

The Tidings of Trinity United Methodist Church

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No. 27

Sermon Preview

GUEST SPEAKERS

Several speakers are in Tallahassee today for the District Conference which is to be held in our church this Sunday afternoon and evening beginning at 3:00 o'clock.

Mrs. C. L. Spottswood, wife of "Spotty" Spottswood, long time missionary to the Philippines, will be our guest speaker at our Eight-Thirty Service. The Rev. Spottswood will speak at the Evening Session of the District Conference at 7:40 o'clock, this time corresponding to the time of our regular Evening Service.

Bishop James W. Henley will preach at the Eleven O'Clock Service. Added interest to his visit to our church at this time is the fact that he is in his last year as Bishop of the Florida Area. We welcome him to our Church and Pulpit.

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

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Sleepers, Wake" Wyton

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit

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

***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. 607**, "O Come, Let Us Sing"

***GLORIA PATRI**

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

ANTHEM

"Lost in the Night" (Finnish Folk Song)—arr. Christiansen Chancel Choir
Patricia Wright, Soloist

Lost in the night.

Lost in the night doth the heathen yet languish,
longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
plaintively sighing, Will not day come soon?

He is coming soon.

Sorrowing brother in darkness yet dwelling,
dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling,

Lo, Christ is coming soon, Christ is coming soon.

Light o'er the land of the heathen is beaming, rivers are streaming.

Millions yet sigh for the Savior, redeeming.

Must he be vainly awaiting the morrow?

Shall we, no light and no comfort him borrow?

Giving no heed to His burden of sorrow:

oh, will not day come soon, will not day come soon?

He is coming soon.

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Mark 1:9-20

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"Hosanna, Blessed Is He That Comes"—Margetson Chancel Choir

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 158, "Immortal Love, Forever Full"

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:

8:30 A.M. Mrs. C. L. Spottswood

11:00 A.M. Bishop James W. Henley

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

BENEDICTION Choral Amen

POSTLUDE "O How Shall I Receive Thee" arr. Rohlig

Tallahassee District Conference

3:00 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.

Speakers

Trinity Youth Choir

December 5, 1971

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Judith Coale Stayman by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Coale and Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Glick 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 Crystal Chandeliers (Parlor)* and *The Silver Service (Parlor)*.

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Program Schedule

- 3:00-3:05 Opening Hymn and Prayer
- 3:05-3:30 Business Session of the District Conference — including greetings from Dr. Foster and directions for our comfort and benefit
- 3:30-4:15 Sermon — Bishop Henley
- 4:15-4:45 Message —
Dr. Richard V. Moore
- 4:45-5:00 The Florida United Methodist Children's Home —
Dr. Ashton Alman
- 5:00-5:30 Message —
Mr. Wm. T. Shaddick
- 5:30-6:00 Message —
Dr. Chas. T. Thrift
- 6:00-6:15 Message — Rev. Ray Harrison
- 6:15-6:30 Trinity Youth Choir
- 6:30-7:00 Supper in Fellowship Hall
- 7:00-7:10 Trinity Youth Choir
- 7:10-7:40 Slide and Tape Presentation of Tallahassee District Larger Parish Work
- 7:40-8:20 Message —
Rev. C. L. Spottswood
- 8:20-8:25 Special Offering and Offertory
- 8:25-8:30 Closing Hymn and Benediction

ADVENT EVENTS

Sunday, December 12 — 5:30 P.M.

Performance of "One Christmas" in Patio

Sunday, December 19 — 5:30 P.M.

Christmas Program, "Shepherds Rejoice"

Christmas Eve

Holy Communion: 7:30 P.M. at our church; 11:00 P.M. at First Presbyterian

HOLY COMMUNION POSTPONED

We postpone our regular First Sunday Service of Holy Communion this Sunday to accommodate the schedule of the Tallahassee District Conference. Our December Service of Holy Communion will be on Christmas Eve.

RECONCILIATION FUND

The amount received on the Bishop's Reconciliation Fund indicates that most of those holding pledges did not make payments this year. We do not "keep books" on this fund and depend on the "honor system" to pay out. Originally we assumed responsibility for \$1,000.00 annually for a four-year total of \$4,000.00.

SUSTAIN OUR GIVING LEVEL

We are requesting all our people holding pledges and bank orders to carry these into 1972. In cases of wishes to alter pledges, we request the contributor to write or call Mrs. Lisa Miley, Financial Secretary.

