Addington

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Rev. Katie Callaway & Rev. John Callaway, Co-Pastors

DREAMS OF THE PROPHETS

ANTHEM - "Every Valley"

by John Ness Beck

*Every valley shall be exalted,
And every mountain made low;
And the crooked made straight,
And the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Amen.*

- The text is from Isaiah 40

POEM - "Miracle of Dreams"

by Susie Best

Fran Eriksen, George & Ginger Pruden, and Faye Redding, Readers

ANTHEM - "O Thou That Tellest" from *Messiah*

by George Frederic Handel

Mikki Sodergren, Solo

*Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
And shall call his name Emmanuel, God with us.*

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
Get thee up into the high mountain.
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
Lift up thy voice with strength;
Lift it up, be not afraid;
Say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God!
Arise, shine, for thy light is come,
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

- *The text is Isaiah and Matthew.*

ANTHEM - "The Dream Isaiah Saw"

by Glenn L. Rudolph

*Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay,
Leopards will join with the lambs as they play,
Wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade,
Blood will not darken the earth that God made.*

*Little child whose bed is straw,
Take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw:
Life redeemed from fang and claw.*

*Peace will pervade more than forest and field:
God will transfigure the violence concealed
Deep in the heart and in systems of gain,
Ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain.*

*Little child whose bed is straw,
Take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw:
Justice purifying law.*

*Nature reordered to match God's intent,
Nations obeying the call to repent,
All of creation completely restored,
Filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.*

(Continued)

*Little child whose bed is straw,
Take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw:
Knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.*

- The text is by Thomas H. Troeger

DREAMS OF THE NATIVITY STORY

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Luke 1:57-80 (*The Dream of Zechariah*)

Dr. John Finley, Reader

ANTHEM - "Benedictus" from Advent Mass

by Richard Shepherd

Dr. Alexa Schlimmer, Solo

with Mikki Sodergren, Bill Gardner, and Danny Cohen, Quartet

Translation:

Blessed is he who comes

In the name of the Lord.

Praise God in the highest.

- The text is taken from the Latin Mass

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Luke 1:39-55 (*The Dream of Mary*)

Rev. Katie Callaway, Reader

ANTHEM - "Ave Maria"

by Franz Schubert

Rev. Bill Gardner, Solo

Translation:

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women,

Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Hail Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our death.

- The text is from a 16th Century Latin Prayer

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Matthew 1:18-24 (*The Dream of Joseph*)

Rev. John Callaway, Reader

ANTHEM - "Joseph's Dream" from *A Cappella Christmas Cantata*
Small Ensemble

by Larry Nickel

*Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid.
Take Mary as your wife, do not be afraid.
The child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

- The text is from Matthew 1:20

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Luke 2:1-12 (*The Dream of the Shepherds*)
Rev. James Richardson, Reader

ANTHEM - "The Shepherd's Dream"
Handbell Choir

by Alan D. Reese

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Matthew 2:1-12 (*The Dream of the Magi*)
Dr. Howard Pendley, Reader

ANTHEM - "The Magi's Dream"

by James Whitbourn

*Night has come to Bethlehem,
The family is asleep,
Exhausted by the wonders seen,
The news outrageous, deep.
'That I may come and worship him.'*

*And so our Christ is saved from death
His mission to complete
To change the world by selfless love
Satan's legions to beat.*

*Ox and ass have closed their eyes,
Their ears now hear no sound.
Shepherds have gone back to their flocks,
The mouse still noses around.
'That I may come and worship him.'*

*Kings have left for their distant lands,
Fractious camels moan.
At a desert spring they make their farewells.
'It's a mighty way to home!'
'That I may come and worship him.'*

*Later that night their heads are filled
With a dream-drenched holy ray.
Do not return to Herod the king,
Go back another way.
'That I may come and worship him.'*

-The text is by Robert Tear

DREAMS OF THE CHRIST CHILD

POEM - "The Sleeping Child"

by Charles Bennett

Members of the Callaway, Chandler, Cosmé, and Pritchard Families

ANTHEM - "Still, Still, Still"

by Norman Luboff

Jacqueline Dion, Liturgical Dancer

*Still, still, still,
One can hear the falling snow.
For all is hushed,
The world is sleeping,
Holy star its vigil keeping.
Still, still, still,
One can hear the falling snow.*

