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Sermon Preview

COMMUNION MEDITATION

"YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!"

Once when a lawyer who made many public speeches asked me how preachers could find something to speak about so frequently I replied, "It's a matter of finding fresh ways to say the same things over and over." Thus the liturgical year rolls around and brings us to Advent where we start over with the "old, old story of Jesus and his love." Those of us who know the story "by heart," love to tell it; and some, even among those who know it best, seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

The Apostles — the sent ones — were instructed to "go and tell." Jesus was constantly telling those whose lives he had touched to "go and tell." This is the nature of the Gospel; it cannot be contained; it bursts forth in joyful witness to all mankind.

No one who takes upon himself the privilege of declaring the Gospel need ever run out of something to say. A sermon is not a lecture or simply an address: it is proclamation, it is message, it is good news.

The Service of Holy Communion is essentially celebration, celebration of the mighty act of God in Christ, and for each of us celebration of our own discovery and understanding of this great event.

George A. Foster

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NURSERIES IN TRINITY HALL ARE OPEN DURING MORNING SERVICES

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Advent

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Overture" to *Night of Wonder* *Kirk*

CALL TO WORSHIP "Lift Up Your Heads" *Choral Introit*

***HYMN NO. 341**, "Jesus! The Name High Over All"

***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 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A Christmas Cantata *Chancel Choir*

✓ "Night of Wonder"—*Theron Kirk*

1. On Christmas Night
2. In the Winter Heaven
Dorothy Palmer, Alto soloist
3. As Dew in April
4. I Saw a Fair Maiden
Majel Barrett, Soprano soloist
5. The Carol of the Shepherds
6. Ringing, Ringing
7. Alleluia

20 minutes

THE COMMUNION MEDITATION,

"YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!" *Dr. George A. Foster*

COMMUNION HYMN NO. 83, "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned"

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 "I Sing the Birth" from *Night of Wonder* *Kirk*

ADVENT SERVICE

7:45 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

A Family Service

COLOR FILM: "The Coming of the Stranger"

A thought-provoking Christmas parable about an isolated village, unchanged for generations and maintaining traditions without understanding them.

Advent Songs

Nursery Provided

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

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*.

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper at both our Morning Services this Sunday.

SR. HIGH CHURCH SCHOOL

The Senior Highs, 10th through 12th grades, will meet in the Chapel for Church School this Sunday at 9:45 A.M. Selection for new winter courses will be made.

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

New members will be received into our Church next Sunday at the close of the Eleven O'Clock Service. Please let us know this Sunday if you wish to be included.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes must be organized earlier in January than usual. The largest class will be for Sixth Grade boys and girls. Parents and teachers are requested to co-operate with pastors in leading boys and girls to Christian choice and enlistment.

END OF YEAR BUDGET NEEDS

December is usually our biggest month in the matter of contributions to the Church. This December must be no exception. The Annual Conference Year has been changed to correspond to the calendar year, and all our churches are being urged to "pay out in full" by December 20.

SPECIAL GIFTS TO CHURCH

You may designate your gift to a special budget item, such as the building debt or the Milk Fund. There are also many non-budgeted needs toward which you may designate your gifts. These include the Florida Methodist Children's Home, Florida Southern College, or any approved Advance Special.

BIG PROJECT FOR A SPECIAL GIFT

Our Nursery Rooms need complete refurbishing and furnishing. This would be a splendid project for a special gift. A minimum of \$1,000.00 is needed, and \$2,000.00 could be well expended on this project.

WSCS MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER

December 8 — 10:00 A.M.:

Circle 1 with Mrs. Julian V. Smith, 333 S. Magnolia Dr.

Circle 2 with Mrs. Ledley Brown, 1407 Randolph Circle.

— 3:00 P.M.:

Circles 3 and 4 with Mrs. Aubrey Morse, Mrs. J. M. Garland, Mrs. R. T. Hemphill, Mrs. C. R. Gaines in the Church Parlor.

— 8:00 P.M.:

Circle 5 with Mrs. Griffith T. Pugh, 710 S. Ride.

December 9 — 10:00 A.M.:

Circle 6 with Mrs. Jonathan Bliss, 502 Glenview.

Circle 7 with Mrs. Eaton Burr and Mrs. Lula Mulligan at 633 Beard St.

