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Sermon Preview

“EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS” — Revelations 22:20.

These words from the Revelation of St. John are, except for the benediction, the very last words of the Bible. They are most appropriate as a basis for our Communion Meditation on this first Sunday of Advent.

While Christianity builds upon certain events of history, it goes further back in its theology to claim that these events are acts of God, and therefore representative of his nature and will. As events in time they are dramatizations of eternal truth.

We say that in Jesus, the Christ of God came to earth. An interesting way of saying it is that earth is a “heaven visited planet.”

But this all represents a reality which is always in being and happening. God is always coming to his people. Advent is not a once for all event, but a forever happening. Our faith response, our hospitality, thereby becomes a vital factor in our Advent experience.

George A. Foster.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Advent

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

*** Ushers Seat Worshipers

PRELUD E "Prelude"—*Berlioz*

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit

***HYMN NO. 329**, "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

***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 known, 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

*"GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH," NO. 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. "Led My Lord"—*Brown* *Youth Choir*

11:00 A.M. "Sing My Soul, His Wondrous Love"—*Roren* *Chancel Choir*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION,

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

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 357, "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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," 830-10 *The Choir and People*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

BENEDICTION *Choral Amen*

POSTLUDE "Toccata"—*Berlioz*

CHAPEL WORSHIP

7:45 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.

PRELUDE "Psalm 42"—arr. Woodward

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

HYMN SERVICE, 360, 363, 3, 17

SPECIAL MUSIC *Youth Choir*

SERMON,

"THE ADVENT OF WHAT?" *Rev. Ben W. Curry*

ALTAR PRAYER TIME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Good Christmas Men Rejoice and Sing"—arr. Johnson

The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Charles F. Morris, Sr., by Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Morris, Jr.

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 *Church Pew*.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED— MIGRANT COFFEE

A benefit Coffee, sponsored by Church Women United, for migrant work, will be held at John Wesley Methodist Church on Friday, December 6, 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. This is an annual project to raise funds for Christmas gifts for migrant children and their families.

ADVENT WORSHIP IN THE HOME

Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent. Throughout the Children's Division of our Church School Advent wreaths will be lighted in preparation for celebration of the coming of the Christ. At the same time children will be bringing home paper suggesting services for families to have together each Sunday and on Christmas day. Many have found this to be a meaningful tradition. We suggest that if you have not done so that you begin this tradition in your home this year. Copies of worship suggestion will be found in the narthex.

SPARE PIANO AROUND?

Have you a piano in your house which you no longer use? Mrs. Garcia would be happy to use it in their home, 115 West Call. Telephone Church Office, 222-1120.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Brewer, Jr.,
205 North Meridian

Miss Erin Brewer,
514 West College Avenue

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Davis,
1716 Monticello Drive

Mr. and Mrs. Doug DeGood,
157-15 Herlong Drive

Mrs. Carson Dyal,
302 East Georgia Street, Apt. 3B

Mr. and Mrs. Julian W. Hamilton,
1948 Greenwood Drive

Mr. and Mrs. Halley B. Lewis, Jr.,
2215 Oxford Road

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Lux,
420 East Park, Apt. 32

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Myers,
1904 Sherwood Drive

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Pearce,
1809 Sharon Road

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Phillips,
2114 Jackson Bluff Road

Mr. and Mrs. N. Vick Robbins, III,
1408 Nylic

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Rotan, and Becky,
1552 Chuli Nene

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Scales,
224 Westminster

Mrs. Ben T. Waddill, Jr.,
1521 Coombs Drive

LAY STAFF

Walter James, *Director of Music*
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 Resident Custodians

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

Mr. Thomas Yon
Mrs. A. M. Middlebrooks
Mr. Emory Somerset
Mrs. Mildred Woods
Mrs. Myrtle Simpson
Mr. Earl Armstrong
(Known to be in the Medi-Center)

Mr. Jack Simmons
Mrs. John Cotton
Mr. H. J. Sharkey

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howe on the death
of her father, Mr. W. Z. Dantzler, of Wood-
ford, South Carolina, on November 19, 1968.

