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Sermon Preview

COMMUNION MEDITATION,

"EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS"

It is fitting that we observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the First Sunday in Advent. The prerequisite for a genuine experience of Communion is a deep openness to the presence of God. The appropriate response of the Christian to the approach of Advent is one of anticipation and openness. The posture of kneeling is indicative of our prayerful attitude. When we "take and eat" the bread and wine, we are showing the outward form and act of receiving the Living Lord into our lives.

Except for a benediction, the very last words in our Bible are, "*Even So, Come, Lord Jesus.*" (Revelation 22:20) They form a concise and well focused pattern for both our reciprocity to Holy Community and to Advent.

Advent lies at the center of Christian belief. It represents the divine initiative, God seeking man, eternity breaking into time. The Christ event of history represents to us in dramatic ways the continuing redemptive act of God. Those who emphasize the once-for-all Jesus of history and those who emphasize the Second Coming of Christ both miss the primary point of Advent: that God is forever and always coming to us and claiming us for Himself.

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NURSERIES IN TRINITY HALL ARE OPEN DURING ALL SERVICES

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Advent

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"—*Canning*

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit

***HYMN NO. 354**, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

***INVOCATION** *The Minister*

Open Hymnals at No. 830-3 and Follow Order of Holy Communion

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *To Be Offered by Minister and People*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People* No. 830-4

*"GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH," 830-4 *The Choir and People*

***THE INVITATION**

THE PRAYER OF GENERAL CONFESSION, NO. 830-6 *The Minister and People*

THE PRAYER FOR PARDON *The Minister*

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER FOR THE WHOLE STATE OF CHRIST'S CHURCH, NO. 830-7

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

8:30 A.M. "Alleluia"—*Boyce* *Altar Choir*

11:00 A.M. "Hark Ye! The Lord Comes
With His Thousands"—*Buxtehude-Granville* *Chancel Choir*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION,

"EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS" *Dr. George A. Foster*

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 360 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

PREFACE AND SANCTUS, NO. 830-8

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION, NO. 830-9

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS, NO. 830-9

"O LAMB OF GOD," NO. 830-10 *The Choir and People*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION, NO. 830-11 *The Minister and People*

THE BENEDICTION *Choral Amen*

POSTLUDE "Postlude"—*Buxtehude*

CHAPEL WORSHIP

8:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

PRELUDE "Once He Came in Blessing"—*Bach*

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN NO. 4, "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

INVOCATION

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Isaiah 42:5-9

HYMN NO. 353, "The King Shall Come"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"—*Thompson* *Walter James, Soloist*

MEDITATION

"THE UNSHARED GLORY" *Reverend Walter D. Edwards*

ALTAR PRAYER TIME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Harken"—*Bach*

Those who wish to make an offering at this Service may do so by placing it in the plates in the Chapel Narthex.

MEMORIAL BOOK FOR SUNDAY

This Sunday The Memorial Book in the Church Narthex, which contains the Memorials and Gifts given to the glory of God and in honor and in memory of loved ones and friends, is open to *Eight Brass Offering Plates*.

ADULT FORUM—THE WRITING OF C. S. LEWIS

The next three Sunday Evenings will be devoted to works of C. S. Lewis. December 3rd—*Miracles*; December 10th—*The Abolition of Man*; December 17th—*The Fictional Work of C. S. Lewis*.

Dr. Lewis frankly presents traditional Christianity, its Doctrine and Philosophy. If you think that traditional Christianity is outmoded, come hear the ideas of Dr. Lewis, who suggests that much rejection of Orthodoxy is really the dismissal of a poorly stated orthodoxy, by people whose own presuppositions are largely unexamined. Mr. Edwards will make these presentations.

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Chancel Choir (Adult) Christmas Cantata, Sunday, December 10, 7:30 P.M.

Children and Youth Choirs, The Lights and Sounds of Christmas, Sunday, December 17, 5:30 P.M.

Christmas Family Party, Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 P.M.

Christmas Eve Holy Communion, 8:00 P.M., First Presbyterian Church

SUGGESTIONS FOR TV VIEWING

See and hear *The Antkeeper* on WCTV this Sunday, December 3rd, 12:45 P.M. This film is produced by the Lutheran Church of America and sponsored locally by the Tallahassee Ministerial Association.

WSCS SOCIAL HOUR AND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The December WSCS program will be Tuesday, December 5th, at 10:30 A.M., in the Chapel following a Social Hour in the Fellowship Hall. A musical ensemble will present Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols."

WSCS SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

The Tallahassee District WSCS is sponsoring a Spiritual Life Retreat on Thursday, December 7, at Centenary Methodist Church in Quincy, 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Program participants are Reverend Henry Kinard, Pastor of Centenary, and Mrs. William W. Roughton, wife of the District Superintendent. Bring Bibles and a sandwich lunch.

COMMISSION ON EDUCATION

There will be a meeting of the Commission on Education on Tuesday, December 5th, at 7:30 P.M.

