

## C.M. Loy's Music Report for 2007

This year was a fruitful one for First Baptist Church. Jennifer Birnbaum was appointed to the position of Choir Director. She has proven to be an excellent choice for the position. The choir enjoys her and I find her to be good natured, competent and professional.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

In February, Reverend Richard Rose officially became First Baptist's Pastor.

In April, the choir traveled to Elmira, NY to participate in the Living Waters Association Choir Festival at the Elmira First Baptist Church. It was a great success.

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, the church had the Installation Service for Reverend Rose. There were several musical offerings to celebrate the occasion.

During the year, there were several guest musicians who provided offerings. In lieu of a choir, summer special music slots were filled with solos from members of the choir and congregation.

In August, the First Baptist Choir and YOFFFI participated in the AME Zion Music Festival.

The Sunday Choir Service was on December 16. The choir sang six anthems and set the mood for the Christmas Season.

The Christmas Eve service was beautiful. The Sanctuary was packed with members and visitors. The music was inspired and well performed.

This year the New Creation Singers and YOFFFI provided several Sunday services with special music and offerings. It is a blessing to have different expressions of joy throughout the year for all to experience and enjoy.

I have a detailed record of each Sunday's musical activity. I submit this record below to conclude my report.

Respectfully submitted,  
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# 2007 Offerings for Annual Report

Submitted by Christopher Morgan Loy

## JANUARY

### OFFERTORIES:

1/07 – Prelude # 1 in C from WTC  
1/14 – Melodie  
1/21 – Bagetelle op.33#6  
1/28 - Allegro brillante

— Bach  
— Jules Massenet  
— Beethoven  
— Mozart

### ANTHEMS:

1/07 - no choir  
1/14 – A New Year Carol  
1/21 – God Is My Strong Salvation  
1/28 – Now All the Woods Are Sleeping —H. Isaak (1490)

—Benjamin Britten  
—Austin Lovelace

### OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST:

1/07—Linda Nicholson received Baptism by immersion  
Rev. John Laney's final Sunday Service at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist.  
A special brunch and reception was held in his honor.  
1/14 was the first Sunday for the choir in 2007.

## FEBRUARY

### OFFERTORIES:

2/04 – Andante in C (composed at age 15)  
2/11 – Courant  
2/18 – NCS: *In The Secret*  
2/25 – Preludium XIII in F# major

—Schubert  
—Handel  
—Andy Park  
—Bach

### ANTHEMS:

2/04 – Blessed Is He Who Cometh  
2/11 – Promised Land  
2/18 – NCS: *Faithful One*  
2/25 –

—Morten Luvaas  
—Natalie Sleeth  
—Brian Doerksen

### OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST:

2/04—Richard Rose officially became FBC's new pastor by beginning his tenure on this date.  
2/18—CM Loy presentation #1 on his compositions (instrumental)  
2/25—CM Loy presentation #2 on his compositions (vocal)

## MARCH

### OFFERTORIES:

3/04 – *Adagio* from Toccata in e minor  
3/11 – *First Arabesque*  
3/18 – Glückes genug op. 15#5  
3/25 – Rondo in Eb

—J.S. Bach  
—Claude Debussy  
—Schumann  
—C.P.E. Bach

### ANTHEMS:

3/04 –Take, Believe  
3/11 – Love Unknown  
3/18 – God Is My Strong Salvation  
3/25 – If you Will trust in God to Guide You

—Robert Wetzler  
—Alfred Whitehead  
—Austin Lovelace  
—Georg Neumark

## APRIL

### OFFERTORIES:

4/01 – Prelude in eb minor (WTC)  
4/08 – EASTER— Regina Coeli  
4/15 - YFOFFI

—Bach  
—G.A. Bernable

4/22 – All Creatures of Our God and King —Donald Busarow  
4/29 – Chorale —Bach

### ANTHEMS:

4/01 – Palm Sunday: 2 anthems were sung: *Break Forth Into Joy* by Caleb Simper and *Take My Mother Home* by Steven Porter

4/08 – EASTER—

– Prelude: A Trumpet Decoration	—Gilbert Martin
– Anthem: With A Voice of Singing	—Martin Shaw
– Postlude: Resurrection Joy	—Gregg Sewell
4/15 – YFOFFI titles: Let It Be	—Beatles
– Have a Little Faith	—Mavis Staples (2004)
4/22 – For the Beauty of the Earth	—John Rutter
4/29 – Brother James’ Air	—arr. Gordon Jacob

### OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST:

Christopher was away to Australia 4/8, 4/15, and a wedding on 4/22

4/01: New Creation Singers sang a Palm Processional “Hosanna! By Carl Tuttle and “ Stay With Me’ Jacques Berthier.