Dr. and Mrs. Orson Smith on the death
of his father, Mr. John O. Smith, Sr., on
November 23, 1968.

Congratulations and a Rose to:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franklin Darnell
on the birth of a son, Charles Franklin Darnell, Jr., born on November 9, 1968.

MOVIE

You are encouraged to plan to see the
film, "The Restless Ones," at the State
Theatre, December 4-10, 1968. Showings
will be 1:30-4:00, 4:00-6:30, 6:30-9:00
P.M. daily. Tickets may be purchased at
the church office (222-1120) for \$1.00.
This is a penetrating motion picture that
dares to provide an answer to youth's re-
lentless search for reality.

STRUGGLE GROUP

The Senior High members of the Strug-
gle Group resume meeting this week, De-
cember 6, at 7:00 A.M., in the Fellowship
Hall.

EVENING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Since September our youth program and
ministry has steadily increased in participation
and in activities for the young people.
We feel we have a wonderful educational and
spiritual opportunity here to lead our
youth in their growth and development. We
encourage parents and friends to bring their
young people on Sunday nights!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

A full schedule of Advent and Christmas
programs and events will be published in
the Bulletin for next Sunday.

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
4:00 P.M. Informal Recreation,
 Youth Center
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir
6:00 P.M. Youth Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:30 P.M. Youth Fellowship Evening Ses-
 sions: Jr. High, Room 212
 (next to parlor)
 Mid High (9th grade: Youth
 Center) (10th grade: Room
 330)
 Sr. High (11th-12th grades),
 Fellowship Hall
7:45 P.M. Evening Worship

Tuesday

10:30 A.M. WSCS Executive Board Meet-
 ing, Room 212
3:45-4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
4:30-5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Service
3:30 P.M. Tower Choir
4:30 P.M. Wesleyan Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 P.M. Scout Troop

Thursday

3:45 P.M. Carol Choir

Friday

7:00 A.M. Struggle Group will meet in
 Fellowship Hall

W.S.C.S.

The W.S.C.S. Board meeting will be held
in the Conference Room at 10:30 A.M.,
Tuesday, December 3.

The W.S.C.S. Luncheon will be at 12:00.
Everyone bring a sandwich. The church will
have tea and coffee. Instead of a General
meeting there will be a bus tour of areas
and projects of concern to us beginning at
12:30 and ending by 2:30. The bus tour
will cost \$1.00. Nursery provided.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Tallahassee District Conference will
meet at St. Paul's Methodist Church on
Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 A.M. to
4:00 P.M.

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Sermon Preview

"THE NEVER-ENDING KINGDOM"

"... and of his kingdom there shall be no end."
Luke 1:33

One of the more interesting features of the Gospel according to Luke is the collection of poems and songs surrounding the birth stories of Jesus. These include angelic Annunciations, the Magnificat of Mary and the Benedictus of Simeon.

The brief text is from the Annunciation to Mary, and is an angelic affirmation of triumph for the King who is to be born of Mary. This note of victory is sounded in all these songs. Indeed it is found throughout the New Testament. To read them brings joy to the heart of a Christian. In days of discouragement this note comes as a sound from heaven.

But has it proven so in history? Does God bring forth great things out of small beginnings? Does he turn defeat into victory? The survival value of the church and the spread of Christianity seem strongly to argue the affirmative.