Circle 8 with Mrs. Theo Couch at 709 Piedmont Dr.

Circle 9 with Mrs. William Macklin at 1107 Terrace St.

Circle 10 with Mrs. Earl W. Armstrong, at 2100 Ridgetop.

— 9:30 A.M.:

Circle 11 with Mrs. Rodney Anderson in the Church Parlor.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Circle 1 will meet in the Church Parlor, December 8, at 7:30 P.M. — Mrs. Elizabeth McLean and Mrs. Minnie Croy, hostesses.

Circle 2 will meet with Mrs. Inez Yent, 1657 Fernando Dr., December 8, at 8:30 P.M., Mrs. Louise Fitzgerald, co-hostess.

Circle 3 will meet with Mrs. Matilda Douglas, 1228 N. Duval, December 8, at 7:30 P.M.

FLORENCE CLEMONS CLASS

The Florence Clemons Class will meet with Mrs. Claudia Barber, 577 E. Call St., on Saturday, December 6, at 3:00 P.M., for their Christmas meeting.

STAFF

Walter James, *Director of Music*
Mrs. Walter James, *Organist*
and *Associate Director of Music*
Mrs. C. A. Butterworth, Jr.,
Director of Christian Education

Mrs. Harry Miley, *Membership*
and *Financial Secretary*
Mrs. Linda M. Durbin,
Church Secretary
Mr. Gaston Corbett, *Church Custodian*

CHURCH FAMILY

Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mrs. Harry J. Adams and family on the death of her husband, Col. Harry J. Adams, of Tallahassee, on November 24, 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Butterworth, Jr., on the death of his mother, Mrs. Florence S. Butterworth, of Kings Mt., N. C., on November 26, 1969.

Infant Baptism:

Brett Christopher Cureton, son of David Dixon Cureton and Martha Rasor Cureton, on Sunday, November 30, 1969.

Congratulations and a Rose to:

Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. (Jane Daniel) Parsons on the birth of a son, Joshua Hight Daniel, on November 18, 1969.

SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

We will share each week a serviceman who we know is connected with our Church family. Remember him in your prayers and write to him this week! Let him know his church cares.

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ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

The Administrative Board will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 8:00 P.M.

YOUTH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting of the Youth Council will be December 16, Tuesday, 7:30 P.M., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fritchman, 637 Stiles Ave. All members are to attend!

SENIOR HIGHS

All eleventh and twelfth graders are invited to attend the weekly fellowship meetings on Mondays at 8:00 P.M. The group informally gathers in the Youth Center, and they encourage those not now coming to join them.

MIDDLE HIGHS

Ninth and tenth graders meet for discussion on Sunday nights at 6:30 o'clock after a Snack Supper. Counselors are the Robert Palmers and Tommy Roberts. All middle highs plan to attend!

CHANGE IN REHEARSAL

The full cast and choir rehearsal scheduled for Sunday at 2 P.M. (Dec. 7) will be a rehearsal for full cast only. The choirs will not need to come for this rehearsal.

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
Carol Choir, 1-2 grades
Recreation, Youth Center
4:00 P.M. Jr. Hi MYF, 7-8 grades,
Room 332
Altar Choir, 9-12 grades
6 Grade Recreation,
Youth Center
6:00 P.M. Snack Supper
6:30 P.M. Chapel Choir, 6-8 grades
Mid-Hi MYF, 9-10 grades,
Room 332
7:45 P.M. Evening Worship Service,
Chapel

Monday

- 3:00 P.M. WSCS Circles 3 and 4
(see announcement)
7:30 P.M. WSC, Circles 1, 2, 3
(see announcement)
8:00 P.M. Sr. Hi MYF, Youth Center

Tuesday

- 3:30 P.M. Wesleyan Singers, 3-5 grades
6:00 P.M. Council on Ministries
8:00 P.M. Administrative Board

Wednesday

- 10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Group,
Chapel
3:30 P.M. Tower Handbell Choir
6:30 P.M. Trinity Handbell Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
Troop 107, Scout House

Thursday

- 10:00 A.M. Church Women United Board
Meeting, Conference Room

Saturday

- 1:00 P.M. Dress rehearsal for *Raphael*
the *Herald Angel*

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Houglin were in attendance at the International, Interracial and Interdenominational Prayer Fellowship Council meeting at Lake Junaluska, N. C., during the Thanksgiving weekend. Rev. Houglin is a member of the Council Board.