LAY STAFF

Edd W. Gentry, *Church Administrator*
Miss Madeline Wilson, *Dir. of Christian Ed.*
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Mrs. Novie M. Greene, *Associate Dir. of Music*

Mrs. Walter James, *Organist*
Mrs. Harry Miley, *Membership Sec.*
Miss Phyllis Nunn, *Church Sec.*
Mrs. Frank Jackson, *Hostess*

CHURCH FAMILY

Our Circle of Concern: (Known to be in TMH)

Mrs. Irene Gentry
Mrs. Lucille Culpepper
Mrs. A. M. Middlebrooks
Mr. Allen Jackson
Mrs. Katherine Butler
Mrs. Claudia Holland
Mrs. H. H. Spear
Miss Mary Lamar Davis
Mrs. Onie Rackley

Record of our Faithfulness last Sunday:

Church School Attendance	536
Church School Offering	\$104.50
Receipts on Pledges	\$756.64
Plate Offering	\$93.93

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. and Mrs. Edd W. Gentry and family on the death of her father, Mr. T. A. Camp, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, on November 21.

Mrs. Glenn C. James and family on the death of the late Dr. James' sister, Mrs. Rex Winget, of Cushing, Oklahoma, on November 4.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Middlebrooks on the death of her brother, Frank Brandon, on November 26, 1967.

Mrs. William Macklin, Mr. Warren Anderson, and Mr. Edgar Anderson on the death of their brother, Roland D. Anderson, on November 22, 1967, in Tuskegee, Alabama.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Miss Vicki Marie Bennett,
2219 Thomasville Road
Mr. Irvin Joseph Cole and Mr. James Capell
Cole, 2208 Croydon Drive
Miss Pauline E. Council,
547 Palm Court, Apartment 6
Mr. Terrell Creel, 515 West Sixth Avenue
Mr. Robert Daniel Drake,
718 Piedmont Drive
Mr. Joseph Thomas Duncan,
1005 Piedmont Drive
Miss Carol Jane Funderburk and Miss Nancy
Gail Funderburk, 344 Glenview Drive
Mrs. Robert Garrigues, 158-2 Herlong Drive
Mr. J. J. Hankins, 117 Westridge Drive
Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Lewis, Linda, Cheri,
and Peggy, 3402 Prock Drive
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Monk, 809 Ty Ty Road
Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Neie,
524 Laura Lee Avenue
Dr. Travis J. Northcutt, Stevan and Jeffery,
2730 Graves Road
Mrs. Ann R. Scherdin and Greg Moore,
402 Fairbanks Drive

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday

8:30 A.M.	Early Morning Worship
9:00 A.M.	Church Broadcast (1270)
9:45 A.M.	Church School for all ages
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
4:30 P.M.	Youth Center opens
4:30 P.M.	Wesleyan Boys Choir
5:30 P.M.	Altar Choir Rehearsal
5:30 P.M.	Jr. Hi MYF
	7th Grade, Room 212
	8th Grade, Room 332
	9th Grade, Room 330
6:30 P.M.	MYF Snack Supper — 15¢
7:00 P.M.	Sr. Hi MYF, Room 212
7:00 P.M.	College Discussion Group, Church Parlor
7:00 P.M.	Adult Fellowship, Room 330
8:00 P.M.	Chapel Worship

Tuesday

10:00 A.M.	WSCS Social Hour, Fellowship Hall
10:30 A.M.	WSCS Christmas Program, Chapel
3:30-4:20 P.M.	Tower Handbell
4:30-5:30 P.M.	Trinity Handbell

Wednesday

9:30 A.M.	Prayer Group
10:00 A.M.	Morning Prayer Service
10:30 A.M.	Study Group, Room 334
3:30-4:15 P.M.	Carol Choir
7:30 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 P.M.	WSG Board Meeting, Room 212

Thursday

3:30-4:20 P.M.	Tower Choir
4:30-5:30 P.M.	Wesleyan Girls Choir
5:00 P.M.	Prayer Group
5:15 P.M.	Board of Trustees

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Wesleyan Service Guild will hold its monthly Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 6th, in the Conference Room at 7:30 P.M.

TRUSTEES TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees on Thursday, December 7th, in the Conference Room at 5:15 P.M.

Miss Leslye Odum, 611 E. Brevard
Mr. and Mrs. Al Sherrill and Cheri,
1564 Crestview
Miss Barbara Watson, 3006 South Meridian
Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Waugh,
414 Vinnedge Ride
Mr. Robert John Webb and Sarah Jane,
2117 Trescott
Mr. S. R. White and Brant,
1423 South Meridian

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Sermon Preview

UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY

"THE BIBLE VIEW OF LIFE"

The masses are no longer Biblically oriented, even in the simplest and most general sense. A deadening blanket of secularism has descended upon us, and many now live in a one story thought world. The time is past due when we must affirm deeply and strongly before the world the Biblical world view. This Universal Bible Sunday is certainly an occasion for this affirmation.

Three general summary observations about Bible views may prove helpful to us. The Biblical view of God is best expressed in the word *theistic*. As contrasted with the *deistic* view, which believes in an originally creative but absentee God, this view conceives of God as creative and redemptive. He is Lord of both nature and history. The Bible view of man is that he is creature and subject to his Creator, though given an antonymy which allows him the freedom of choice, even in the acknowledgement of his creaturehood. In refusing this acknowledgement man moves into self-idolatry, and thus becomes estranged from his Creator.