*Dream, dream, dream,
Of the joyous day to come.
While guardian angels
Without number,
Watch you as you sweetly slumber.
Dream, dream, dream,
Of the joyous day to come.*

*Sleep, sleep, sleep,
'Tis the eve of our Savior's birth.
The night is peaceful all around you,
Close your eyes,
Let sleep surround you.
Sleep, sleep, sleep,
'Tis the eve of our Savior's birth.*

-The text is by Marilyn Keith & Alan Bergman

ANTHEM - "Little One, Sleep"

by Edmund Walters

Danny Cohen, Solo

*On Christmas night so long ago,
The angel voices sang of joy.
They sang that all the world should know
Of Mary's Child, Jesus Christ, Heavenly Boy.*

*Outside the night it was so cold,
But in the sky there shone a star,
And as the prophets had foretold,
Three holy men followed it from afar.*

*Within the stable lay the Child
All in a lowly cattle stall:
Our gentle Jesus meek and mild
Our Holy Boy, King of Love, Lord of All.*

*Within the stable lay the Child
On Mother Mary's loving breast
Our gentle Jesus meek and mild:
Our Little One, Holy One, safe at rest.*

*Little One, sleep, Little One, dream,
While the wind is whispering,
While the stars gleam.*

*Mother is near, vigil she'll keep,
So close your eyes, dream of Paradise,
Little One, sleep.*

- The text is by Edmund Walters

ANTHEM - "All Through the Night"

by Heather Sorenson

*Sleep my child, and peace attend thee,
All through the night.
Guardian angels God will send thee,
All through the night.*

*Soft the drowsy hours are creeping,
Hill and dale in slumber sleeping,
Silently with starlight greeting,
Innocence the world is meeting,
I my loving vigil keeping
All through the night.*

*Shadows beckon, darkness threatens
All through the night.
Lonely winter burdens linger
All through the night.*

*Fear creeps in, unwelcome stranger,
God will keep us safe from danger
While you slumber in your manger,
All through the night.*

*Rest, my child in holy slumber
All through the night
(Joy to the world).*

*Shimmering dreams of heavenly wonder
All through the night
(Joy to the world).*

*Whispering nature, all adore thee,
Lifting praises soft before thee,
Lullabies sung hushed around thee,
With our worship we have crowned thee,
And with gentle love surround thee
All through the night
(Joy to the world).*

- The text is from a traditional Welsh Folk Song

TOMORROW'S DREAM AWAKES

POEM - "I Dream a World"

by Langston Hughes

Dennis Dickerson, Jenni Halpin, and Leigh Ann Powell, Readers

ANTHEM - "Sleepers, Wake" from St. Paul

by Felix Mendelssohn

*Sleepers, wake! A voice is calling,
It is the watchman on the walls:
Thou city of Jerusalem!
For lo! The Bridegroom comes!
Arise, and take your lamps! Hallelujah!
Awake his kingdom is at hand!
Go forth to meet your Lord!*

- The text is by Philipp Nicolai

ANTHEM - "Dream a Dream with *Dona Nobis Pacem*" (Grant Us Peace)
Amanda Jeter, Solo

by Lori True

*Dream a dream,
A hopeful dream,
As children do on Christmas Eve,
Imaginings,
Surprising things
To hold and to believe.*

*Dream a peace,
Our planet's peace,
The greening of the earth at play,
The holy ground
Where life is found,
Where God has touched the clay.*

*Dream a time,
This Christmas time,
When no one's hungry or afraid;
That weapons go
And harvests grow,
That friends are met and made.*

*Dream a gift,
The Christmas gift
That changes everything we see:
The shimmering
Of angel wing,
The Child, the Mystery.*

- The text is by Shirley Murray

ANTHEM - "Joy in the Morning"

by Natalie Sleeth

*There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day,
For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.*

*There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
There'll be peace and contentment evermore,
Every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice,
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.*