FELKEL-STEINMEYER CLASS

The Felkel-Steinmeyer Sunday School Class will have their Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 10, at 12:00 Noon, in Fellowship Hall.

STAFF

Walter James, *Director of Music*
Mrs. Walter James, *Organist*
and *Associate Director of Music*

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)

Mrs. W. P. (Freda) Arnold
Mr. Wm. P. Dillingham
Mr. Walter Eason
Mrs. R. C. (Blondza) McDavid
Mr. A. M. Middlebrooks
Mrs. Reid A. Nunn
Mrs. O. Earl (Hester) Proctor

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The Wesleyan Service Guild Board will meet on December 8, 1971, at 7:30 P.M., in the Brides' Room.

BUILDING USAGE

In order to serve the community and also to control the use of our building facilities it has become necessary for us to establish certain rules and regulations and cost schedules. Unfortunately many people regard a church plant as a public building such as a court house or city hall, and therefore open to the public. But we are owned and supported by our membership, and our Budget will show that debt funding, insurance, maintenance and operation are among our heavier obligations.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Women's Society of Christian Service will hold its monthly Luncheon and Program Meeting Tuesday, December 7, 1971, at 12:00 Noon. The Wesley Foundation Singers, directed by Mrs. Steele, will bring us a Christmas Program in Song. Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild are invited to join with us at the Luncheon and Program.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:00 in Room 212. All members are invited to meet with us.

ADULT BASKETBALL TEAM

We will have our first practice session December 7, 7:15 P.M., at the Rickards High School Gym. Sorry, city rules do not allow college students to play unless 21 and married. Any other male over 21 and just under 100 is eligible.

BOB STOREY CLASS

The Bob Storey Class will have a covered dish supper in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 P.M., December 12. Bring the children — *no nursery*.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday

10:00 A.M. Rehearsal for "One Christmas"

Sunday

8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
9:00 A.M. Church Broadcast
(WTNT, 1270)
9:45 A.M. Church School for All Ages
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
3:00-
8:30 P.M. District Conference
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:15 P.M. Youth Choir Sings
6:30 P.M. Supper
7:00 P.M. Youth Choir Sings

Monday

3:30 P.M. K, 1, 2 Grades Choir

Tuesday

10:00 A.M. Executive Board, W.S.C.S.
12:00 Noon W.S.C.S. Luncheon
3:30 P.M. 3, 4, 5, 6 Grades Choir

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Parlor Prayer Group
3:30 P.M. Tower (Junior) Bells
6:30 P.M. Choir Covered Dish Dinner
7:30 P.M. Chancel (Adult) Choir
(Nursery provided)
Troop 107, Scout House
W.S.G. Board, Brides' Room

Friday

12:00 Noon Felkel-Steinmeyer Class
Luncheon
9:00 P.M. Coffee House, THE ARK,
Duval Street Entrance

Saturday

10:00 A.M. DRESS REHEARSAL for
"One Christmas"

SENIOR HIGH REGISTRATION

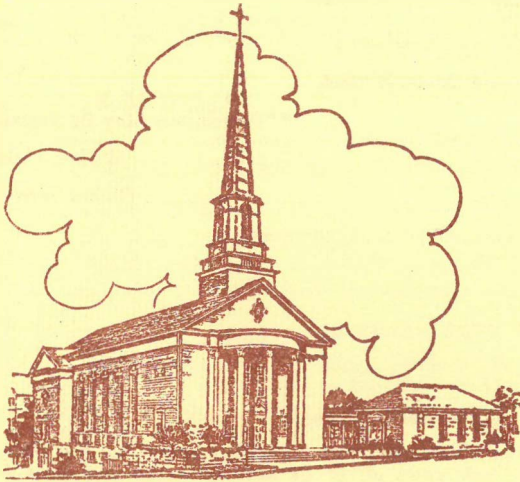
Winter Quarter Registration will be this Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Chapel. We will also have election of new officers for the Youth Council of '72. Please be on time!

FLORENCE CLEMONS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Florence Clemons Class will have its Christmas meeting at Mrs. Claudia Barber's home, 577 E. Call Street, Saturday, December 4, at 3:30 P.M.

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Sermon Preview

"LET US ALONE!"

"Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God." Luke 4:34.

The primary meaning of Advent from the human believer's point of view is our hospitality to Christ's coming to our personal lives. His own people, to whom he first came, may well be divided into two groups, those who "received him" and those who "received him not."