But our final argument — both to our own faltering hearts and to the sceptical world — goes beyond history and finds its dimensions and its dynamic in the realm of faith. We carry an ultimate concern, and our dependence is upon an ultimate response.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Advent

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

***Worshipers May Be Seated

CAROLS — Trinity Hand Bell Ringers

PRELUDER “The Good Shepherd” *Benoit*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Choral Introit*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 55**, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

***INVOCATION** *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESION *The Minister*

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

O God, who in many and various ways spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets, and in these latter days hast spoken to us by thy Son, look with mercy upon us, we pray, and hear our prayers of confession. Thou hast spoken, but we, having ears, have not heard. Thou hast spoken and we have heard, but have not understood. Thou hast spoken and we have understood, but have not obeyed. Forgive us, O God, our dullness of mind and hardness of heart. Hold us in thy mercy, offer to us thy grace, continue thy true word to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

***THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 643**, “Behold, I Create”

***GLORIA PATRI**

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

ANTHEM

8:30 A.M. “The Baby Jesus”—*Pooler* *Carol and Tower Choirs*
11:00 A.M. “Love Everlasting”—*Arcadelt* *Chancel Choir*

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES *Luke 1:24-35*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

“Fidelis Servus” *Benoit*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 82, “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

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 NEVER-ENDING KINGDOM” *Dr. George A. Foster*

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 250**, “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Praise the Lord All the Earth” *Benoit*

ADVENT SERVICE IN STORY AND SONG

7:45 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.

"THE DIVINE MYSTERY"

by Llewelyn Gomer

Presented by

Chancel Choir and Robert Storey Class

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Fannie Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Julian V. Smith and family.

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 the *Grand Piano (Parlor)* and *Fifty Chapel Hymn Books*.

EVENING SERVICE

The Evening Service will be a special Advent Presentation telling a parable of Christmas under the theme of "The Divine Mystery," by Llewelyn Gomer. The true meaning of Christmas as the mystery of the Incarnation in a world of turmoil and distress.

ADDITIONAL ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas Drama by M.Y.F. — December 15.

Children's and Youth Choir Program — December 22, 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Holy Communion — 7:00 p.m.

Family Fellowship Dinner — December 18, 6:30 p.m.

BISHOP HENLEY NEXT SUNDAY

We are privileged to have Bishop James W. Henley visit us and preach for us at both Morning Services on next Sunday, December 15. Bishop Henley will be in the Tallahassee District over the week-end visiting in the parsonages of those pastors in their first year in the District.

SR. HIGH PROJECT

All Senior High and any interested adults are asked to bring canned goods, clothing or financial gifts during the next two Sundays for a Christmas basket for a "special family." They may be brought to M.Y.F. or left in the Church Office.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

The Council on Ministries will meet on Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 p.m., for supper and business.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Every man is invited to our December Ladies' Night dinner on Thursday, December 12, at 6:30, followed by a musical program with Owen Sellers, Cello; Thomas Wright, Piano; and Mrs. Virginia Englebright, Soprano, who will lead us in carol singing.

You may make reservations for yourself and guests at Church on Sunday.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The Administrative Board will meet on Tuesday, December 10, 8:00 p.m., for its regular monthly meeting.

GREEN STAMPS!

Several donations of Green Stamp books have gotten us underway to equip our Youth Center with recreational aids. We do need this equipment to maintain an adequate program for our youth. One book or some stamps from *each of you* can provide us with more than enough equipment. Mail them, leave them at the Church office, or drop them in the offering plate at Church.

FIRST EDITION OF KING JAMES BIBLE

We present to the congregation this Sunday a Facsimile print of the First Edition of the King James Bible. This fine Bible has been purchased from an accumulation of undesignated memorial gifts. Should any family or individual wish to give it as a memorial, the cost is \$125.00.

W.S.G.

The Wesleyan Service Guild Board meeting will be held in the Conference Room at 7:30 on December 11.

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Mr. Frank Glenn
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Mr. Emory Somerset
Mr. Robert Elmann
Mr. John Hankins
(Medi-Center)
Mrs. O. S. Kell

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. O. C. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Romulus Thompson on the death of a daughter and sister, Mrs. Maddys Easley, on November 2, 1968, in Pontiac, Michigan.