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Sermon Preview

"FOR JUDGMENT HE COMES"

"For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind." John 9:39.

In our celebration of Advent we are very apt to emphasize its joy and wholly neglect its judgment. Thus we keep it more emotional and less theological, soon passing through its days with no residue of renewal, no fresh deposit of depth, no new sense of sin. This sermon is intended as an effort to keep the element of judgment near the center of our understanding of our Lord's coming.

Jesus says it himself in the text from John, and adds that this judgment will radically alter man's view of himself and his world, destroying too ready confidence in man's way and opening the eyes of the humble.

It is especially appropriate this Advent that we remember judgment. Whether we are open to judgment or not, prevailing conditions among us seem to call down upon us the very wrath of God. If we are "one nation, under God," surely this must mean "under the judgment of God." In this all mankind seems to be under the same judgment.

It is a sound principle, supported by both theology and psychology, that judgment and redemption go together, the latter not possible without the former. The physician's diagnosis and the patient's acceptance are prerequisite to proper therapy.

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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 "Christmas Chorale" *Pachelbel*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Choral Introit*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 77**, "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

***INVOCATION** *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESSION *The Minister*

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

O God, who dost ever send thy Son Jesus Christ to bring judgment and offer redemption to men, we submit our lives to thy testing and open ourselves to thy mercy. When Christ draws near we know our unworthiness. When his words are spoken we know his redeeming truth is not in us. When his love is made manifest, we know hatred lives in us still. When his power is offered, we know our weakness. Be thou merciful to us, O God, we humbly beseech thee, forgiving our sins, restoring our health, and granting us peace, 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**, "Benedictus"

***GLORIA PATRI**

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

ANTHEM

8:30 A.M. "Calypso Noel"—*Krunnfusz* *Altar Choir*
Claves — *Steve Ekwall*

Tmm tmm tmm, Tmm tmm tmm

Sing we Noel, sing we Joyously Noel!

Joyously sing of the news we have to tell!

Born to us in the little village of Bethlehem on this day,

Is the little Chirst Child so pure and holy;

He's sleeping there in the hay.

Poor little Baby, no other place was found,

Except in a manger with cows and sheep around.

Yet the glory of this wee Baby was sung by angels so fair;

There were Wise Men and shepherds to give Him honor

And bring him presents so rare.

11:00 A.M. "Hosanna, Blessed Is He That Comes"—*arr. Margetson* *Chancel Choir*

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES John 9:24-41

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," *arr. Griffith* *Choir*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 36, "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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

"FOR JUDGMENT HE COMES" *Dr. George A. Foster*

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

BENEDICTION *Choral Amen*

POSTLUDE "Christians, Sing Out With Exultation" *Van Hulse*

CHRISTMAS PLAY

5:00 P.M.

— Sanctuary

Raphael, The Herald Angel

Featuring

All Choirs

And Others

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 *Chapel Narthex Table*, and *The Portrait of Dr. James (Chapel)*.

NEW MEMBERS THIS SUNDAY

We are pleased to receive several new members into our Church this Sunday at the close of the Eleven O'Clock Service. Following the Service we will have an opportunity to greet these new friends in Fellowship Hall. Names and addresses of these new families will be in the Bulletin for December 21.

ILLNESS OF DR. RICHARD MILK

According to our most recent information Dr. Milk is slowly recovering from a heart attack suffered on November 18. He and Mrs. Milk may be reached by mail at this address: Apartado Postal 21-956, Mexico 21, D.F., Mexico.

THE RICHARD MILK OFFERING

Through last Sunday we have received \$1,543 on the Special Milk Fund Offering. This offering is expected to reach \$1,800-\$2,000 as contributions continue to come in. Although Dr. Milk's illness will incapacitate him for three months his and his family's support by the Board of Missions must continue.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

We count on December End-of-Year contributions for a large portion of our Annual Budget. Since Annual Conference has gone on a Calendar Year basis, we are being called on to "pay out in full" in December rather than in June. The U. S. Internal Revenue Service is still generous in deductions allowed for gifts to your church.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Many of our people appreciate the opportunity to make a Special Christmas Offering. This includes regular contributors and some who respond only to occasional calls. You may designate your Christmas Offering for: The Milk Fund, Children's Home, The Budget, or to your own selection.