Guest Organists: Russell Posegate 4/08, 4/15 – Alice Damp 4/22

On 4/29 The FBC choir traveled to Elmira, NY to participate in the Living Waters Association Choir Festival at the First Baptist Church in Elmira, NY. We performed two pieces: *For the Beauty of the Earth* by John Rutter and *With a Voice of Singing* by Martin Shaw. . This festival was well organized with six choirs participating from various Baptist churches around the Southern Tier area of NY. The other churches were: Southside Baptist Church, Pine City Baptist Church, Savona Federated Church, Coopers Plains Community Church, and The American Baptist Community Church in Big Flats.

The first part of the program consisted of each of the six choirs performing two selected works interspersed by congregational hymn singing.

Following this choir concert, everyone adjourned to the dining area where we enjoyed a dinner and fellowship.\* After the dinner everyone went to the Sanctuary for a small service featuring a combined chorus singing the anthem *Shine Jesus, Shine* and a special Moses Hogan spiritual performed by the Women’s Choir of the First Baptist Church in Elmira. After a blessing by Pastor Dennis Christiansen of Elmira, the Living Waters Choir Festival came to its conclusion and everyone left feeling uplifted and happy to have participated.

\*The act of fellowship was somewhat thwarted by an unwillingness of the other choirs to share their tables with one of our choir members.

## MAY

### OFFERTORIES:

5/06 – <i>Minuetto</i> from Sonata #7 op. 10 #3	—Beethoven
5/13 – <i>La fille aux cheveux de lin</i>	—Debussy
5/20 – Two Part Invention from <i>Four Occasional Pieces</i>	—J. Harbison
5/27 – Adagio (Mvt I) from Sonata in Eb k.282	—Mozart

### ANTHEMS:

5/06 – The Heaven’s Are Telling	—Haydn
5/13 – Down By the Riverside	—African-American Spiritual DAC, arr.
5/20 – Alleluia	—Randall Thompson
5/27 – Open the Eyes of My Heart	—Paul Baloche NCS

### OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST IN MAY:

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, there was the Installation Service for Rev. Richard Rose, First Baptist’s new pastor. This service was a wonderful event. There were four clergy participating in the service and several area clergy in attendance.

The music provided the atmosphere of the special occasion.

**Prelude:** *Nun freud euch, Gottes Linder All*

**Solo:** *The Call*

—J.S. Bach

—Ralph Vaughan Williams (Mark Lawrence, tenor)

—Buffalo Springfield

**New Creations Singers:** *What's It Worth*

**Hymn:** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

**Special Music:** *Hallelujah* from “Recollections of Experience” op. 51 #3

Christopher Morgan Loy

— Jonathon Larson

**Anthem by First Baptist Choir:** *Seasons of Love*

**Hymn:** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Postlude:** *Bread of Heaven*

— New Creation Singers

It was a moving, memorable and special service to officially install, honor and celebrate First Baptist's new pastor.

## **JUNE**

### **OFFERTORIES:**

6/03 – Cwm Rhondda's Fantasy

—Thirnicas Teph

6/10 – It's Jesus That Matters

—YFOFFI from *Nothing Else Matters*  
(1991) James Hetfield

6/17 – First Baptist Picnic Service at Taughannock State Park

6/24 – *Ballade in C*, and *Autumn Waltz* by Jean-Phillipe Kaya

6/30 -

### **ANTHEMS:**

6/03 – Ain't a That Good News

—William Dawson

6/10 – YFOFFI provided a special music slot with *Soak Up the Sun*

---adapted from *Soak Up the Sun* sung by Sheryl Crow.

6/17 – First Baptist Picnic Service at Taughannock State Park

6/24 – Special guest pianist/composer was Jean-Philippe Kaya.

6/30 – NO CHOIR

### **OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST:**

6/10 – YFOFFI was the music for this service.

6/17 – First Baptist Picnic Service at Taughannock State Park

6/24 - Special guest pianist/composer was my student Jean-Philippe Kaya.

He played two of his own compositions: *Ballade in C*, and *Autumn Waltz*

6/30 -

## **JULY**

### **OFFERTORIES:**

7/08 – Prelude to “Le Tombeau de Couperin”

—Ravel

7/15 – Minuetto I & Minuetto II from Sonata in Eb K.282

—Mozart

7/22 – Heaven

—Duke Ellington

7/29 – Allemande from French Suite #2 in cm

—Bach

### **ANTHEMS: OR SPECIAL MUSIC**

7/15 - Mark Lawrence, tenor

—The Woodcutter's Song

(from the Cantata *The Pilgrim's Progress* by Ralph Vaughn Williams)

7/22 – Harold Seils, guitar

— *Angels Fly*

7/29 – Shella Chace, soprano

— The Lord's Prayer

### **OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST:**

7/08 – Russell Posegate was guest organist His offertory was

the Prelude to “Le Tombeau de Couperin”

—Ravel

## **AUGUST**

### **OFFERTORIES:**

8/05 Prelude (from op. 11)

—Scriabin

8/12 Andante from Sonata in B major

—Schubert

8/19 Have I Told You Lately...