How God and man may become reconciled is the real story of the Bible. The redeeming love of God is its central theme. Our reconciliation is our salvation. In his love we are redeemed.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Advent and Universal Bible Sunday

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

°Congregation Stands

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Veni Emmanuel"—*Purvis*

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 66**, "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

***INVOCATION** *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESSION *The Minister*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *To be offered by Minister and People*

O God, who hast created us in thine own image, giving us minds for truth, hearts for love, and souls for life: Forgive us that we have failed to seek the truth that makes us free. Forgive us that our hearts have grown dull and lost the sense of love. Forgive us that our souls have not come alive to thy presence. Be thou merciful to us, O God, we beseech thee, and by thy grace lead us into the divine image; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

***THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 639**, "Good Tidings"

***GLORIA PATRI**

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 738**, "The Apostles' Creed"

ANTHEM

8:30 A.M. "The King Shall Come"—*Jones* *Chapel Choir*
11:00 A.M. "On Christmas Night"—*Kirk* *Chancel Choir*

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Mark 1:21-34

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

8:30 A.M. "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"—*Plainsong*
"Coventry Carol"—*Traditional English* *Tower Handbell Ringers*
11:00 A.M. "Carol of the Birds"—*Lambert*
"Sleep of the Infant Jesus"—*Lambert* *Trinity Handbell Ringers*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 369, "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

PRAYER FOR DELIVERY AND RECEPTION OF SERMON

Minister: Let the words of my mouth,

People: And the meditation of our hearts,

All: Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

SERMON,

"THE BIBLE VIEW OF LIFE" *Dr. George A. Foster*

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 259**, "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

BENEDICTION Choral Amen

POSTLUDE "Carillon"—*Purvis*

CHORAL VESPERS

5:30 P.M. — Sanctuary

PRELUDE "Adeste Fideles"—Demessieux

CHORAL INTROIT

HYMN NO. 360, "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"—Prichard

INVOCATION

THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 634, "The Desert Shall Rejoice"

GLORIA PATRI

THE OFFERTORY "Savior of the Nations, Come"—Barlow

THE CANTATA "Night of Wonder"—Theron Kirk Chancel Choir

Overture

On Christmas Night

In the Winter Heaven Novie Greene, Alto Soloist

As Dew in April

I Saw a Fair Maiden Majel Barrett, Soprano Soloist

The Carol of the Shepherds

Pavane Linda Cherry, Ed Berry, Dancers

Blessed Was She, that Maid Marie Majel Barrett, Soprano Soloist

I Sing the Birth

Ringing, Ringing

Alleluia Majel Barrett, Soprano Soloist

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Glory to God in the Highest"—Peek

MEMORIAL BOOK FOR SUNDAY

This Sunday The Memorial Book in the Church Narthex, which contains the Memorials and Gifts given to the glory of God and in honor and in memory of loved ones and friends, is open to *Two Brass Offering Plates* and *Two Brass Bassons*.

SPECIAL ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

This Sunday, 5:30 P.M.—Christmas Cantata. (See Order of Service.)

Sunday, December 17th, 5:30 P.M.—Children and Youth Choirs, "The Lights and Sounds of Christmas."

Wednesday, December 20th, 6:30 P.M.—Annual Christmas Family Party.

Sunday, December 24th, 8:00 P.M.—Christmas Eve Communion at the First Presbyterian Church.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF TRINITY

If you are a member of another Methodist Church, simply give us permission to write for your certificate of membership (sometimes called your "letter" of transfer). This certificate is fully valid for admission into our membership.

If you are a member of another Christian body, which may or may not issue a certificate of membership, we receive you by recognizing your baptized and confirmed status, and require only a simple vow of loyalty to The Methodist Church.

If you have never been baptized, confirmed, or joined the Church, we will provide reading, instruction, and guidance to lead to your admission into membership.

In any case, let us know of your interest. Use the cards provided, speak to one of the pastors, come forward during closing hymn of any service, or otherwise indicate your interest.

ADULT FORM—C. S. LEWIS

This week's Adult Forum is the second of three on the writings of C. S. Lewis. The book reviewed this week will be, *The Abolition of Man*, a critique of certain tendencies in modern education. Next week will conclude the series with an examination of some of Dr. Lewis' fictional works. Mr. Edwards is leading this series.

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY

We will receive new members at our Eleven O'Clock Service on Sunday, December 17th. The group to be received will include several families who were unable to be present on our last Membership Sunday as well as several additional families and individuals.

OFFICIAL BOARD

The regular monthly meeting of the Official Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th, at 8:00 P.M., in Fellowship Hall.

ACOLYTES FOR DECEMBER

8:30 A.M.—Tommy Roberts and Mac Carraway.

11:00 A.M. — Bill Smith and Thomas Pierce.

METHODIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Methodist Men's Fellowship will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, December 14th, at 6:30 P.M., in the Fellowship Hall.

