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Sermon Preview

GUEST SPEAKERS

We welcome to our Morning Services two guest speakers who are in Tallahassee to speak on the program of the District Conference to be held this Sunday afternoon and evening at the Wesley Foundation.

Speaking at the Eight-Thirty Service will be the Rev. Billy M. Starnes, Regional Director of the Advance for our General Board of Missions, with offices in Atlanta. Mr. Starnes is a native of Tennessee, a graduate of Scarritt College and Vanderbilt University. He served for eleven years as a missionary in the Republic of Congo, with special responsibility for the establishment of educational institutions.

The Rev. Thomas A. Harris will speak at the Eleven O'Clock Service. Mr. Harris, with his wife, Jennie, has served eighteen years as missionary to the Iban people in one of the more remote areas of Malaysia, after being first assigned to China shortly before the Communist take-over. Mr. and Mrs. Harris were serving as Assistant County Farm Agent and Assistant Home Demonstration Agent respectively in Jackson County when selected by our Board of Missions as the first Negro missionaries to be sent to China.

George A. Foster

James W. Henley, *Bishop*

Robert B. Chapman, Jr., *Dist. Supt.*

John H. Green, *Minister of Education*

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

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

***Worshipers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Praeludium II" *Mendelssohn*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Choral Introit*

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 283**, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

***INVOCATION** *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESSION *The Minister*

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

Eternal Spirit, who hast created us spirits, allowing us to enter communion with thee and to walk with thee, look upon our coming together with thy favor, we humbly beseech thee, and grant us the mercy of hearing our confessions. We know that we have not entered fully into our true spiritual heritage, and pray that thou wilt help us to deeper awareness of thy presence. We realize that sometimes we have avoided thy presence, fearing lest thou claim too much of our lives. We confess our self-centeredness, which sometimes has become self-idolatry. Continue, O God, we pray, to be mindful of us and ever hold us by thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

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

***GLORIA PATRI**

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

ANTHEM

8:30 A.M. "Two Men of God: Moses; David"—*Marshall* *Wesleyan Singers*
Karen Schlotz, Organist

11:00 A.M. "Behold a Star From Jacob Shining"—*Mendelssohn* *Chancel Choir*
Behold a star from Jacob shining, and a scepter from Israel rising,
To reign in glory over the nations.
Like some bright morning star is he, the promise of the coming day,
Beyond the night of sorrow.
Break forth, O Light! We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving,
Hail the brightness of Thy rising.

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Luke 4:14-30

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"Meditation"—*Miller* *Trinity Handbell Choir*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 192, "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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

Guest Speakers: The Rev. Billy M. Starnes (8:30 A.M.)
The Rev. Thomas A. Harris (11:00 A.M.)

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 292**, "Christ, For the World We Sing"

BENEDICTION *Choral Amen*

POSTLUDE "O Word of God Incarnate" *Frank*

EVENING CHAPEL SERVICE

7:45 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.

Holy Communion

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 AT EVENING SERVICE

In order to take advantage of the missionary speakers made available to us by District Superintendent Chapman, we will not have our regular First Sunday Service of Holy Communion at the Morning Services, but will instead observe Holy Communion at 7:45 P.M. in the Chapel. Some will attend the District Conference through the Evening Hour.

ATTEND DISTRICT CONFERENCE

3:00 - 8:30 P.M.

The list of speakers at District Conference this Sunday at the Wesley Foundation offers information and inspiration of a high order. The schedule is:

3:00	Worship	
3:20	COUC—Dr. George A. Foster	
4:00	Town and Country Church—	Dr. Harold S. Huff
4:50	Local Church-Seminary—	Dr. Paul Worley
5:30	Wesley Singers	
5:45	Wesley Foundation—	Rev. Austin Holladay
6:00	Supper	
6:30	Wesley Singers	
6:40	Christian Social Concerns — Mission of Church—Dr. Earnest A. Smith	
7:20	World Missions—	Rev. Thomas A. Harris
7:50	Advance Specials—	Rev. Billy M. Starnes

BUDGET YEAR ENDS

We are now on a Calendar Year Budget instead of a Conference Year. This means that we seek all pledges paid up to date and all obligations of the church fully met by January 1, 1971.