The story is repeated from ancient times to now. Even in messianic anticipation he was one to be "despised and rejected of men." At his birth there was no room in the inn. Even his friends and neighbors at Nazareth turned against him when he so boldly declared his anointment for ministry. In one community where he had engaged in a remarkable ministry of healing, a committee called on him and urged his departure from their shores.

The rulers of Israel did not like him and their council said, "This man must die." At last they crucified him. So deep was his despair in suffering he felt for a moment that even his God had forsaken him.

We can make this story so terribly contemporary, his coming at once so threatening and so promising. It is also so applicable to us, indeed alarmingly relevant. We are in the midst of an act that continues the great drama.

To make the story real — and now — this is the preacher's task — and opportunity.

George A. Foster

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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 "From Heaven Above" Wilbur Held

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*

Eternal God, who in the fulness of time didst send forth upon the earth thy Son Jesus Christ to become for us Savior and Lord, look upon all of us here gathered and hear in mercy our prayers of confession. We confess that we have only half believed the wondrous story of Advent: "Help our unbelief." We acknowledge that we have not yielded our whole selves: now we pray, "Not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." We know that we have oftentimes feared Thy coming into our lives: now we pray, "Evermore come, Lord Jesus." Hear us, we pray, and receive us to thyself; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

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

*GLORIA PATRI

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

ANTHEM

"The Christmas Story"—Ron Nelson Chancel Choir
Narrator: Mark Hopkins
Soloist: Walter James

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Luke 4:31-39

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Wilbur Held

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN NO. 360, "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

"LET US ALONE!" Dr. George A. Foster

*RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 108, "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing"

BENEDICTION Choral Amen

POSTLUDE "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" Wilbur Held

A CAROL PLAY: "ONE CHRISTMAS"

by Young and Bampton

5:30 P.M.

In the Patio

Children and Youth Choirs
Adult speaking voices with cast of children

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. John A. Butz by Mrs. John A. Butz and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Butz.

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 Candelabrum (Parlor)*.

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INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

We are providing \$75 to the International House project at First Presbyterian Church, which is the estimated cost of one dinner for the entire group. Individuals and groups in our church who wish personal involvement in this project may call 222-4504 and ask for International House, or inquire directly at our church office.

SYMPATHY TO BISHOP HENLEY

A visit to the hospital following church last Sunday revealed that Bishop Henley had suffered a fractured leg, from an accident in Tampa Airport on his way here. He and Mrs. Henley returned home on Sunday afternoon, cancelling all his engagements in our District. Our wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to him.

LETTER FROM TURNERS

Our first personal communication from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Turner, missionaries to Africa, came recently. We are now supporting the Turners in the amount of \$2,000 annually as a World Advance Special. Their address: Box 101, Serowe, Botswana, Africa.

KEEP UP LEVEL OF GIVING

It's not that our giving has decreased, but that our costs have increased. Just about everything has gone up. Wherever possible we request our people to increase their giving in 1972. At the very least we ask that all carry over their 1971 pledges into 1972.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

The Administrative Board will meet Tuesday, December 14, at 8:00 P.M. There will be no meeting of the Council on Ministries.

W.S.C.S. DECEMBER MEETINGS

Monday, December 13

Circle 1: 10:00 A.M. with Mrs. Stanley Marshall and Mrs. J. Orson Smith, 1030 W. Tennessee St.

Circle 2: 2:45 P.M. with Dr. Minna Jewell and Mrs. Rudolph Blaettler, 2000 Old Fort Dr.

Circle 3: 3:00 P.M. with Mrs. J. A. Rehwinkel, 508 Talafo St.

Tuesday, December 14 — 10:00 A.M.

Circle 5: with Mrs. Wm. Macklin, Mrs. E. B. Loyless and Mrs. Sam Bennett, 1107 Terrace.

Circle 6: with Mrs. H. C. Mills and Mrs. C. H. Ramm, 1121 Alachua Ave.

Circle 7: with Mrs. Howell Wadsworth and Mrs. Tom Jones, 519 E. 6th. Ave.

Circle 8: with Mrs. G. B. Dobson, Fellowship Hall.

Circle 9: with Mrs. O. C. Collins, 1514 Cristobal Dr.

Circle 11: with Mrs. Robert Peirce, 2608 Lotus Drive.