YOUTH GO CAROLING

Our entire youth group will go caroling next Sunday evening after the "Symbols of Christmas" presentation. We'll "wind up" with a country bonfire and the exchange of small gifts.

WSCS MEETING

You are invited to identify and join with one of the interest groups on Action Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 10:00 A.M., Fellowship Hall. The groups are: 1) Bible Study led by Mrs. George Foster, 2) Visiting Shut-ins, new members, and others, and 3) Work on W.S.C.S. Banner.

SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

We will share each week a serviceman who we know is connected with our Church family. Remember him in your prayers and write to him this week! Let him know his church cares.

Sp.4 T. W. Derzypolski

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YOUTH: CHURCH SCHOOL

All 10-12 graders who missed registering for winter courses are asked to see the secretary on the 4th floor before going to a class. Registration of classes is limited, and you need to check with her for courses available.

ACOLYTES

Our thanks to the young men who served as acolytes during November: Mike Cawthon, Joel Adcock, Durward Brewer, Mike Williams, Greg Brewer.

The acolytes for December are: David Smith, John Wilkison, Bryan Wright, Curt Simmons and Byard Mowell.

NEWS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

On Monday night, Dec. 15, the combined Gleaners' and Koinonia Sunday School Class will have a covered dish supper in Fellowship Hall, at 7:00 P.M. All members of the combined class are urged to participate.

The Dimensions Sunday School Class will have their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Ruth McInvale, 921 Maplewood Ave., Saturday, Dec. 13, at 5:30 P.M.

MYF THIS WEEK

Due to the family vesper service, NO 7-8, 9-10 grade MYF meetings will be held this Sunday night. The 11-12 graders will meet on Monday night.

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CHURCH FAMILY

Our Circle of Concern
(Known to be in TMH)
Mrs. Ivah Shelley
Mrs. Clara E. Reeves
Dr. H. A. Curtis

Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. Fred Tyler and Mrs. L. W. Bowyer
on the death of their father, Mr. W. T.
Wathen, on Dec. 7, 1969.

Congratulations and a Rose to:

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Morse on the birth
of a daughter, Elizabeth Ardith, on Novem-
ber 21, 1969.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Ben Smith, son of
Dr. and Mrs. Orson Smith, and David Hel-
ton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert E. Helton,
upon receiving the Eagle Scout Award.

YOUTH COUNCIL

The monthly meeting will be on this
Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7:30 P.M., at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fritchman, 637 Stiles
Ave. All members are asked to attend.

YOUTH BASKETBALL TEAM

Many of our teenagers have expressed an
interest in a basketball team, sponsored by
Trinity. Any young man between the ages
of 16 and 18 or 13 and 15, please see Mr.
Curry and sign up to play competitively in a
general league.

YOUTH GROW IN SIZE

A noticeable increase in interest and size
has occurred with evening youth fellowship
groups. We think it is the result of excel-
lent leadership and good programs. If you
are not attending, you are missing out on
something significant in your life. Why
not attend your MYF group!

CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

Our annual Christmas Family Night will
be a very special occasion this year. Stu-
dents staying at the International House at
First Presbyterian Church have been invited
to be our guests and to share in the program
for that night. This is to be a covered dish
supper on Monday, December 22, at 6:30
P.M. Mark your calendar, prepare extra
food for our guests, and help make this a
very festive occasion.

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
Carol Choir, 1-2 grades
3:00 P.M. Cast assemble in costumes and
make-up
4:00 P.M. All choirs assemble in robes
5:00 P.M. Vesper Service, Christmas Play

Monday

- 7:00 P.M. Covered dish supper
(See announcement)
8:00 P.M. Sr. Hi MYF, Youth Center

Tuesday

- 10:00 A.M. WSCS Action Tuesday
(See announcement)
3:30 P.M. Wesleyan Singers, 3-5 grades
7:30 P.M. Youth Council Meeting

Wednesday

- 10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Group,
Chapel
12:00 Noon Felkel-Steinmeyer Class
luncheon
Chancel Choir

Thursday

- 6:15 P.M. Methodist Men's Ladies' Night
(See announcement)

FRIENDS ARE INVITED

to attend the wedding and reception
of
Leslye Jean Odum
and
David McMullan Fuller
Saturday, Dec. 20, 1969
at high noon

FINAL REHEARSAL

... for "Raphael, the Herald Angel" at
1:00 P.M. on Saturday, Dec. 13. Dress re-
hearsal for the cast. All choirs be present
at this time also.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP LADIES' NIGHT

Our Christmas dinner and music program
will be on this Thursday, December 18, at
6:15 P.M. Everyone is invited. Please make
your reservations on the coupon below.