CURRENT BUDGET PLEDGES

BEGIN 12-MONTH RUN

Please note that current pledges to our Budget were made to run seven months of 1970 and 12 months of 1971. Consequently we simply move into 1971 on our present operating basis. If you have any questions about your pledge, call Mrs. Miley at the Church Office, 222-1120.

COUNCIL AND BOARD

The Council on Ministries will meet on Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. for dinner and business.

The Administrative Board will meet on Tuesday at 8:00 P.M.

This will be the last meeting for the 1970 Council and Board. New leaders, including many who will be continued, will assume office January 1, 1971.

W.S.C.S. DECEMBER MEETINGS

Monday, Dec. 7, 1970

Circle 1 — 10 A.M., with Mrs. Julian Smith, 333 So. Magnolia.

Circle 2 — 2:45 P.M., with Dr. Minna Jewell, 2000 Old Fort Dr.

Circle 3 — 3 P.M., with Mrs. Emory Somerset and Mrs. Melvin Hancock, 2926 Shearer Road.

Circle 4 — 8 P.M., with Mrs. J. P. Love, Jr., 926 Maplewood Dr.

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Circle 5 — 10 A.M., with Mrs. William Macklin and Mrs. Gladys Weil, 1107 Terrace.

Circle 6 — 10 A.M., with Mrs. H. M. Waugh and Mrs. E. P. Dunaway, 414 Vinnedge Ridge.

Circle 7 — 10 A.M., with Mrs. Howell Wadsworth and Mrs. Bessie Jones, 519 E. Sixth Ave.

Circle 8 — 10 A.M., with Mrs. Thomas Campbell and Mrs. George Adams, Church Parlor.

Circle 9 — 10 A.M., with Mrs. O. C. Colpins, 1514 Cristobal Dr.

Circle 11 — 10 A.M., with Mrs. Raymond Schultz, 232 Westminster Dr.

REGISTRATION OF CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Senior Highs will register for classes for the Winter Quarter in the Chapel this Sunday, December 6, 9:45 A.M. Please be on time.

A CHANCE TO STUDY YOUR CHILD'S LITERATURE

Special classes will be held in the Winter Quarter by the Minister of Education. Parents of the following age groups are asked to meet in Room 416 at 10:00 on the dates noted:

Parents of Nursery Children: Dec. 13.

Parents of Kindergarten Children:

Dec. 20.

YOUTH COUNCIL

The Council on Youth Ministries will meet Thursday, December 17, 7:30 P.M., Fellowship Hall. This will be the last meeting of this Council and the Christmas celebration for the group. *All members please plan to attend!*

CONFERENCE YOUTH COUNCIL

Mr. Curry will be attending a Conference Council on Youth Ministries meeting next weekend in Lakeland. This body determines program and policy for the Conference youth.

STAFF

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

Mrs. Harry Miley,
Financial Secretary
Mrs. Linda M. Durbin,
Church Secretary
Mr. Gaston Corbett, *Property Manager*

CHURCH FAMILY

Our Circle of Concern (Known to be in TMH)

Mr. Hilton Cooper
Mrs. Chas. C. (Wilma) Moore, Jr.

IN MEMORIAM

"I am the resurrection and the life."

Mr. Wendell C. Heaton
November 24, 1970

Mr. Robert A. Taylor
November 24, 1970

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mrs. Ralph (Mattie) Lee on the death
of her husband, Mr. Ralph Lee, November
29, 1970.

Miss Ethel Monk on the death of her sister,
Mrs. Nan Murrah, of Pine Mountain,
Georgia, November 30, 1970.

Congratulations and a Rose to:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garrigues on the
birth of a son, John Thomas, III, November
28, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jowers (Janice James)
on the birth of a son, Keith Alan, II, November
21, 1970.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Wesleyan Service Guild Board will
hold their meeting Wednesday, December
9, at 7:30 P.M., in the Conference Room
(212).