Circle 12: with Mrs. C. H. Butterworth, Church Parlor.

WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU

We count on December for the heaviest contributions of the year. Some of our people choose to pay annually. This is the month! We're counting on you!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SUPPER

Our annual covered dish Christmas supper will be December 19 at 5:30 P.M. We want you to bring friends and family. After the supper will be a Christmas Folk Cantata, "Shepherds Rejoice," by our youth. Let us make this a great time for Christmas spirit and family fellowship. We will meet in Fellowship Hall.

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Mr. Walter Eason
Mrs. J. F. (Julia) McIntosh
Mr. A. M. Middlebrooks
Mrs. Reid Nunn
Mr. S. R. White

Congratulations and a Rose to:

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nash on the birth of a son, James Noel Nash, III, December 2, 1971.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The regular group meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild will be held Monday, December 13, at 7:30 P.M., in the Chapel.

Dr. Griffith Pugh will present a Christmas program followed by refreshments in the church parlor. All members are urged to be present and to bring canned goods to be distributed to a needy family at Christmas.

W.S.C.S. members are invited.

YOUTH PLAY BASKETBALL

Any junior or senior high boy desiring to play on our church team in basketball in a city league, please call Mr. Curry or sign up on his door. This will be the last week for registering.

SR. HIGHS NEED TOYS

Any toys available for use by our senior highs should be brought to the church office or Mr. Curry's office (room 324). These young people plan to share them with needy children at Christmas.

THANKS FROM EKWALLS

Dr. and Mrs. Merton Ekwall express thanks to various church members and classes who have donated to Mrs. Leona Cook after her home recently burned.

NO UMYF THIS WEEK

Due to our Christmas play and the youth choir rehearsal, there will be no UMYF groups meeting this week.

Next Sunday night, December 19, the youth will go caroling after the Christmas Cantata. Plan to go and wear warm clothes!

ACOLYTES

The young men serving as acolytes in our services of worship in December are: Mike Cawthon, Mike Williams, David Chapman, Jack Davidson, and Billy James (cross).

Our thanks to those who served us so well in November!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday

10:00 A.M. Dress Rehearsal for "One Christmas"

Sunday

8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
9:00 A.M. Church Broadcast
(WTNT, 1270)
9:45 A.M. Church School for All Ages
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Cast and choirs assemble for "One Christmas"
5:30 P.M. "One Christmas," Patio
7:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
Bob Storey Class Covered Dish
Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Monday

W.S.C.S. Meetings (see announcement)
3:30 P.M. K, 1, 2 Grades Choir
7:30 P.M. W.S.G. Joint Meeting, Chapel

Tuesday

10:00 A.M. W.S.C.S. Meetings
3:30 P.M. 3, 4, 5, 6 Grades Choir
8:00 P.M. Administrative Board

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Parlor Prayer Group
3:30 P.M. Tower (Junior) Bells
7:00 P.M. Trinity Players, Fellowship Hall
7:30 P.M. Chancel (Adult) Choir
(Nursery provided)
Troop 107, Scout House

Thursday

7:30 P.M. Council on Youth Ministries,
2311 Delgado

Friday

9:00 P.M. Coffee House, THE ARK,
Duval Street Entrance

Saturday

11:00 A.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal

WHITE SHEETS, AND CHAPERONES, ANYONE?

THE ARK Committee is looking for sheets to use as curtains in THE ARK. They may be left at the church office at anytime. Your help is appreciated!

We also need chaperones! Those over 21 wishing to help the youth or wanting further information about chaperoning, contact Mr. Curry (222-1120) or Daniel Walsh (222-8279). We want to continue in '72 with a good program for our youth!

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Sermon Preview

"IT'S HAPPENING NOW!"

The Christmas story, as it lives in our minds and hearts, is mostly a "Once upon a time" matter. It is well and proper that this is so, for our Christian faith is historically rooted and the New Testament can be understood only in the larger context of Israel's history.

But Christians think theologically as well as historically about the Christmas story and the whole drama of the Christ event. So we believe that in Jesus Christ God spoke, *and is speaking still*, to all of us. His Word is an everlasting Word, his Advent is an ever-recurring approach to us, his self-disclosure is a continuing revelation.

So it is that we may look upon the whole story of Christ, in whole and in its parts, as not simply "Once upon a time," but a glorious "Happening Now!"