Mrs. Glen W. Cawthon on the death of her mother, Mrs. Wilson, on November 22, 1968, in Marianna, Florida.

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Monday, December 9, 1968

Circle 1—10:00 A.M.

 Mrs. Julian Smith, 333 Magnolia Drive
 Mrs. M. L. Ekwall

Circle 2—10:00 A.M.

 Mrs. C. A. Butterworth, Jr.
 2814 Vann Circle

Circle 3—3:00 P.M.

 Mrs. G. H. Beasley
 Mrs. C. A. Taylor, Youth Center

Circle 4—3:00 P.M.

 Mrs. Frank C. Pelot
 Mrs. Lois Garland, Youth Center

Circle 5—8:00 P.M.

 Mrs. Charles C. Yates, 1204 Gardenia Dr.

Tuesday, December 10, 1968

Circle 6—10:00 A.M.

 Mrs. H. E. Helton, 1143 Circle Dr.

Circle 7—10:00 A.M.

 Trip to Vashti — meet at Mrs. Mary Ed Steinmeyer

Circle 8—10:00 A.M.

 Mrs. Theo C. Couch, 709 Piedmont Dr.

Circle 9—10:00 A.M.

 Mrs. Ed Walker, 825 Live Oak Plantation

Circle 10—10:00 A.M.

 Mrs. Howell Wadsworth, 519 E. 6th Ave.

Circle 11—10:00 A.M.

 Mrs. Robert White

 Mrs. John Alexander, Church Parlor

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 Youth Center
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir
6:00 P.M. Youth Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:30 P.M. Youth Fellowship Evening Sessions:
 All Youth will meet in Fellowship Hall
7:45 P.M. Evening Worship

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4:30-5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

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7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 P.M. Scout Troop
7:30 P.M. W.S.G. Board Meeting in the Conference Room

Thursday

3:45 P.M. Carol Choir

Friday

7:00 A.M. Struggle Group will meet in Fellowship Hall

INFANT BAPTISMS:

Robert Marcus Trousdell and Tara Lynne Trousdell, children of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Trousdell, on November 10, 1968.

Karen Lea Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Wilson, on November 10, 1968.

Kimberly Janelle Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Phillips on November 24, 1968.

Marcia Kay Robbins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Vick Robbins, III, on November 24, 1968.

W.S.C.S. — CIRCLE 7

Circle 7 will meet at the home of Mrs. F. E. Steinmeyer, III, 609 Middlebrook Circle, Tuesday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. Please remember that the circle is going to Thomasville to Vashti School and bring your Christmas gifts for the two girls —8th and 9th grade.

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Sermon Preview

BISHOP HENLEY TO PREACH

We are pleased to have Bishop James W. Henley preach for us at both our Morning Services this Sunday. He will be in the Tallahassee District over the week end making annual visits to parsonage families in the first year of their appointment to their respective charges.

Bishop Henley is in his ninth year as overseer of the Florida area. Until recently this area included Cuba, and now includes the Florida Conference, Central Jurisdiction, and all former E.U.B. Churches in Florida. During the administrative leadership of Bishop Henley the Florida Conference has grown to approximately 300,000 members, its churches have expended millions of dollars in capital funds, raised very large sums for missions, and achieved a notable record in its work with Cuban exiles in Dade county and elsewhere. Also under his leadership the area office was moved from Jacksonville to Lakeland where other Conference offices and Florida Southern College are located.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Advent

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

***Worshipers May Be Seated

PRELUD E "Prelude" *Titcomb*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Choral Introit*

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

***INVOCATION** *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESSION *The Minister*

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

O God, who ever dost offer thyself in love and mercy to thy children upon the earth, come now among us, we pray, and hear the confessions we make. For judgment thou comest, but we, in pride, consider that we know already. In healing thou comest, but we, though ill, think we are well. In redeeming love thou comest, but we though lost and lone, think to save ourselves. Forgive, we pray, save and restore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

***THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 609**, "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

***GLORIA PATRI**

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

ANTHEM

8:30 A.M. "Before the Paling of the Stars"—*Boda* *Youth and Wesley Choirs*
11:00 A.M. "The White Dove"—*Brahms* *Chancel Choir*

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES *Luke 1:24-35*

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

8:30 A.M. "Celestia" *Wood*
11:00 A.M. Hymn Anthem, "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"—*Owen* *Chancel Choir*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 358, "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

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 *Bishop James W. Henley*

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 397**, "As with Gladness Men of Old"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Nyland" *Wood*

EVENING WORSHIP

7:45 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

"A CHILD IS BORN"

A Modern Drama of the Nativity

by

Stephen Vincent Benet

Presented by

Members of the Youth Fellowship

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are for the wedding of Miss Lanya Gayle Strickland to Mr. James Sherman today at 3:00 P.M.

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 the *Crystal Chandeliers (Parlor)* and the *Silver Service (Parlor)*.

APPRECIATION

Our sincere appreciation to all those who presented the Cantata, "The Divine Mystery," by Gomer, on last Sunday. The presentation was impressive and worshipful. Attendance by our people was improved in members over recent past services, and all seemed happy in the experience.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS

Our Children and Youth Choirs will present a Christmas Service on next Sunday at 5:00 P.M. Please note the earlier hour.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Our Annual Christmas Family Fellowship Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 P.M. Except for special guests this is a covered dish Dinner. Bring the entire family.

ONE-HALF CONFERENCE YEAR COMPLETED

We are past the half-way mark in the Annual Conference year. December is for us the best month for budget payments. We count on income during December to help us in making larger payments on our building debts.

EVENING SERVICE

The Evening Service will be a modern dramatic reading of the Nativity, entitled, "A Child Is Born." It points out the futility of mankind's renunciation of God's purpose for us in life in favor of materialistic pursuits and ambitions. We ask you to support, by your presence, our youth in their endeavor to bring a word to you at this Advent season!

EVENING YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Due to the evening worship services for December 15 and 22, there will be no regular meeting of the M.Y.F. for the next two weeks. The youth do plan to go caroling on Sunday night, December 22, after the choir program. More information will be made available in next week's bulletin regarding the caroling. We encourage all youth and their parents to attend the evening worship services for the Advent season!

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION

A Service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in our Sanctuary on Tuesday, December 24, at 7:30 P.M. The minister and members of First Presbyterian Church will participate in this service with us.

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Mr. John Hankins
Mrs. Joelyn Wheat
Ernestine Chesley

Congratulations and a Rose to:

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Grow, Jr., on the birth of a son, William Barron Grow, born on December 5, 1968.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Circle 1 of Wesleyan Service Guild will meet Monday, December 16, at 7:30, at the home of Miss Gladys McFarlin, 210 W. Ridge Drive.

Circle 2 of Wesleyan Service Guild will meet Monday, December 16, at the home of Mrs. Inez Yent, 1657 Fernando Drive. Mrs. Blannie Gallagher will be the speaker.

Circle 3 of Wesleyan Service Guild will meet Monday, December 16, at 7:30, in the Church Parlor, with Mrs. Irene Todd and Mrs. Verde Yon as co-hostesses. Speaker will be Mrs. Marie Bower.

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
4:00 P.M. Informal Recreation,
 Youth Center
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir
7:45 P.M. Evening Worship

Tuesday

3:45-4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
4:30-5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Service
3:30 P.M. Tower Choir
4:30 P.M. Wesleyan Choir
6:30 P.M. Christmas Family Fellowship
 Dinner