This meeting will be a *Ladies Night* and the program will be presented by the University Singers of FSU.

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Mrs. John T. Sewell, Jr.
Mrs. Katherine Butler
Mrs. H. H. Spear
Mr. Allen Jackson
Mr. W. H. May

Record of our Faithfulness last Sunday:

Church School Attendance	612
Church School Offering	\$142.21
Receipts on Pledges	\$7,347.49
Plate Offering	\$135.63

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Monday, December 11, 1967

- Circle 1—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. Jack Anderson, Hostess
Mrs. John Barthelme, Co-hostess
1008 San Luis Ridge
- Circle 2—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. David Avant, Jr., Hostess
Mrs. Robert B. Drake, Co-hostess
2310 Don Patricio
- Circle 3—3:00 P.M.
Mrs. Glenn C. James, Hostess
1212 Piedmont Drive
- Circle 4—3:00 P.M.
Mrs. Coyle E. Moore, Hostess
Mrs. Delia Gaines, Co-hostess
2021 Mission Road
- Circle 5—8:00 P.M.
Mrs. Orlis Causseaux, Hostess
Mrs. Virginia Lane, Co-hostess
317 North Conradi

Tuesday, December 12, 1967

- Circle 6—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. H. E. Helton, Hostess
Mrs. I. A. Metz, Co-hostess
1143 Circle Drive
- Circle 7—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. Allison White, Hostess
Mrs. L. F. Branan, Co-hostess
649 East College Avenue
- Circle 8—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. H. A. Curtis, Hostess
1712 Monticello Drive
- Circle 9—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. William Macklin, Hostess
1107 Terrace Street
- Circle 10—10:00 A.M.
Mrs. W. E. Armstrong, Hostess
2100 Ridgetop Drive
- Circle 11—10:00 A.M.
Church Parlor

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday

- 8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
9:00 A.M. Church Broadcast (1270)
9:45 A.M. Church School for all ages
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
4:15 P.M. Chapel and Altar Choir Rehearsal
5:30 P.M. Choral Vespers, Sanctuary
6:30 P.M. MYF Snack Supper—15¢
7:00 P.M. MYF Groups
7th—Room 210
8th—Room 332
9th—Room 334
Sr. Hi—Room 212
7:00 P.M. Adult Forum, Room 330

Monday

- 7:00 P.M. Commission on Missions, Conference Room (212)

Tuesday

- 3:30-4:20 P.M. Tower Handbell
4:30-5:30 P.M. Trinity Handbell
7:00 P.M. Stewardship and Finance Commission Meeting, Room 212
8:00 P.M. Official Board, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday

- 9:30 A.M. Prayer Group
10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Service
10:30 A.M. Study Group, Room 334
3:30-4:15 P.M. Carol Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

- 3:30-4:20 P.M. Tower Choir
4:30-5:30 P.M. Wesleyan Girls Choir
5:00 P.M. Prayer Group
6:30 P.M. Methodist Men's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall (Ladies' Night)

Saturday

- 10:00 A.M. Dress Rehearsal for Children and Youth Choir Members, Courtyard and Choir Room

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Circle 1 will meet December 11th with Mrs. Ernestine Chesley, 401 East Virginia Street, at 7:30 P.M.

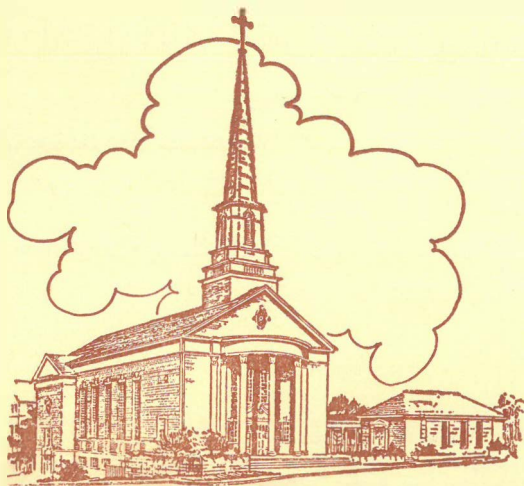
Circle 2 will meet with Mrs. Inez Yent on December 11th at 7:30 P.M., at 1657 Fernando Drive.

Circle 3 will meet in the Church Parlor on December 18th at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Elizabeth McLean is hostess.

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Sermon Preview

"HE COMETH TO JUDGE THE EARTH"

*"For he cometh to judge the earth." Psalm 96:13
"And Jesus said, For judgment am I come into
the world." John 9:39*

Although to some it will seem out of character for us to cast Jesus in the role of judge, even a casual reading of the gospels will show that he is often set over against his hearers, and both directly and indirectly is in judgment of them. On some occasions his very presence is judgment. In many personal encounters, he speaks his judgment.

In the rich meanings of Advent God's righteous judgment upon the earth is one of theological substance. This is especially true when we see the Christ event as climactic in the great drama of the divine redemption. Placing the two brief texts above side by side one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, points up this larger context.