*For the glory of the Lord will shine upon us,
And the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.*

*There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,
And the way of the Lord will that day be restored,
There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.*

- The text is by Natalie Sleeth

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Rev. Katie Callaway & Rev. John Callaway, Co-Pastors

POSTLUDE - "Toccatina on Angels We Have Heard on High"
Julia Tucker, Organ

by Rick Elliott

MUSICIANS

Dr. Justin L. Addington, Minister of Music
Julia Tucker, Accompanist

SOPRANOS

Kelly Adams
Sarah Davis
Jacqueline Dion
Nancy Lazard
Carol Melton*
Liz Palles
Alexa Schlimmer
Mikki Sodergren*
Shannon Willhite

BASSES

Will Barnes*
Charlie Benton
Danny Cohen*
Dave Fletcher
Richard Lewis
Brian Martine
Melissa Ralph

ALTOS

Emily Richardson-Dion*
Dianne Gardner
Amanda Jeter*
Nancy Sutton
Heather Valentine

TENORS

Bill Gardner
Evan Goetz*
Christopher Hendricks
Will Hodges
Will Panter*

**Denotes members of the Small Ensemble.*

HANDBELL CHOIR

Katie Callaway
Sarah Davis
Evan Goetz
Christopher Hendricks

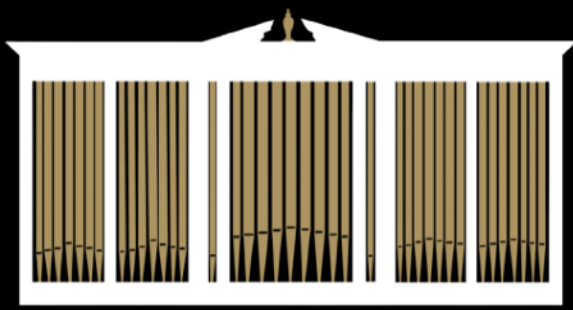
Bettie Hodges
Richard Lewis
Libby McIntosh
Brian Martine

Carol Melton
Will Panter
Gaye Rountree
Shannon Willhite

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Jim Adams, Piano
John Callaway, Guitar
Mario Incorvaia, Violin
William Page, Cello
Will Panter, Percussion

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to John Rabun for running audio, and to John Callaway for editing tonight's video elements.*



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Centennial Organ Concert Series

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JAN 16



Inaugural Organ Recital

Featuring Dr. Charles Tompkins,
Organ Professor at Furman University
5:00 pm ▪ Free Admission

JULY 17



Summer Organ Recital

Featuring Kyle Ballantine,
Former Organist of FBC
5:00 pm ▪ Free Admission

FEB 13



Anniversary Hymn Festival

Featuring Dr. Paul Richardson,
Lecturer & Precentor
5:00 pm ▪ Free Admission

AUG 14



Sacred Vocal Concert

Featuring Singers of the Voice Festival
5:00 pm ▪ Ticketed Event
(Date & Time Subject to Change)

MAR 13



Duet Organ Recital

Featuring Dr. Justin L. Addington
& Rev. James C. Richardson
5:00 pm ▪ Free Admission

SEP 18



PLW Returns to FBC

Featuring Paul Leddington Wright,
Former Organist of Coventry Cathedral
5:00 pm ▪ Free Admission

APR 10



Seven Last Words of Christ

Featuring FBC & Christ Church Choirs
with Jeff Lewis, Organist
5:00 pm ▪ Free Admission

OCT 23



Phantom of the Opera

Featuring Scott Foppiano,
Silent Movie Organist
5:00 pm ▪ Free Admission

MAY 22



Members' Organ Recital

Featuring the Savannah Chapter
of the American Guild of Organists
5:00 pm ▪ Free Admission

NOV 13



Founders' Day Recital

Featuring Monty Bennett,
Concert Organist
5:00 pm ▪ Free Admission

JUNE 19



Piano & Organ Concert

Featuring Cameron Cody
& Justin Maxey
5:00pm ▪ Free Admission

DEC 11



Christmas on Chippewa

Featuring the Pianists
& Organists of FBC
5:00 pm ▪ Free Admission