Thursday

3:45 P.M. Carol Choir

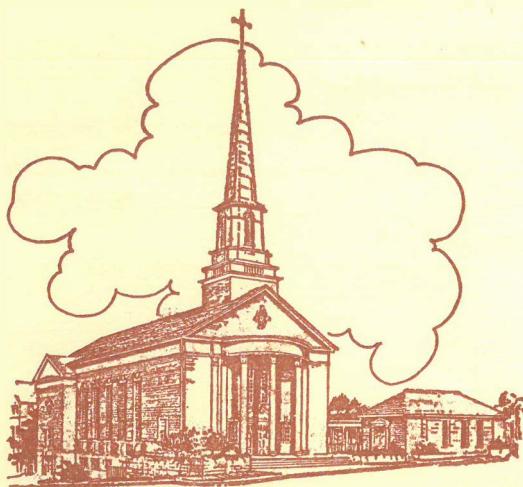
Friday

7:00 A.M. Struggle Group will meet in Fellowship Hall

CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO BE ORGANIZED

Confirmation classes for Sixth Grade boys and girls and for Junior High and Senior High young people will be organized during January. Parents are requested to cooperate with us in leading members of their families to Christian decision and to enrollment in these classes.

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Sermon Preview

"THE LIGHT SHINES IN DARKNESS"

"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:4 and 5 (RSV).

The Prologue to the Gospel of John serves as a kind of overture to the Gospel and introduces the grand themes which are to be sounded over and over again in this great work. The major theme is life, the life that is in Christ and the life that he gives to his followers. Among the metaphors of life so richly used by the evangelist is the very old one of light. One of the more interesting combinations of concept and symbol is in our text.

The last verb of the text is variously translated: "comprehended it not" (KJV); "apprended it not" (ASV); "has not overcome it" (RSV). Goodspeed make the last sentence to read, "The Light is still shining in the darkness, for the darkness has never put it out."

This Light must first be regarded as Christ himself, even as he said, "I am the light of the world." The sermon will affirm that all the world's darkness has not put out this light.

This Christ has also said to his followers, "You are the light of the world," and has bidden us, "Let your light so shine." The sermon will hold up the glorious possibility of our becoming illumined persons through the grace of Christ.

George A. Foster

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NURSERIES IN TRINITY HALL ARE OPEN DURING ALL SERVICES

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Advent

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

***Worshipers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "What Star Is This With Beams So Bright?" *Wyton*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Choral Introit*

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

***INVOCATION** *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESION *The Minister*

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

O God, who in the beginning said, "Let there be light," and who in later times sent forth One to be Light of the World, let thy great love dwell in our hearts that we, too, may let our light shine before men. Thou hast set before us a plain path, but we have chosen devious ways. Thou hast offered us an illumined way, but we have preferred darkness to light. Thou hast given us thy Son to be our Savior, and we have turned him away. Be thou merciful to us, we beseech thee, forgive us, restore us and keep us in 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. 612**, "Magnificat"

***GLORIA PATRI**

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

ANTHEM

8:30 A.M. Introit—"A Great and Mighty Wonder"—*Fetler* *Chancel Choir*

11:00 A.M. Anthem—"Lo, the Messiah"—*Castelnuovo-Tedesco* *Chancel Choir*

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES John 1:1-19

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

Anthem—"On a Winter's Night"—*Cronham* *Chancel Choir*

***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 LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS" *Dr. George A. Foster*

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 397**, "As With Gladness, Men of Old"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Carillon" *Purvis*

CHRISTMAS VESPERS

"With Shepherds and Angels Rejoicing"

5:00 P.M. — Patio

Children and Youth Choirs

Director

Mrs. Virginia Englebright

The Chancel flowers this Sunday are placed by the Administrative Board and ushers to the Glory of God and in memory of members and former members of these groups deceased during the year: George G. (Doc) Crawford, A. F. Phillips, Charles D. (Bunny) Stephens, and Robert D. Binger.

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 the *Crystal Chandeliers (Parlor)* and the *Silver Service (Parlor)*.

CHRISTMAS VESPERS

The Christmas Program presented this Sunday at 5:00 P.M. by our Children and Youth Choirs will take the place of the regular service at 7:45 P.M.