The relationship between judgment and redemption is very close both in a psychological and theological sense. Their juxtaposition in scripture episode and observation is frequent. Even in matters of health, body and mind, submission to judgment is prerequisite to therapy. The very same principle operates in the area of spiritual health and well-being.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Advent

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "A Christmas Prelude"—*Young*
"O Come All Ye Faithful"—*Wyton*

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 372**, "O Word of God Incarnate"

***INVOCATION** *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESSION *The Minister*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *To be offered by Minister and People*

Almighty and Everliving God, who keepest in judgment all the deeds of men: We submit ourselves to thy divine testing. Already we know within ourselves that we have sinned against thee, doing those things which we ought not to have done, and leaving undone those things which we ought to have done. We are without merit and come claiming only thy mercy. In thy great love forgive us, we pray, and by thy grace restore us to goodness and to thy favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

***THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 633**, "The Lord My Righteousness"

***GLORIA PATRI**

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 738**, "The Apostles' Creed"

ANTHEM

8:30 A.M. "A Virgin Unspotted"—*Horton* *Chancel Ensemble*
11:00 A.M. "Deo Gracias"—*Britten (from Ceremony of Carols)* *Women's Ensemble*

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES John 9:35-41

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

8:30 A.M. "What Star Is This With Beams So Bright?"—*Wyton*
11:00 A.M. "There Is No Rose"—*Britten*
(*from Ceremony of Carols*) *Women's Ensemble*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 375, "Love Came Down at Christmas"

PRAYER FOR DELIVERY AND RECEPTION OF SERMON

Minister: Let the words of my mouth,

People: And the meditation of our hearts,

All: Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

SERMON,

"HE COMETH TO JUDGE THE EARTH" *Dr. George A. Foster*

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 363**, "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

BENEDICTION Choral Amen

POSTLUDE "Fanfare"—*Ganz*

"THE LIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS"

December 17, 1967

5:30 P.M.

Courtyard

"The Lights and Sounds of Christmas," a musical pageant, will be presented by the Altar Choir, Chapel Choir, Wesleyan Singers, Tower Choir, Carol Choir, Tower Handbell Ringers, and Trinity Handbell Ringers.

Director: Novie M. Greene

The flowers in the Chapel today are from the wedding of Miss Marie Hamrick to Mr. Russell James. The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Evans and Mr. Marvin Collins, Sr., by Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Evans of Tampa, Florida.

MEMORIAL BOOK FOR SUNDAY

This Sunday The Memorial Book in the Church Narthex, which contains the Memorials and Gifts given to the glory of God and in honor and in memory of loved ones and friends, is open to *Twenty-Four Silver Communion Plates* and the *Church Communion Cloth*.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Circle 3 will meet in the Church Parlor on December 18th at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Elizabeth McLean is hostess. All members are asked to bring toys or other items to be donated to the Sunland Hospital. Toys such as stuffed animals, color books and crayons, balls, checkers, puzzles, etc., are needed.

SUPPORT CHRISTMAS SEAL

Dr. Richard Plant, Associate District Lay Leader, urges our Methodist people to support the Leon County TB and Christmas Seal Campaign.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual family party will be held on this Wednesday, December 20th, beginning with a covered-dish supper in the Fellowship Hall, 6:30 P.M. Each family is asked to bring two dishes of food: meat; vegetable, salad, or dessert. A Nursery will be provided, but the program this year, "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," has been planned for the entire family.

MAKING THE MOST OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

One of the way of making the most of your membership in the Church is to call on your ministers for pastoral services. They are not only available for emergencies and times of trouble, but for occasional needs. Do not hesitate to call on them.

TWO SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

Since we have a Fifth Sunday Offering this December for the Children's Home, the Christmas Offer for the home is to be taken this Sunday, December 17th. Make your check payable to the Church, but mark it, on check or envelope, for the Florida Methodist Children's Home. We are happy to have a good number of members who regularly support this good work.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED TODAY

We are happy to receive several new families into our Church membership this Sunday at the Eleven O'Clock Service. Immediately following the Service these new members will be honored by an informal reception in the Fellowship Hall.

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Mrs. H. N. Kirkman Mrs. Katherine Butler
Mrs. Marjorie Miller Miss Rachel Bardin
Mrs. H. H. Spear Mrs. Roslyn Clark
Mr. Allen Jackson Mr. William H. May
Mrs. A. M. Middlebrooks

Record of our Faithfulness lost Sunday:

Church School Attendance	547
Church School Offering	\$183.64
Receipts on Pledges	\$3,395.69
Plate Offering	\$114.88

IN MEMORIAM

"I am the resurrection and the life."

George H. Beasley
December 9, 1967

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mrs. Mary Kary and family on the death of her husband, Elias Kary, on November 29.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Children in Elementary V-VI and Youth (Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi) will carol to the sick, shut-ins and older members of Trinity on Thursday of this week, 6:00-8:00 P.M. Parties will follow for each group. The schedule of this will be mailed to the children and youth.