YOUTH BASKETBALL TEAMS

Jr. (12-15 yrs. old) and Sr. (16-19 yrs.
old) High Basketball Teams will compete
this year in the city league. Early sign-up
for the team means more practice before the
games begin in December. Contact Mr.
Curry or sign up in Room 324.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

In addition to our regular schedule of
Services, we announce the following Advent
and Christmas events:

December 13, 8:00 P.M. —

“Amahl and the Night Visitors”

December 20, 5:30 P.M. —

Christmas Candlelight Vespers

December 21, 6:00 P.M. —

Christmas Family Night Fellowship

Dinner (Covered Dish)

December 24, 7:30 P.M. —

Christmas Eve Holy Communion

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
11:30 A.M. Carol Choir, 1-2 Grade,
Room 304
4:30 P.M. Advanced Youth Handbell
Choir
5:30 P.M. Instrumental Ensemble
6:15 P.M. Snack Supper
6:30 P.M. Jr. Hi's, THE ARK
6:30 P.M. Altar Choir, 9-12 Grades
7:45 P.M. Evening Chapel Service,
Holy Communion

Monday

W.S.C.S. Meetings (see announcement)
7:00 A.M. Layman's Prayer Breakfast,
Spartan Restaurant
3:45 P.M. Chapel Choir, 6-8 Grades
4:30 P.M. Cub Den, Room 210
7:00 P.M. Sr. Hi's, THE ARK

Tuesday

W.S.C.S. Meetings (see announcement)
3:30 P.M. Wesleyan Singers, 3-5 Grades
6:00 P.M. Council on Ministries
8:00 P.M. Administrative Board

Wednesday

All Day Meeting, Convocation on Race and
Religion, Fellowship Hall
10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Group,
Chapel
7:30 P.M. Chancel (Adult) Choir
(Nursery provided)
Scout Troop 107, Scout House
Wesleyan Service Guild,
Room 212

Thursday

3:15 P.M. Melody (Training) Bells
3:45 P.M. Tower (Intermediate) Bells
6:30-9:30 P.M. Covered Dish Supper,
Bob Storey Class,
Fellowship Hall

CAMPUS BUS DISCONTINUED

Due to the small number of students riding
the Campus-to-Church bus, we have
discontinued this service as of this Sunday,
December 6.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Advent, a Calendar of Devotions, and
Upper Rooms are available in the narthex
and on the literature table next to the office.
Copies are ten cents each. Both editions are
excellent Advent devotional guides.

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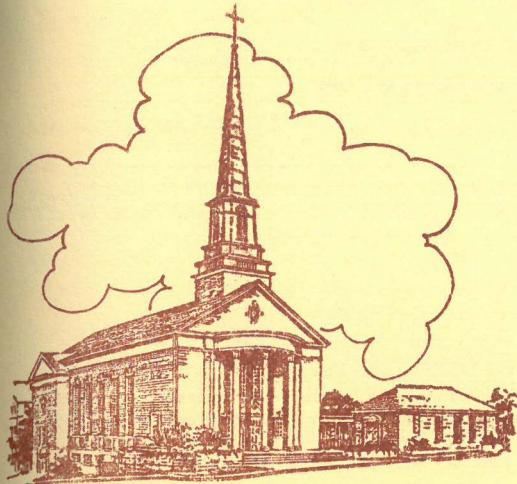
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Sermon Preview

“ADVENT AND REVOLUTION”

The combination of these two words, “Advent” and “Revolution” in the sermon title may seem rather incongruous, that is unless one has read the Gospel of Luke in recent weeks, especially the *Magnificat* and the Sermon on the Level Place in Luke 6. This Gospel is especially interested in the poor, as evidenced when it varies from Matthew in saying, “Blessed are the poor” instead of “Blessed are the poor in spirit.” It is also interested in women, and gives women a large place in the life and ministry of Jesus.

The *Magnificat* is like the Psalms in poetic form, being based on the pattern of parallelism, and like the prophets in its understanding of justice and righteousness. Perhaps its setting prevents our really hearing its rather radical message.