YOUTH GO CAROLLING

Our youth group will go carolling after the Christmas Program, leaving the Church by bus at 6:30 P.M. They will end their carolling tour at the Wesley Foundation, where gifts will be exchanged and where parents will pick them up at 9:45 P.M.

OUR APPRECIATION AT CHRISTMAS

To our young people for their fine presentation of Benet's "A Child Is Born" on last Sunday evening.

To all our Choir members for their constant faithfulness and for extra work at Christmas time.

To all our ushers and acolytes for their faithfulness and efficiency at our Services.

WE STUDY THE GOSPEL

The Council of Ministries will sponsor a study of the Gospel of John on four Sunday evenings, 6:30 P.M., beginning on January 5. Concurrent studies for all age groups are planned, following a family snack supper at 6:00 P.M. In addition to this study the pastors plan several sermons from the Gospel of John.

FAMILY CHOIR FOR SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Following a custom of several years our choir for the Sunday after Christmas will be a Family Choir — fathers, mothers, children. Their special music will be familiar carols. Please meet at 10:30 A.M. on Sunday for rehearsals.

NO STRUGGLE GROUP THIS WEEK

The Struggle Group will omit Friday, December 27, and will resume on Friday, January 3, 7:00 A.M.

To All Trinity Members
Our Greetings and Appreciation at Christmas Time
The Church Staff

LAY STAFF

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CHURCH FAMILY

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

Mrs. Catherine Butler
Mrs. Ruth Parramore
Mrs. Ernestine Chesley
Mrs. Wm. T. Cogswell, Sr.
Mr. John Hankins

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday

8:30 A.M.	Early Morning Worship
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9:45 A.M.	Church School for all ages
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
4:00 P.M.	Informal Recreation, Youth Center
5:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
6:30 P.M.	Youth Caroling

WELCOME HOME, STUDENTS

Many students from our Church and its families who attend college elsewhere are home for the holidays. We welcome them home and wish for all of them happy holidays.

REMEMBERING THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Please remember the Florida Methodist Children's Home this Sunday and next. Make checks payable to Trinity Methodist Church and mark on check or envelope a special designation for Children's Home.

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

Our next regular reception of members is scheduled for Sunday, January 19.

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION

The Minister and members of First Presbyterian Church will join us in a service of Holy Communion on Tuesday, December 24, at 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

The Wednesday Morning Chapel Prayer Service, not held on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, will be resumed on Wednesday, January 8.

HELP YOUTH CENTER

We are still receiving Green Stamps toward equipment for the Youth Center, but we need more substantial financial aid. We need a volley ball net and ball, a basketball, ping pong equipment and table games. Mark your contribution "Youth Center."

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Sermon Preview

“THE AFTERMATH OF CHRISTMAS”

“Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Luke 18-17

Christmas has come and gone. New Year's approaches and we continue to face more celebration. Some of us attempt to settle down to some normalcy in the routine of our lives. But what has Christmas meant to us?

This question is simple enough. But it has profound meaning and implication for the Christian. The remnants of Christmas shall tremendously convey who we are and what we do in the year ahead. This sermon will attempt to survey what we have felt and experienced as a result of the holidays. We will look to see, as a result of this survey, what this means in our lives. May the possibilities of the continuing splendor of Christmas touch us enough to carry it throughout the New Year!

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Christmastide

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

*** Worshipers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Prelude"

Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 391**, "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

***INVOCATION** *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESSION *The Minister*

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

O God, giver of every good and perfect gift, forgive, we beseech thee, our misusings of thy good gifts, opportunities neglected, half-truths accepted, quick judgments made, hasty words spoken. Forgive us for our inability to express the continuing splendor of Christmas in our lives. Thou hast given us thy Son. Let the light of thy truth and the flame of thy love burn in us always to the cleansing and strengthening of our lives this New Year; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

***THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 584**, "Light Dawns for the Righteous"

***GLORIA PATRI**

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

ANTHEM

Family Choir *Walter Britt will lead the Choir*

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Luke 18:1-17

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"Pastoral" from Le Prolugue de Jesus *arr. Clokey*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 356, "Be Thou My Vision"

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 AFTERMATH OF CHRISTMAS" *Rev. Ben W. Curry*

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 406**, "Heralds of Christ"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here" *Pachelbel*

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

7:45 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.

