

Handbell Quintet

Julie Adams
Kim Abbott
Phyllis Risinger
Caleb Uhl
Carla Null

Worship Arts for Kids Children's Choir

Alexandra Estrada
Anthony Estrada
Isabella Estrada
Valentina Estrada
Claire Garza
Ellie Garza
Ezekiel Garza

Zoe Garza
Charlie Gift
Joshua Mizell
Marco Vargas
Adaline Voyles
Nicholas White
Ava Wood

Worship Choir

SOPRANO

Julie Adams*
Ginny Cartwright
Yahaira Christian
Sandy Colgrove
Brittany Fuller*
Kelli Parmenter
Carolyn Porter
Debbie Williams*

ALTO

Kim Abbott*
Lauri Chadwell
Charlotte Cox*
Joan Moore
Carla Null
Joy Palmer*
Phyllis Risinger
Leanna Roseberry
Myra Shiflet
Tiffany Williams
Jennifer Woodall

TENOR

Tom Hitchcock
Marty Risinger
Byron Roseberry
David Starr
Mike West

BASS

Wes Budke
Jeff Hass
Jim Murton
Chuck Taylor

*Women's Ensemble

Tonight's presentation of Merry Christmas Terrell: The Grace of Christmas
is presented in loving memory of Stacie Rose.

The Ministry of Music and Worship at First Baptist Church Terrell would like to thank Stacie's family for honoring our ministry through the gifts given in her name which made it possible for us tonight to proclaim the amazing grace given to us through Jesus Christ, and the gift of eternal life that Stacie now experiences forevermore.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TERRELL 2025

THE Grace OF CHRISTMAS

Presented by the Ministry of Music and Worship
of the First Baptist Church of Terrell, Texas

Featuring

The First Baptist Church Worship Choir
The Worship Arts for Kids (WAK) Children's Choir
The First Baptist Church Handbell Quintet
The First Baptist Church Women's Ensemble
The First Baptist Church Collective and Instrumental Ensemble

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 6 PM

John Lowrie, Pastor * 403 N. Catherine, Terrell
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The Grace of Christmas

Prelude - Away In a Manger
Handbell Quintet

Pastoral Welcome and Prayer
Bro. John Lowrie

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
Pew Hymnal #88

It's Christmas Medley
WAK Choir

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Offering
WAK Choir

O Come All You Unfaithful
Soloists - Jennifer Woodall, Debbie Williams, Kim Abbott

Angels We Have Heard on High with Open Up the Heavens
Women's Ensemble

Noel

Silent Night
Handbell Quintet

Behold the Lamb of God
Soloist - Wes Budke
Trio - Wes Budke, Byron and Leanna Roseberry

Christus Victor (Amen)
Soloist - Brittany Fuller
Duet and Trio - Brittany Fuller, Joy Palmer, Byron Roseberry

I Am, You Are
Women's Ensemble

Wonderful Love

Amazing Grace
Soloist - Tom Hitchcock

Christmas Message
Brother Ryan Irwin

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Closing Remarks
Brother Caleb Uhl

Joy to the World
Pew Hymnal #87

Personnel

Caleb A. Uhl
Minister of Music and Media
Director, Worship Choir, Worship Collective and Instrumental Ensemble, and Handbell Quintet
Co-Director, Worship Arts for Kids Children's Choir
Executive Producer and Music Director, Merry Christmas Terrell

John Lowrie
Senior Pastor

Ryan Irwin
Executive Pastor

Greg Shumpert
Narrator

Kim Abbott
Co-Director, Worship Arts for Kids Children's Choir
Director, Women's Ensemble

David Cox
Sound Technician

David Lindsey
Livestream Operator

Will Ethridge
Video Operator

Judah Simmons
Stage Hand

Worship Collective and Instrumental Ensemble

Sondra Perry*
Pianist

Terry Smith
Drum Set

Ella Simmons
Violin

Jan Folds*
Keyboard

Jonathan Folds
Flute/Piccolo/Penny-Whistle

Bradley Edwards
Austin Harris
Trumpet

Jarred Sullivan
Acoustic Guitar

Jan Wilks
Oboe

David Edwards
French Horn

Porter Simmons
Bass Guitar

Chloe Brockway
Bassoon

Preston Harris
Alto Saxophone

*Women's Ensemble

Don Shannon
Bagpipes

A word from the Minister of Music:

*Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I’m found, was blind but now I see.*

The English hymn writer John Newton penned these words in 1773, after living a life running from God’s amazing grace himself. Born in 1725, after losing his mother at the age of 7, Newton followed his sea-faring father (who did not share the same Christian faith as Newton’s mother) and spent his early years on the sea, and rose to become a sea captain. Newton served in the British Royal Navy, and eventually on slave-trading ships. But it was around the middle of the eighteenth century when Newton felt the spirit of the Lord upon him, and soon after felt a call to the ministry. He would eventually move to pastor at a church in Olney, England, where it would be here that he would compile a hymnal in 1779 entitled Olney Hymns with fellow hymn writer William Cowper (writer of the hymn “There is a Fountain”), where Newton would contribute around 280 of his own hymn texts, including the hymn “Amazing Grace”. Newton would continue to live a life of preaching and service to our Savior until he passed away in 1807.

While Newton lived a life in his early years of running away from God, Newton’s life became a testimony of repentance and service of the gospel of Jesus Christ. His life reflected the reality of why Jesus came as a baby, lived a perfect sinless life, died a sinner’s death, rose from the grave, and now reigns forevermore. Newton reflected the Apostle Paul’s words in Galatians where it says “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

Tonight, as we gather in this place to reflect on the reason for the season, let us reflect on the amazing grace given to us. Jesus came to give us eternal life, and only through the love and grace given to us is this made possible. And one day, if you are His redeemed child, you will live forever with Him. May this be the Christmas that you accept that free gift of salvation that only He can offer.

May this stanza from the original words of Newton’s hymn text of “Amazing Grace” encourage us this evening:

*Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail and mortal life shall cease;
I shall possess, within the veil, A life of joy and peace.*

On behalf of myself, our church staff, our entire ministry of music and worship, and our church family, I pray that tonight is a blessing for you. I pray that if you do not know the Lord Jesus that tonight you experience God’s amazing grace in a fresh way. And I pray that if you do not have a church home that you will join us on a Sunday morning soon.

Have a very Merry Christmas!

In Christ,
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