It has become trite, and tiresome, to some to say that these are revolutionary times. We might become more interested, threatened and challenged if we could understand that we are in the midst of many revolutions, some of them in life and death struggle with others. At stake is the quality of civilization in the future, perhaps of civilization itself. Christianity through its adherents and its leadership must once again see itself as a mighty force in a troubled world. Once so understanding itself, it must become that force.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Advent

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

***Worshipers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Prelude in Classic Style" *Young*

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, whose love for man overflows the bounds of heaven and descends in abundance upon the earth, forgive us, we pray, our poor discernment of this so great love. We have been dull of mind, hard of heart, and unaware in spirit. Enable us by thy Spirit to be awakened to all wonders from heaven, and to be quickened in body, mind and spirit 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**, "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"

***GLORIA PATRI**

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

ANTHEM

8:30 Selections from "Shepherds, Rejoice"—*Watson* *Majel Barrett, Delano Fenn, Dot Bradford, Walter James, Ed Berry*

11:00 "Christmas Day"—*Holst* *Chancel Choir and Trinity Bells*
Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul, and voice; give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today: Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now. Christ is born today.

God rest you merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, remember Christ our Saviour was born on Christmas day, to save us all from woe and sin, when we were gone astray. O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Jewry, this blessed Babe was born, and laid within a manger upon that holy morn; the which His Mother, Mary, did nothing take in scorn.

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Luke 6:17-31

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" *Luther-Wyton*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

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

"ADVENT AND REVOLUTION" *Dr. George A. Foster*

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

BENEDICTION *Choral Amen*

POSTLUDE "Postludium"

Young

AT EVENING HOUR

8:00 P.M.

AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

Christmas Opera by Gian Carlo Menotti

Performed by guest soloists and choir members from our church, and from Hand Memorial United Methodist Church of Pelham, Georgia. Directed by Walter James. Accompanists, Rachel James and Elwin Garrett. Appropriate scenery and lighting.

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)*.

AMAHL AT EVENING HOUR

Two performances of *Amahl* will be given this Sunday, one at Pelham, Georgia, at 4:00 P.M., and the second at our church at 8:00 P.M. (see box above). The title role will be sung by Jeffrey James at Pelham and by David Chapman at our church. The presentation will be in our Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT VESPERS

Our annual Christmas Vespers Service will be held on next Sunday, December 20, 6:00 P.M., in our Sanctuary. (*Note change in time!*) This service will feature our Children's and Youth Choirs, Bell Choirs and Instrumental Ensemble.

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Our Christmas Family Night Dinner is December 21, 6:30 P.M. Please bring two or three dishes for 8 people: *Meat, vegetable or salad* — remember, we will have guests, so please be sure you have two of these three dishes with you!

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION

Two Services of Holy Communion are scheduled for Christmas Eve in cooperation with First Presbyterian Church. At our church, 7:30 P.M., at First Presbyterian, 11:00 P.M.

END OF YEAR BUDGET NEEDS

Our Annual Conference Year and the Calendar Year now are the same. Our annual reports now are made in January instead of June. We look forward to a "Paid in Full" financial report.

ACOLYTES

We appreciate the service rendered by the young men in November: Greg Binger, Andy Blackburn, Steve Logan, David Pararo, and Fincher Smith.

The December acolytes are: David Chapman, John Wilkison (8:30); Greg Brewer, Bobby Burress, Byard Mowell, and Doug Schoenfield (11:00).

8:00 P.M.

CHARGE CONFERENCE ELECTIONS

Replies from those recently informed of their election to church leadership have come in very well. Out of approximately 100 elected, we have had eighty-two acceptances and only three declines. We need to have an acceptance or decline from the remaining fifteen in order to complete our official roll for 1971. This is very important.

ON READING THE CHANCEL WINDOWS

The manuscript of the recent lecture, "On Reading the Chancel Windows," is in preparation at bulletin time, and will possibly be ready for distribution on this Sunday, December 13. We will reserve 100 copies for future distribution and for use with Church School classes and other groups.

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FELKEL-STEINMEYER CLASS LUNCHEON

The Felkel-Steinmeyer Church School class will have its annual luncheon Monday, December 14, at Noon, in Fellowship Hall.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Wesleyan Service Guild will meet Monday, December 14, at 7:30 P.M. Group 1 will meet in the Church Parlor with Mrs. Minnie Croy and Mrs. Elizabeth McLean. Group 2 will meet at 102 Barbara St. with Miss Frances Munson and Miss Josephine Ezell. Group 3 will meet at 1241 N. Brougham St. with Miss Edna Causseaux. Rev. John Green will be the speaker.

