

# First Baptist Church of Annapolis

## 2020 Annual Ministry Report

**Name of the Organization: Music Ministry**

**Chairperson: Rev. Keith A. Rowel**

### **Purpose:**

To ensure that appropriate and quality music is rendered at all worship services (as stated in Constitution and By-Laws). Provide ministry through music to the First Baptist congregation and for special programs and services. The Minister of Music, as Chair of the Music Committee, also provides direction to and oversight of the Mass Choir, Male Choir, Junior Choir, Voices of Praise, Praise Dance Ministry, Youth Ensemble, and Audio Ministry.

### **Membership:**

Membership/Officers:

Minister of Music – Rev. Keith A. Rowel (Director, Mass Choir)

Mrs. Jacqueline Evans – Director, Male Choir

Mrs. Cynthia Powell – Director, Voices of Praise and Junior Choir

Sis. Tiara Wells and Sis. Tyshay Weems, Co-Directors, Praise Dance Ministry

### **Completed projects and accomplishments:**

The music ministry provided ministry through song January - mid March 2020 in the physical structure of First Baptist Church. Upon launching Sunday morning worship on the Zoom in mid-June, the music ministry began to provide selections by voice or video. The Minister of Music and several musicians continued to provide music for funerals as availability and local COVID health guidelines allowed. The Voices of Praise choir conducted a socially distant recording in the Sanctuary for several selections. During the pandemic, the Minister of Music coordinated the successful development and execution of a virtual Annual Candlelight Service. Musicians recorded music in a studio, several choir members followed CDC guidelines and rehearsed outside and recorded vocals in the church sanctuary allowing a music engineer to mix the music to completion. The final music was set to video presentations. The music ministry also supported a virtual Watch Night Service.

### **Incomplete/ongoing projects:**

The Praise Dance ministry was unfortunately unable to meet due to safety concerns during the pandemic. Several annual ministry activities were canceled due to the unavailability of the sanctuary, delayed planning, or unavailability of technology. All planned music equipment upgrades, and choir rehearsals have been on hold since March 2020.

### **Comments:**

Financial Status: ~100% of 2020 budget was expended to deliver a virtual Candlelight Service  
Income for the Year: No choir dues were collected in 2020.

Note: In-kind donations were received for additional expenditures in addition to budget expended.