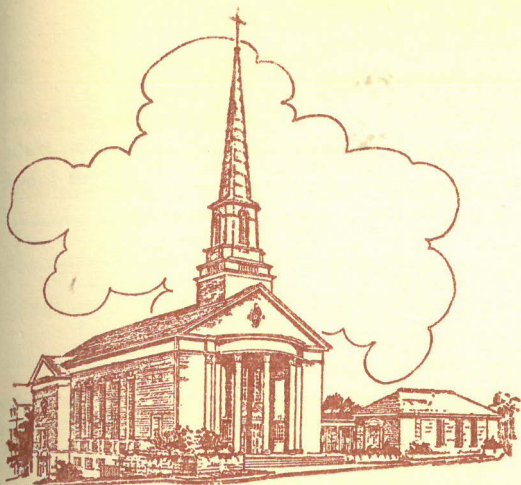
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"FEAR NOT, FOR BEHOLD!"

"Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10.

The earthly sojourn of our Lord both begins and ends with the angelic admonition, "Fear not." That this word of encouragement to earthlings is heaven sent should be of great significance to us. In the annunciation of our Lord's birth and in the declaration of his resurrection this great word brackets the earthly ministry of Jesus.

And in between what a life of fearlessness he lived! Conscientious as he was of the presence and care of his Heavenly Father, his life among men was one of courage beyond heroic dimensions. This he carried all the way to the cross.

Moreover in his upbuilding and guidance of his "little flock," his constant care was that they be relieved of fears and anxieties, and be always of good cheer, even in the shadow of his Cross.

Indeed according to the New Testament, the real opposite of faith is not doubt, but fear.

George A. Foster

TO ALL TRINITY MEMBERS

Our Greetings and Appreciation at Christmas Time
THE PASTORS AND LAY STAFF

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Oh, Rejoice Ye Christians Loudly" *Van Hulse*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Choral Introit*

***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, who in the fulness of time didst send forth thy Son upon the earth to make known thy love to men, send now thy grace upon us, we pray, that we may be prepared to receive thy great Word. Forgive us that though knowing we have not heeded thy words. Forgive us that though seeing the way of life we have not walked in it. Forgive us that though receiving thy great gift of love we have not been ready to accept it. Forgive us that though speaking words of love we have not matched them with deeds. Continue, we humbly beseech thee, thy care of us, and when we forget thee, do not thou forget 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. 612**, "The Magnificat"

***GLORIA PATRI**

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

ANTHEM

"A Great and Mighty Wonder"—*Fetler* *Chancel Choir*
Trumpets: Dr. Sam Moorer, Steve James

A great and mighty wonder this joyful feast-day brings;
The Virgin bears the Infant, our Lord, and King of Kings.
The Word becomes incarnate, descending from on high;
And cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky.
And we with them triumphant repeat the hymn again,
To God on high be glory, and peace on earth to men!

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Luke 2:1-20

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"Jesu! Thou Dear Babe Divine"—*Dickinson* *Chancel Quartet*
Soprano Soloist, Delano Fenn

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 388, "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

"FEAR NOT, FOR BEHOLD!" *Dr. George A. Foster*

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 378**, "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

BENEDICTION *Choral Amen*

POSTLUDE "Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer" *Van Hulse*

THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS

by Don Malin

All Children and Youth Choirs; Trinity Handbell Choir;
and flutes: Miss Carol Mackey and Miss Carol Funderburk
Trinity Handbell Choir: Bob Burress, Steve James,
Ben Smith, Daniel Walsh, Billy James and David Walsh
Narrator: Ed Berry

The Altar flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Fred M. Burns by Mrs. Fred M. Burns.