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Mr. H. H. Cooper, Jr.
Mrs. H. N. (Louise) Kirkman
Mr. John R. McCormack
Mrs. J. A. (Callie) Stiles, Sr.
Mrs. Adam (Frances) Zawada

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

A good number of junior and senior high boys have signed up to play basketball this year. There is room for others! Twelve to fifteen year-old boys can call Tal Davis (385-1718) if you desire to play, or sixteen to nineteen year-olds can contact Ben Curry (222-1120). Practice will begin soon and we need to know the line-ups now.

EVENING DISCUSSION GROUP

All those interested in organizing an evening play-reading and discussion group please contact Mrs. Linda Durbin, 222-1120, 8:30-5:00, Monday through Friday to indicate your interest. An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15, at 8 p.m., in THE ARK.

COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES

The Youth Council meets *this week*, Thursday, December 17, 7:30 P.M., Fellowship Hall. All representatives, officers, and parents serving a 1970 term are asked to be present for our Christmas celebration.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Nursery through 6th grade are making special offerings for Florida Methodist Children's Home. Please see to it your child participates. Thank you!

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Choir
5:30 P.M. Instrumental Ensemble
6:15 P.M. Snack Supper
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Altar Choir, 9-12 Grades
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tors," Sanctuary

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12:00 Noon Felkel-Steinmeyer Class
Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
3:45 P.M. Chapel Choir, 6-8 Grades
7:00 P.M. Sr. Hi's, THE ARK
7:30 P.M. Cub Pack, Fellowship Hall
W.S.G. Meetings
(see announcement)

Tuesday

10:00 A.M. Circle 12, W.S.C.S., at the
church
3:30 P.M. Wesleyan Singers, 3-5 Grades
8:00 P.M. Evening Discussion Group
Meeting, THE ARK

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Scout Troop 107, Scout House

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Fellowship Hall

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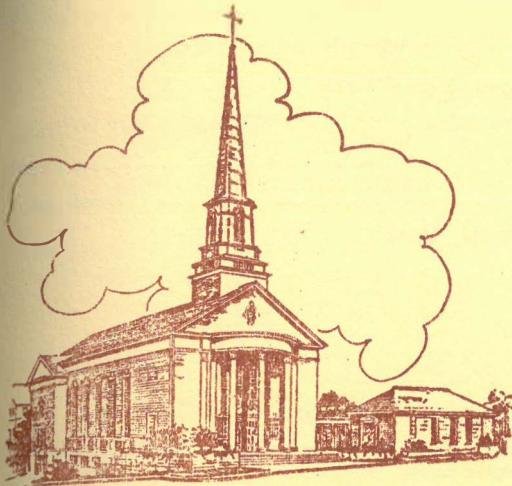
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"THE GRAND CONDESCENSION"

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

TO ALL TRINITY MEMBERS

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

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Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

***Worshipers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Sinfonia" from *Christmas Oratorio*

Bach

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 fullness of time didst send forth thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, upon the earth to lead us back to thee, forgive us we pray, that we have had ears to hear but have not heard, eyes to see but have not seen, minds to think but have not thought, hearts to feel but have not felt. Awaken us, we beseech thee, to the life of the soul, and by thy grace renew in us thine own image and bring us to true likeness to Christ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

***THE RESPONSIVE READING NO. 618**, "Glory Be to God on High"

***GLORIA PATRI**

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 739**, "The Nicene Creed"

ANTHEM

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

11:00 A.M. Carol Medley *Family Choir*

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Luke 2:1-20

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

8:30 A.M. "A Child This Day"—*Arnold* *Altar Choir*

Walter James, Soloist

11:00 A.M. Solo, "Noel"—*Warlock* *Walter James*

***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

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

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

BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

POSTLUDE "Toccata"

Dubois

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT VESPERS

Fellowship Hall

6:00 P.M.

All Children and Youth Choirs, Bell Choirs and Instrumental Ensemble.
Group singing of Christmas Carols around the Christmas Tree.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are from the wedding of
Miss Marsha Gay Brautigam to Mr. John Adam Moreland.