Chapel

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY

Several of our college students will participate in this contemporary service of worship.

THEME: "God's People in Mission"

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are from the Saturday, December 28, 1968, wedding of Miss Jean Lett to Mr. Bert Messer.

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 the Stage Curtain (Fellowship Hall) and a Pair of Silver Candelabra (Parlor).

APPRECIATION FROM STAFF

Members of the Church staff express their sincere appreciation to the Trinity members for their thoughtfulness and kindness over the holidays.

LAST CHANCE FOR 1968

The approach of the end of 1968 reminds us all that Income Tax returns will soon be due, and that deductible contributions must be made within the year. We count greatly on heavy income at this time of year for our Budget needs, especially for payments on our building debt.

OUR APPRECIATION

Our sincere appreciation to all of those — children, youth, adults, staff, choir, ushers, parishioners, everybody—who have worked in our series of Advent and Christmas programs and events.

RICHARD MILK WORK FUND

Total receipts on the Richard Milk Work Fund are now \$1,550.00. Our appreciation again to our people for their generosity and cooperation.

MISSION STUDY FOR JANUARY

Four Sunday evenings of special study, preceded by a Family Snack Supper (50¢), are scheduled for January, beginning next Sunday, January 5. The adult group will study the Gospel of John, course to be led by Dr. and Mrs. Foster. Classes and teachers for other units will be announced.

FIFTH SUNDAY CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERING

This fifth Sunday brings special requests for contributions to the Florida Methodist Children's Home. The Church School offering on fifth Sundays regularly goes to the Children's Home. Additional gifts are needed. Please make checks payable to Trinity Methodist Church and designate for Children's Home.

BISHOP'S CONVOCATION FOR LAYMEN

The Annual Bishop's Convocation for Laymen has been divided into three sections. The Convocation for our area is scheduled for Jacksonville Civic Auditorium, Sunday, January 19, 7:00 P.M. Interested? We hope to have 25 men in attendance.

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CHURCH FAMILY

Note: Since this Bulletin has been prepared for more than a week preceding this Sunday, the Hospital list would be out of date and is therefore omitted.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Dr. and Mrs. Gifford Hale and family on the death of her father, Mr. E. J. Peder sen, on December 18, 1968, in Largo, Florida.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes are planned for the months of February and March, meeting on eight Sundays and four Saturdays. Parents are requested to cooperate with pastors and teachers in leading our boys and girls to Christian Commitment and enrollment in these classes.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

The Wednesday Morning Chapel Prayer Service will not be held this week. We will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 8.

STRUGGLE GROUP

The Struggle Group will resume its meeting this week on Friday, January 8, at 7:00 A.M. We are studying the Books of *Acts*.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday

8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
9:00 A.M. Church Broadcast (1270)
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11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Informal Recreation,
 Youth Center
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir
6:00 P.M. Youth Supper, Fellowship Hall
6:30 P.M. Youth Fellowship Evening Ses-
 sions: Jr. High, Room 212
 (next to parlor)
 Middle High, 9th grade,
 Youth Center; 10th grade,
 Room 330
7:45 P.M. Sr. High, Room 404
 Evening Worship

Monday

6:00 P.M. W.S.C.S. Family Night Sup-
 per for International Students

Tuesday

3:45-4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
4:30-5:30 P.M. Bell Choir

Wednesday

3:30 P.M. Tower Choir
4:30 P.M. Wesleyan Choir

Thursday

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