— Van Morrison - YFOFFI group

8/26 Tempo di Menuetto

—Beethoven (from Sonata op. 49#2)

## **ANTHEMS: OR SPECIAL MUSIC**

8/05 Meditation from *Thaïs*

8/12 NCS (New Creation Singers)

8/19 Whenever God Shines His Light

8/26 Simple Song

— Jules Massenet - Debbie Allen, flute

— Van Morrison – YFOFFI group

— Bernstein (from Mass)

Tony Lister, flute

## **OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST:**

During the month of August hymn singing preceded the worship service.

August 18<sup>th</sup> YFOFFI and the FBC Choir participated in the AME Zion Festival. It was a great experience for us all.

Aug 19th

YFOFFI was the guest musical group. YFOFFI performed three songs by Van Morrison.

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **OFFERTORIES:**

9/02 Peasant's Song op. 65#2

9/09 Polonaise (from French Suite #6)

9/16 Waltz in fm op70 #2

9/23 Child Falling Asleep, The poet Speaks op. 15 #12 & 13

(from Scenes From Childhood)

9/30

—Grieg

—JS Bach

—Chopin

—Schumann

## **ANTHEMS: OR SPECIAL MUSIC**

9/02 Harold Seils "*Wrestling with an Angel*"

9/09 Josie/Danny

9/16 YFOFFI *Amazing Grace*

9/30 Poor Man Lazarus

## **OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST:**

9/30 Loy out of town guest organist was Alice Damp.

## **OCTOBER**

### **OFFERTORIES:**

10/07 Printemps #4

10/14 Album for the Young #30

10/21 Andantino

10/28 Dreaming

## **ANTHEMS: OR SPECIAL MUSIC**

10/07 On the Willows from *Godspell*

10/14 NCS provided anthem and special music

10/21 YFOFFI provided the anthem

12/28 Seasons of Love from *Rent*

## **OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST:**

10/14 Guest minister: Emily Wilmer

## **NOVEMBER**

### **OFFERTORIES:**

11/04 Prelude op. 11 #2

11/11 Count Your Many Blessings NCS

11/18 Herbage (from op.82)

11/25 Allegro

## **ANTHEMS: OR SPECIAL MUSIC**

11/04 Be thou My Vision

11/11 I Believe

11/18 Non Nobis Domine

11/25 Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

— Darius Milhaud

— Schumann

— Stephen Heller

— Loy

— Scriabin

— Schumann

— Stephen Heller

— John Rutter

— Claire Lynch NCS

- Byrd canon

## **OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST:**

11/04 Processional: Ipharadisi (African Song)

## **DECEMBER**

### **OFFERTORIES:**

12/02 Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds — Lennon/McCartney

12/09 Scherzo from *a minor Sonata* — Schubert

12/16 CHOIR CHRISTMAS MUSICAL OFFERING [program below]

12/23 En Priere (In Prayer) G. Faure Sharon Costianes, guest soprano

12/24

12/30

### **ANTHEMS: OR SPECIAL MUSIC**

12/02 YFOFFI – Three pieces

12/09 Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord from the musical *Godspell*

12/16 Choir Sunday [see blow for program]

12/23 Arias from Messiah He Shall Feed His Flock and Come Unto Him –Sharon Costianes,  
guest soprano

12/24 Christmas Eve Service

12/30

## **OTHER THINGS OF INTEREST:**

12/02: YFOFFI sang three pieces

Special Music featured Rev. Rose : Elvis Costello song entitled  
What's So Funny "Bout Peace, Love & Understanding

12/09: Mark Lawrence, tenor sang "Comfort Ye" and "Every Valley" from *Messiah* by Handel

12/16: CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Gabriel's Message

In the Bleak Midwinter

Psallite

Magnificat - Stainer

Messiah - Glory to God

12/23: Guest musician was Sharon Costianes, soprano

12/24: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Prelude - "What Child is This?" and

"Awake Awake and Greet the New Morn"

Jennifer Lawrence Birnbaum, recorder

David Caughey, guitar

Daniel Birnbaum, cello

Loy: *Siciliano*

Handel: *Glory to God from Messiah* (FBC choir)

*Basque Carol* (FBC choir –solo, Jennifer Lawrence Birnbaum)

J.S. Bach: Sheep May Safely Graze

(Katy Gottschack-sop, Tony Lister and Debbie Allen-flutes,

Daniel Burnbaum-cello, C. M. Loy-piano)

*O Holy Night* – Mark A.B. Lawrence, tenor