ANNUAL MISSION STUDY

The Commission on Missions has announced the following plans for the Annual Mission Study. The study book will be *Encounter of the Faith's*, by George Weyland Carpenter. The Study will be built around the interaction of all those systems of value which are bidding for the ultimate loyalty of Twentieth Century man. Outstanding leaders have already agreed to teach the six sessions, which will be held at the time of the present adult forum. Make your plans now to attend each Sunday Evening, January 7th through February 11th.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday

8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
9:00 A.M. Church Broadcast (1270)
9:45 A.M. Church School for all ages
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
(Reception in Fellowship Hall honoring new members following Service)
5:30 P.M. "Lights and Sounds of Christmas" — Musical Pageant, Courtyard
6:30 P.M. MYF Snack Supper — 15¢
7:00 P.M. MYF Groups
7th—Room 210
8th—Room 332
9th—Room 334
Sr. Hi—Room 212
7:00 P.M. Adult Forum, Room 330

Wednesday

9:30 A.M. Prayer Group
10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Service
10:30 A.M. Study Group, Room 334
6:30 P.M. Family Christmas Party, Covered-dish Supper, Fellowship Hall
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

5:00 P.M. Prayer Group
6:00-8:00 P.M. Christmas Caroling (See information in bulletin)

WESLEY FOUNDATION CHOIR ON NATIONAL T.V.

The FSU Wesley Foundation Choir will appear on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour, CBS, Sunday, December 24th. Listen in and take pride in the performance of this splendid choir.

MRS. JACKSON LEAVING TRINITY

Mrs. Frank Jackson, who has served Trinity as Church Hostess for ten years, has resigned effective December 31st. Our sincere appreciation and gratitude are with Florence as she moves to Arkansas, her native state, where she will make her home with her mother.

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No. 50

Sermon Preview

"THE GREAT CONDESCENSION"

This sermon will be based upon the great *Kenosis* passage from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, 2:5-11. Here Christ is represented as not grasping at equality with God, but as "emptying himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." And even when in the likeness of men, he continues his self-humiliation by becoming "obedient unto death, even death on a cross." Intrinsic to the idea of incarnation is this further idea of divine self-emptying. The continuing operation of the *Kenosis* principle in the life and ministry of our Lord serves to explain and support the idea as basic.

This sermon will seek to derive a working principle for the Church and for the Christian from the concept of *Kenosis*. A great question today for us is whether or not we shall seek glory — called success — or whether or not we shall move to our life and task with uncalculating meekness, to empty ourselves of self and to become instruments of God's doing, to lose ourselves for his sake and the Kingdom's prosperity.

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NURSERIES IN TRINITY HALL ARE OPEN DURING ALL SERVICES

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "A Nativity Suite"—*Held*

CHORAL INTROIT "O Hearken Ye"—*Burt* *Chancel Choir*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 392**, "Joy to the World"

***INVOCATION** *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESSION *The Minister*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *To be offered by Minister and People*

O God, whose love for us is an everlasting love, made most real to us in Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord: Come to us, we pray, as thou camest of old, and enliven our dull hearts. Come to us again in the angels' song, we beseech thee, and open our ears to hear. Come to us again, we ask thee, in the starry heavens and open our eyes wonders to behold. Come upon us wholly, claim and possess us for thyself: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

***THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 612**, "Magnificat"

***GLORIA PATRI**

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 738**, "The Apostles' Creed"

ANTHEM

"Tell Out the News"—*Curry* *Chancel Choir*

Alleluia! Jesus is born:

Tell out the news

This Christmas morn.

Jesus is born, Jesus is King:

Tell out the news,

Let the bells ring!

The whole creation, Wearied, did groan,

Till in pure Mary

God's Life was sown.

Come to the stable, Come, take your part

Unto the Saviour,

Offer your heart.

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Luke 2:8-20

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"The Star Carol"—*Burt*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 387, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

PRAYER FOR DELIVERY AND RECEPTION OF SERMON

Minister: Let the words of my mouth,

People: And the meditation of our hearts,

All: Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

SERMON,

"THE GREAT CONDESCENSION" *Dr. George A. Foster*

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 381**, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE "O Hearken Ye"—*Burt* *Chancel Choir*

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World"—*Held*

TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF
TRINITY CHURCH
OUR GREETINGS AND SINCERE APPRECIATION
AT CHRISTMAS TIME
THE PASTORS AND LAY STAFF OF TRINITY

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are from the wedding of Miss Marie Mills to Mr. Mike Parramore.

MEMORIAL BOOK FOR SUNDAY

This Sunday The Memorial Book in the Church Narthex, which contains the Memorials and Gifts given to the glory of God and in honor and in memory of loved ones and friends, is open to a *Brass Communion Service* and a *Silver Bud Vase*.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION

We are invited to attend Christmas Eve Communion at First Presbyterian this Sunday at 8:00 P.M. We hope this may become an annual event, with Trinity being host next year.

PARSONAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Our Pastors are available to our people around the clock. Do not hesitate to call one of them in case of emergencies or need. Phone numbers are: Foster, 224-0354; Edwards, 224-5512; Houglin, 224-7208.

WESLEY FOUNDATION CHOIR ON T.V.

See the FSU Wesley Foundation Choir on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour this Sunday afternoon.