Additional Chancel flowers are from the wedding of Miss Leslye Odum to David M. Fuller, on December 20, 1969.

The Chapel flowers are from the wedding of Jeannie Brock Crutchfield to Robert Byrd Taylor.

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)*.

SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS

"The Symbols of Christmas," a musical pageant by Don Malin, explores the meanings and origins of the traditional Christmas symbols, such as the Christmas tree, the holly wreath, the yule log, and figgy pudding. The elements of the program which combine to make it interesting include brief narrations, choral readings, and carols of many countries, sung both in English and in their native languages. Special accompaniment will be provided by two flutes and the advanced handbell choir. This program will be held outside in the Patio, weather permitting, otherwise in Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION

We are invited to join in Christmas Eve Holy Communion, 7:30 P.M., with the Ministers and members of First Presbyterian Church.

YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Please designate where you desire your Christmas Offering to go on the envelope provided. We suggest:

- (1) The Richard Milk Fund;
- (2) The Florida Methodist Children's Home;
- (3) The Budget;
- (4) Your own choice.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Our annual Christmas fellowship dinner will be Monday night with students from the International House as our special guests. Church members are asked to bring a sufficient amount of food to take care of our guests. The W.S.C.S. is in charge of arrangements and the youth of our church and our guests will provide the entertainment. Come be a part of this festive occasion.

A WORD ABOUT WEDDINGS

Since wedding ceremonies are religious services only the ministers can definitely schedule weddings in the Sanctuary or Chapel. Besides *Disciplinary* provisions our

NEW MEMBERS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th

We were happy to receive the following new members into our Church last Sunday:

Justice and Mrs. James C. Adkins, Jr.

1111 Mimosa (32303), tel. 385-2293

Dr. Donald Alford

921 Lothian Drive (32303)

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Braswell

304-1 Pennell Circle (32304)

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Crew

2002 Seminole Dr. (32301)

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fenn

817 Arlington (32303), Tel. 385-6242

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace Hamilton

1604 Wekewa Nene

Mrs. Jacquelin Prescott and

William Prescott, 1306 Diamond

Miss Nancy Pruitt

2233 Killarney Way (32303)

Miss Mary Jane Schilling

2203 W. Pensacola (32304)

As Affiliate Members:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCoy

Crawfordville, Fla.

Mr. James C. Clary, Jr.

2203 W. Pensacola, Apt. D-3 (32304)

Miss Barbara Coleridge

Osceola Hall, FSU (32306)

written regulations state, "It is assumed that one of the pastors of Trinity Church shall have the privilege of officiating in all weddings in its Sanctuary or Chapel." In cases where the principals of a wedding desire an outside minister to conduct or participate in a Trinity wedding, this must be discussed with one of the Trinity pastors in conference, and in all cases the outside minister must receive an invitation from one of the Trinity pastors. This is not a new regulation, but a long time and widely recognized rule of ministerial ethics and etiquette.

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Dr. Miley L. Miers
Mr. Charles Skipper
Mrs. Dorothy V. Creel

IN MEMORIAM

"I am the resurrection and the life."

Dr. Samuel C. Draper
December 13, 1969

WELCOME HOME, COLLEGE STUDENTS!

We are glad to have in our midst our students and other young people who are home for the holidays. The college class will be meeting in Room 412 with Rex Toothman as the leader. You are invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24, 10:00 A.M.,
Prayer Service will not be held. The Service will resume on December 31, Wednesday.

YOUTH GO CAROLING

All young people will go caroling *this Sunday*. After a snack supper at 6:00 P.M., the groups will leave the church at 6:30 P.M. The "Wind-up" is an old-fashioned, fellowship bonfire in the country. Each person should bring an inexpensive, funny gift to exchange (with no name tag on it). Parents may pick their teenagers up at the church at 9:30 P.M.

YOUTH WATCHNIGHT SERVICE AND CELEBRATION

The youth will have a New Year's Eve Watchnight and Communion Service, Wednesday, December 31, at 11:00 P.M. After the service the young people plan to celebrate the New Year with a party. Applications have been mailed out, but more are available in the church office.

A REALLY BIG OPPORTUNITY

One of the biggest needs in our Church is for improving our Nursery. We could spend from \$2,000 to \$3,000 on this project. What an excellent opportunity for a worthy memorial! One gift or several gifts would do the job.