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 FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Our Christmas Family Night Dinner is December 21, 6:30 P.M. Please bring two or three dishes for 8 people: *Meat, vegetable or salad* — remember, we will have guests, so please be sure you have two of these three dishes with you!

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION

Two Services of Holy Communion are scheduled for Christmas Eve in cooperation with First Presbyterian Church. At our church at 7:30 P.M. the Service will be led by Pastors Foster and Landreth. At First Presbyterian at 11:00 P.M. the Service will be conducted by Pastors Ennis and Curry.

END OF YEAR BUDGET PAYMENTS

Our Annual Conference report year and the calendar year are now the same. Consequently "pay-out-in-full" time is now December instead of May. We are in good condition financially, and expect to be in even better condition January 1, 1971.

CAROLING

Our youth will go caroling *this Sunday* after the Evening Vespers. A snack supper will be provided for the youth at 7:00 P.M. for 25¢ (before we leave). Let's turn out to honor our senior citizens!

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 People Class, for college age, meets Sunday mornings in Room 412, and the Drama Class, for senior high, college and adults, in THE ARK.

A CHANCE TO STUDY YOUR CHILD'S LITERATURE

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Parents of Kindergarten Children:
Dec. 20.

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"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

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December 11, 1970

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Churchill on the death of her mother, Mrs. Sidney Hampton, December 6, 1970, in Orlando, Florida.

Congratulations and a Rose to:

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Easley (Emila Brown) on the birth of a daughter, Elisabeth Claire, November 28, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Woods (Mary Kay Burress) on the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, December 15, 1970.

BASKETBALL TIME

Regular practice begins this week for our junior and senior high teams. Contact the coaches (Tal Davis for 13-15-year-olds, 385-1718; Rev. Ben Curry for 16-19-year-olds, 222-1120) if you desire to play. Proof of age is required for the city recreation department.

Come out and support our biddy team! They play at the Raa Gym on Monday and Thursday nights (after Christmas).

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
11:30 A.M. Carol Choir, 1-2 Grade, Room 304
4:00 P.M. Melody and Tower Bells
4:15 P.M. Trinity Bells
4:30 P.M. Instrumental Ensemble
4:45 P.M. Youth Choir
5:00 P.M. Chapel Choir
5:15 P.M. Wesleyan Singers
5:30 P.M. Carol Choir
6:00 P.M. Christmas Candlelight Vespers, Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M. Snack Supper and Caroling, Youth

Monday

7:00 A.M. Layman's Prayer Breakfast, Spartan Restaurant
6:30 P.M. Family Night Dinner, Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M. Sr. Hi's, THE ARK

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Group, Chapel
7:30 P.M. Scout Troop 107, Scout House

YOUTH AND NEW YEAR'S

The second annual youth Watchnight Service and New Year's Celebration will be held December 31, Thursday. A new format and better program will be offered by the Youth Council for all 9-12 graders.

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There will be no rehearsals after the Evening Candlelight Vespers this Sunday evening, until school starts again.

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Sermon Preview

"THE RENEWAL OF OUR HOPE"

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1.

Thoughtful and sensitive people are casting about for signs of hope, especially in these days as one year yields to inexorable history and another comes on compounded of promises and threats. While we are all subject to prevailing winds and tides, the Christian lives within a peculiar context, and evaluates and acts out of his understanding and personal commitment. It has been well said that the opposite of faith is not doubt so much as it is fear. Seasons of despair may come to anyone, but the Christian has his peculiar ways of management and overcoming.

This Christian context of life is essentially one of faith. And faith we understand to be the response of the whole person, body, mind and soul, to the divine offer of grace. Within this context our thinking is essentially theological. To risk two big words of theology, we can say that our hope has the dimensions of eschatology and the expectations of apocalyptic. By the phrase "dimensions of eschatology," we mean that we see the immediate in terms of the ultimate. By expectations of apocalyptic," we mean that God is not done with history, and that we may still cling to the hope that one day the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

George A. Foster

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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

***Worshipers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Bell Prelude"

Clokey

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, whose coming to earth is also a coming to our lives, be merciful to us even as we think upon our lack of hospitality to Thee. We have not extended Thee ready welcome, lest Thy entrance drive forth sins which we cherish. We have not opened to Thee lest Thy presence become stronger than our willing. Forgive we beseech Thee, and by Thy spirit move us to greater readiness for Thy coming; 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 Lord God of Israel"

***GLORIA PATRI**

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

ANTHEM

Solo — "How Burn the Stars Unchanging"—*Lockwood* *Walter James*

For all the mercies past we lift our hearts in praise,
How 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 the mercies past we lift 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.