BISHOP'S CONVOCATION FOR LAYMEN

The Annual Bishop's Convocation for Laymen is scheduled for Saturday, January 6th, in Lakeland at the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium. Attendance is by invitation; our quota is 14.

WELCOME HOME TO LOVED ONES

Many of our sons and daughters and other family members are home for the holidays. Family gatherings are meaningful and appropriate at Christmas time. We remember with love and prayer those who are unable to be at home for the holidays.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES PLANNED

Confirmation Class for Sixth Grade boys and girls, for Junior and Senior High School young people, and for adults are being planned. Watch for further notices.

APPRECIATION

Our sincere appreciation to all of those who have contributed so much to our Advent and Christmas worship.

COUNTING ON PARENTS

We are providing many opportunities for children and young people in our varied program. We especially need the cooperation of parents in arranging for attendance at MYF, Choir Rehearsals, etc.

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Mrs. J. V. Rackley
Miss May Bird Carmine
Mrs. A. M. Middlebrooks
Miss Rachel Bardin
Mrs. H. H. Spear
Mrs. Katherine Butler
Mrs. Myrtle Simpson
~~Miss May Bird Carmine~~

Record of our Faithfulness last Sunday:

Church School Attendance	613
Church School Offering	\$126.35
Receipts on Pledges	\$2,070.28
Plate Offering	\$101.04

Congratulations and a Rose to:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Huggins on the birth of a daughter, LuAnn Elizabeth, on December 12, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gardner on the birth of a son, Kevin Hastings, on December 15, 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bachman on the birth of a daughter, Karen Louise, on December 13, 1967.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday

8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
9:00 A.M. Church Broadcast (1270)
9:45 A.M. Church School for all ages
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Service
10:30 A.M. Study Group, Room 334
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

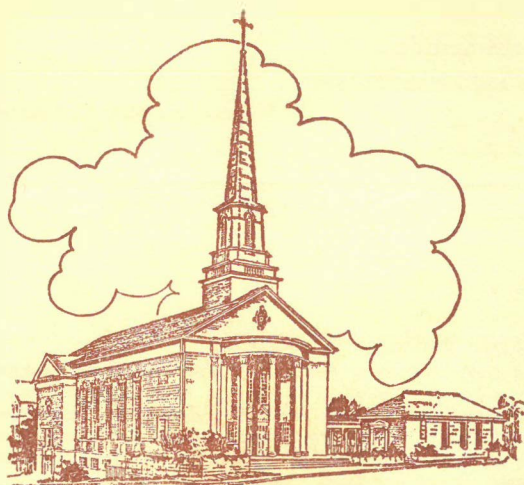
5:00 P.M. Prayer Group

Welcome New Members:

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Betts and
Charles H. Betts
1128 Winifred Drive
Mr. and Mrs. Terry W. Cornwell
2103 South Adams Street, Lot 49
Mrs. Jonathan Bliss
1460 Marion Avenue
Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Creedman and
Steve and Pam Creedman
2921 Brandemere
Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Beavers, Jr., and
David Garner
2218 Thomasville Road
Mr. Carlton J. Corliss
2218 Thomasville Road
Mrs. Joyce Rabon
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2114 Ridgeway Drive
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No. 51

Sermon Preview

"THE PRIMACY OF GOD IN RELIGIOUS THOUGHT AND EXPERIENCE"

Surely one of the strangest aberrations of current so-called "radical theology" is that we can have religion without God. To the unsophisticated common sense of the average Christian this is ridiculous. Common sense gets strong support from comparative religion where it learns that such claims are not new. It also learns from historical theology that such aberrations are not so "radical" after all.

How can one even define religion without God? Many have tried, one well known attempt being to designate it as "morality touched with emotion." But these sorties seem to satisfy only the makers, and leave us without robust substance. They certainly fall short of the great opening words of Scripture, "In the beginning, God," and of the majestic, "I am that I am."

This primacy of God is strongly manifest in our religious experience and life. Religion is real in its relationship between persons, man and God. All our larger understandings of this relationship, estrangement, judgment, redemption, reconciliation, require two antonomous and acting persons.

The idea of ethics without theology, of goodness without God, appeals to some. But for our Biblically oriented minds, the righteousness of God is basic to our righteousness, and the tap-root of our ethical value system is essentially theological.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christmastide

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

***Worshipers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Christians, Sing Out With Exultation"—*Van Hulse*

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 28**, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

***INVOCATION** *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESSION *The Minister*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *To be offered by Minister and People*

O God, who hast created us and who hast worked a mighty redemption for our sakes, hear, we beseech thee, our confessions. Thou hast made us in thine own image and we have defaced that image. Thou hast made us for light and we have walked in darkness. Thou hast made us for love and we have done hateful things. Thou hast made us for usefulness and we have enjoyed the ways of idleness. Be merciful to us, we pray, forgive and transform us and keep us ever in thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

***THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 637**, "The Sovereignty of God"

***GLORIA PATRI**

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 738**, "The Apostles' Creed"

ANTHEM

"Now Burn the Stars Unchanging"—*C. Lockwood*

Now burn the stars unchanging in the midnight skies,
As on the earth the old year dies,
Like leaves before the storm, so haste our lives away.
Eternal God, to Thee we pray.
For all Thy mercies past we life our hearts in praise,
Thy care that crowned our fleeting days.
Our folly and our sin, O Lord, remember not,
Lost hours when we Thy love forgot.
From age to age Thy love endures, Thou are our God!
Send now Thy flaming truth abroad,
That with the New Year's dawning, right may conquer wrong,
Grief yield to joy, and tears to song.