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
Carol Choir, 1-2 grades
4:00 P.M. Recreation, Youth Center
5:00 P.M. Vesper Service, *The Symbols of Christmas*, Patio
6:00 P.M. Snack Supper
6:30 P.M. Youth go caroling

Monday

- 6:30 P.M. Family Night Covered Dish Supper
7:00 P.M. Youth Basketball Team Meeting, Youth Center
8:00 P.M. Sr. High UMYF Christmas Party at the Ekwall's

Wednesday

- 7:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Communion Service, First Presbyterian Church

SR. HI CHRISTMAS PARTY

After the family night activities, the Sr. Hi UMYF has planned a Christmas Party at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Merton Ekwall, 3380 W. Lakeshore Dr. All senior highs are invited to attend.

YOUTH BASKETBALL TEAMS

All interested boys (13-15 and 16-18 years old) who want to play on one of our basketball teams, please attend a meeting this Monday night, Dec. 22, at 7:00 P.M., Youth Center.

Coaches will be present, practices scheduled, and uniform sizes obtained.

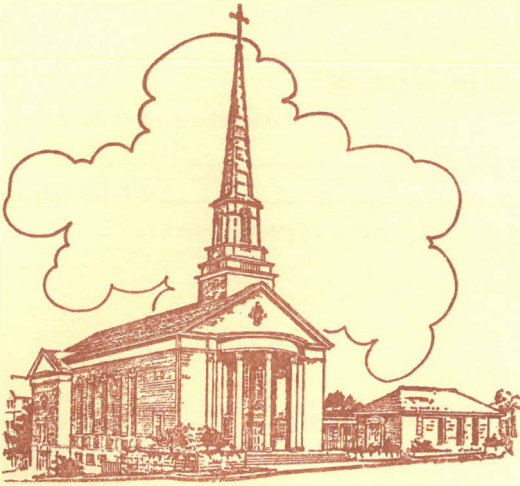
SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

We will share each week a serviceman who we know is connected with our Church family. Remember him in your prayers and write to him this week! Let him know his church cares.

Pvt. Randy D. Everett 2525213
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Sermon Preview

"THE SENSE OF SENTNESS"

"As the Father has sent me, even so send I you." John 20:21

It is difficult to imagine how more of Christian truth and theological content could be carried in so short a span of words as in this brief declaration of our Lord. Here is theology of the incarnation, its nature and purpose; and here is theology of the Church, its origin and its mission.

The sense of sentness was deep and compelling in the work of Jesus, and in this passion of mission he went from person to person, from need to need, from suffering to suffering, from place to place, and at last all the way to the Cross. If his whole work is seen in one single impression in our understanding, or makes one single impact upon our awareness, it is that he is the Sent One and that he brings to us the very love of God. Only the proud, the obtuse and the utterly mean can resist the impingement of this divine confrontation.

Neither can those who receive him turn aside his imperious "even so send I you." Our Christian mission, our own sense of sentness, is not an option for any of us who bear his name. It is in the very nature of his ministry that those called to be with him are sent out. Disciples become apostles, and the Church gathered becomes the Church scattered.

George A. Foster

James W. Henley, *Bishop*
Robert B. Chapman, Jr., *Dist. Supt.*
Richard G. Milk, *Missionary*

George A. Foster, *Pastor*
Ben W. Curry, *Pastor*
A. D. Houglin, *Pastor*

NURSERIES IN TRINITY HALL ARE OPEN DURING MORNING SERVICES

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Christmastide

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "How Bright Appears the Morning Star" Miles

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit

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

*INVOCATION *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESSION *The Minister*

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

O God, who in the beginning didst create man in thine own image, and in the fulness of time didst send forth thy Son that man might not lose that image, look upon us in thy great mercy, we pray, and declare thy great love to us once again. We confess that by our sins we have defaced the divine image; by thy grace renew this image, we pray. We confess that in our self-will we have wondered from our true home; in thy great love, call us to return, we beseech thee. We confess that in our pride we have preferences of men; by thy great wisdom, teach us to be humble, we beg thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

*THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 619, "Glory Be to God"

*GLORIA PATRI

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

ANTHEM

"Christ, the Lord, Is Born" Bitgood

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Mark 6:1-13

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"Noel" D'Aquino

*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

"THE SENSE OF SENTNESS" Dr. George A. Foster

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

BENEDICTION Choral Amen

POSTLUDE "Postlude" D'Andrieu

STUDENT RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Chapel Service

7:45 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.