How burn the stars unchanging in the midnight skies,
From age to age Thy love endures. Thou art 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 Matthew 2:1-15

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"Shepherds" *Held*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 386, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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 RENEWAL OF OUR HOPE" *Dr. George A. Foster*

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 236**, "Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name"

BENEDICTION

Choral Amen

POSTLUDE "Joy to the World"

Held

EVENING CHAPEL WORSHIP

7:45 P.M.

— 8:30 P.M.

Bach

PRELUDE "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN NO. 16, "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

INVOCATION

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Hebrews 1

HYMN SERVICE

No. 90, "We Would See Jesus"

No. 385, "What Child Is This?"

No. 372, "O Word of God Incarnate"

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Mary's Lament"—Carlson Mary Gairns, Soloist

STUDENT RECOGNITION

MEDITATION

ALTAR PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild" Scheidt

STUDENT RECOGNITION SUNDAY

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APPRECIATION

Our sincere appreciation to that large number of persons who prepared and presented to us such excellent programs, especially in music, during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

APPRECIATION TO MEMBERSHIP FROM STAFF

All staff members wish to express sincere appreciation and gratitude to our Trinity members for their thoughtfulness and generosity during the holidays.

YEAR END AND CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Soon we must give special attention to Uncle Sam and his Internal Revenue Service. His demands are insistent, but he is generous to churches in the allowances for contributions. Have you calculated how much it will cost you actually to contribute \$100.00 to the Church? Or \$1,000.00? It depends on what bracket you are in? Do a little "figgering." You will be surprised and the Church will be glad.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes for young people and for Sixth grade boys and girls will be organized during January and get underway early in February.

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

Our next Membership Sunday will be January 24, either at the Eleven O'Clock Service or at the Evening Service. Please let us know right away of your interest.

ADULT COUNCIL

The Adult Council will meet in Room 403, January 10, at 10:00 A.M. Please have your class representative *present*.

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YOUTH CELEBRATE

Ninth through twelfth graders will have their Watchnight Service on *Thursday, December 31*, 11:00 P.M., in the Chapel, and then celebrate the New Year with entertainment, snacks, a feature-length film, and more in the Coffee House.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY YOUR CHILD'S LITERATURE

Special classes are being held this Winter quarter for parents by the Minister of Education. Parents of the following age groups are asked to meet in Room 416 at 10:00 on the dates noted:

Parents of Elementary I and II will meet two Sundays — January 17 and 24.

YOUTH PLAY BASKETBALL

A junior and senior high team have entered in the Lafayette Basketball League run by the City Recreation Department. Contact coaches for practice schedules and questions: Tal Davis (385-1718) for juniors and Jim Boone (385-5664) for seniors.

JR. HI UMYF

No Junior High UMYF this week! Due to holiday vacations and other events, the 7th and 8th graders will resume activities *next Sunday, January 3*, 6:30 P.M., THE ARK.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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7:45 P.M. Evening Chapel Worship

Monday

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7:00 P.M. Senior Highs, THE ARK

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer Group, Chapel
7:30 P.M. Chancel (Adult) Choir
(Nursery provided)
Scout Troop 107, Scout House

Thursday

11:00 P.M. Youth Watchnight Service, Chapel and THE ARK

MEN'S BASKETBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Monday, December 28 — Godby High School — 9:00 P.M.
Tuesday, December 29 — Florida High School — 8:00 P.M.
Same Night — Godby High School — 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRIES

Officers elected for 1971 are:

President — Tommy Roberts
Secretary — Joanne Hale
Treasurer — Ben Smith
Legislative Affairs — Park Malloy
Senior High Representatives — Dana Booth, Durward Brewer, Tommy Cawthon, and Fowler Teague.
8th Grade Representative — David Chapman.
7th Grade Representative — Todd Schroeder.
Our congratulations to these fine young people and our thanks to all who ran.

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