John J. Moment

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Luke 2:8-20

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"O Jesus Christ, Thy Mangers Is"—*Van Hulse*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 268, "O for a Closer Walk With God"

PRAYER FOR DELIVERY AND RECEPTION OF SERMON

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People: And the meditation of our hearts,

All: Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

SERMON,

"THE PRIMACY OF GOD IN
THOUGHT AND EXPERIENCE" *Dr George A. Foster*

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 403**, "Walk in the Light"

BENEDICTION *Coral Amen*

POSTLUDE "Christ the Lord to Us Is Born"—*Van Hulse*

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION

Chapel

11:15

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Thomas D. Bailey by her sister, Miss Willie McConnell.

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STAFF APPRECIATION TO MEMBERSHIP

The Pastors, their wives, and all the lay staff of Trinity wish to express sincere appreciation to the membership of the Church for their many kindnesses during the Holidays.

THIS SUNDAY A FIFTH SUNDAY

We continue to support the Florida Methodist Children's Home at Enterprise through Fifth Sunday offerings.

ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED

Adoptable children are available for suitable parents. If anyone is interested, a call to one of the pastors will serve to get them in touch with the proper welfare authorities.

ARRANGING FOR BAPTISMS

We are happy to arrange for baptisms at any of our services of worship except on First Sundays when we observe Holy Communion. Simply call the Church Office to make such arrangements.

END OF YEAR BUDGET PAYMENTS

We anticipate a great increase in our Church income during these closing days of 1967. Many of our people support the Church on an annual payment basis. Now is the time!

BUSY DAYS AHEAD

The period from now until Annual Conference will be a busy one for pastors and people. In addition to our usual schedule, one big event will be General Conference in Dallas, Texas, April 20-May 4. In addition to our Pastor, Dr. George A. Foster, Justice Campbell Thornal and Mr. Edd Gentry are delegates to General Conference from the Florida Annual Conference.

TOGETHER TO ALL NEW FAMILIES

Our Commission on Membership and Evangelism and our Official Board are happy to send a gift subscription to TOGETHER, our Methodist family magazine, to each new family joining the Church. We hope that in each case these subscriptions will be continued by these families.

HINTS ON CHURCH ETIQUETTE NO. 3

It is generally assumed that incumbent pastors will perform all pastoral services for their people, including officiating at baptisms, weddings and funerals. Most pastors are careful to avoid trespassing in these sensitive areas. Where there is strong personal or family preference for a minister other than the appointed pastor, the matter should be frankly discussed in plenty of time to take care of all requisite courtesies and protocol.

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Mrs. Katherine Butler

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Norman on the death of his brother, Levy Norman, of Starke, Florida, on December 21st, 1967.

Mrs. A. P. Wimberley on the death of her mother, Mrs. Julia E. Thomas, in Oxford, North Carolina, on December 15, 1967.

MEETINGS IN LAKELAND THIS WEEK

In addition to the Bishop's Convocation for Laymen on Saturday, January 6th, several other Conference meetings will be held in Lakeland on Friday and Saturday. Dr. Foster will attend a meeting of the Conference Council Executive Committee on Friday and a meeting of the Conference Board of Pensions on Saturday.

CHRIST AND THE FAITHS OF MEN

While we continue to propagate the Christian faith around the world there are other religions that bid for the loyalty of men. There is the anti-religion which says, "Faith is impossible," the religions of escape which say, "Hide with us," the religions of National Destiny and success which say "Win with us," and beyond them all is Jesus who says, "Follow Me.."

The study of these competing religions begins Sunday, January 7th, at 7:00 P.M., in the Fellowship Hall, with Dr. Foster as leader of the opening session. Plan now to be a participant in this vital study.

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Sunday

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- 9:45 A.M. Church School for all ages
- 7:00 P.M. MYF Snack Supper—15¢
- 7:30 P.M. Jr. Hi MYF,
Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 P.M. Jr. Hi Recreation,
Youth Center
- 11:15 P.M. New Year's Eve Worship and
Holy Communion, Chapel

Tuesday

- 7:30 P.M. Commission on Education,
Conference Room

Wednesday

- 10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Service
- 10:30 A.M. Study Group, Room 334
- 3:30-4:15 P.M. Carol Choir
- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

- 3:30-4:20 P.M. Tower Choir
- 4:30-5:30 P.M. Wesleyan Girls Choir
- 5:00 P.M. Prayer Group
- 5:15 P.M. Board of Trustees

RICHARD MILKS COMING

Dr. and Mrs. Richard G. Milk have now arranged their visitation schedule to be with us over the week-end of January 27-29.

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