Miss Lynn Yates, Univ. of Fla. student, to speak

Youth led

Come!

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Norman Harper by Mrs. Norman Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Walters, Sharon Walters and Eddie Walters.

MEMORIAL BOOK FOR SUNDAY

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APPRECIATION

Our sincere appreciation to all of those who have labored so faithfully and effectively to make the Advent and Christmas season a bright and joyous time for all of us.

APPRECIATION FROM STAFF TO MEMBERSHIP

The members of Trinity staff wish to express gratitude and appreciation to all our Trinity people for their cooperation and generosity throughout the year past. We look forward to continued effective service in the new year.

THE END OF YEAR AND OUR BUDGET

Have you calculated how much it will actually cost you to give \$100.00 — or multiples thereof — to your Church? The Internal Revenue Service is generous in its allowance of deductions for contributions. Your "bracket" on your return, that percentage figure you must use in the final calculation, tells the story. Ask your accountant. Do yourself a favor, the Church a service, and a lift to some good cause.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Along with other Bible study opportunities, our Evening Service for eight Sundays will feature a series of sermon-studies on the Psalms, under the general title, "The Praises of Israel." Dr. Foster will be the preacher-teacher. Plan to attend, and bring your Bible.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The Sixth Grade Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, February 1, 5:00 P.M., in the Conference Room. The class will meet in eight Sunday evening sessions and in four additional sessions to be arranged. The month of January will be given to enlistment and enrollment. Parents and teachers are urged to cooperate with us in this most important program.

ALTAR CIRCLE

If any person is interested in serving on the Altar Circle, helping to provide the lovely floral arrangements on the altar, and would like information about what these fine ladies do, they are requested to contact Mrs. Pearl McCain, home phone 224-7865.

SERVICEMAN OF THE WEEK

We will share each week a serviceman who we know is connected with our Church family. Remember him in your prayers and write to him this week! Let him know his church cares.

Capt. Gail Croy, 265489664
225th Station Hosp.
APO New York 09407

STUDENT RECOGNITION SERVICE

The youth will be in charge of a special evening service honoring college students tonight. Miss Lynn Yates will bring the message. We know you will want to come and pledge your support to these growing and maturing Christians.

YOUTH WATCHNIGHT SERVICE and NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Dec. 31

11 P.M. Service in Chapel
Party

MOVIE: "Those Magnificent Men in
Their Flying Machines"

HOOTENNANY RECREATION
BREAKFAST

Applications available in Church Office

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Mrs. Bessie McCarthy

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Love, Jr., on the death of his father, Mr. J. P. Love, Sr., on December 21, 1969.

MYF THIS WEEK

Due to the holiday vacation, NO 7-8, 9-10 grade MYF meetings this Sunday. The 11-12 graders *will* meet on Monday night. All groups will resume full schedule next Sunday!

YOUTH IN BASKETBALL

Junior High and Senior High basketball teams of Trinity will be participating in the city league this year. Coaches and team members need your support and encouragement.

SILVER TEA

The WSCS of the Tallahassee District will honor Miss Margaret Sailor of Quincy with a Silver Tea in the Church Parlor this Sunday from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Miss Sailor is our Scholarship girl attending Paine College in Augusta, Ga. Funds for this scholarship are made available through voluntary giving of the WSCS of the District.

The ladies of the church are invited.

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7:45 P.M. Evening Worship Service,
Chapel

Monday

8:00 P.M. Sr. Hi MYF, Youth Center

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Group,
Chapel
11:00 P.M. Youth Watchnight Service and
Party

"DARE TO TALK SERIOUSLY"

On the Wednesday evenings of January members of our congregation will have the opportunity to explore with each other some problems of relationships. This is our annual church-wide study with special activities being planned for Elementary and Junior High boys and girls. Senior and older youth will join with adults in discussions designed to help us examine our feelings about our government, our faith and each other. Dr. Earl Armstrong will be the leader. The program will begin at 6:00 P.M. with a covered dish supper.

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