George A. Foster

TO ALL MEMBERS OF TRINITY CHURCH

**Our Greetings at Christmas Time
and Our Appreciation All the Time
MINISTERS AND LAY STAFF**

James W. Henley, *Bishop*

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

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*

Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, look upon us with thy favor, we pray, and consider in mercy our confessions. Thou hast sought an entrance into our lives, but our houses have been too crowded. Thou hast spoken to us gracious words of promise and hope, but we have not heard above the world's loud noise. Thou hast loved us with an everlasting love, but our hearts have been slow to respond. Be merciful to us, we humbly beseech thee, forgive, restore and strengthen 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. 618, "Glory Be to God on High"

*GLORIA PATRI

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

ANTHEM

8:30 "Mary, Mary, What You Gonna Name That Baby?"—
Avery & March *Wesleyan Singers and
Chapel Choir*

11:00 "Come to the Manger"—*Kountz* *Chancel Choir*

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Luke 2:1-20

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"Balulalow"—*Warlock* *Chancel Choir
Majel Barrett, Soloist*

*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

"IT'S HAPPENING NOW!" *Dr. George A. Foster*

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

BENEDICTION *Choral Amen*

POSTLUDE "Canzonetta" *Buxtehude*

FAMILY CHRISTMAS COVERED-DISH DINNER

5:30 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

December 19, 1971

**Program: "Shepherds, Rejoice" by John Wilson
Sung by Youth Choir**

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are from the wedding of Miss Deborah Ann Haskell and Mr. Patrick E. Hurley.

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 *An Oil Painting (Parlor)* and *The Chest and Mirror (Parlor)*.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

The Christmas wreaths over the entrances of Chapel and Sanctuary are the gift of Brett Cureton, child of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Cureton, III.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP DINNER AND PROGRAM

This year we are combining our Christmas Family Fellowship Dinner with one of our Children's and Youth Choir programs. The time is 5:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 19, in Fellowship Hall. Come early and bring your covered dishes. Please remember that many children will be present, and that growing children eat well.

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION

Two Services of Holy Communion are scheduled for Christmas Eve in cooperation with First Presbyterian Church. At Trinity at 7:30 P.M. Chaplain Sandon of F.S.U. will assist Pastor Foster in the Service. At First Presbyterian at 11:00 P.M., Pastor Green will assist Pastor Ennis.

ELECTED OFFICIALS, PLEASE RESPOND

Several persons elected to positions of leadership at our recent Charge Conference have not returned the card indicating their acceptance or decline of election. Please let us have your cards soon, so that we can complete our official roll by the January Administrative Board meeting.

ECONOMIZING AT CHURCH

Your Church staff is seeking to economize in many areas of operation. These include utilities and kitchen services. Please help us. Every little bit counts.

WELCOME HOME, COLLEGE STUDENTS!

We are glad to have students from our families who attend school elsewhere home for the holidays. We welcome them to our Services of Worship.

PRIMER TYPE NEW TESTAMENTS

We have ordered again a quantity of Primer Type *New Testament and Psalms*, which make an excellent gift for elderly persons and for those with failing eyesight. These are available at the church office at \$2.00 each.

EMERGENCY OFFERING — PAKISTANI RELIEF

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END OF YEAR BUDGET PAYMENTS

Our Annual Conference report year now corresponds to the calendar year. Consequently "pay-out-in-full" month is now December instead of May. Of our end-of-year financial condition, we can say that while we are not *in distress* we are *in need*. This means *in need* of the support of all our people.

PLEDGES CARRIED FORWARD INTO 1972

We are carrying forward all 1971 pledges and bank orders into 1972. Those who may wish to change their pledges for 1972 should call or write Mrs. Lisa Miley, Financial Secretary, telephone 222-1120 or P. O. Box 1086.

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Mrs. John (Julia) McIntosh

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann on the death
of her brother, Mr. W. H. Coker, Sr., on
December 11, 1971, in Bethlehem, Pa.

UMYF

Dan and Lynda Hall will have the
U.M.Y.F. this week, Friday evening, *De-*
cember 17, at 8:00 P.M., just before the
coffeehouse opens.

WHITE SHEETS, AND CHAPERONES, ANYONE?

THE ARK Committee is looking for
sheets to use as curtains in THE ARK.
They may be left at the church office at
anytime. Your help is appreciated!

We also need chaperones! Those over 21
wishing to help the youth or wanting fur-
ther information about chaperoning, contact
Mr. Curry (222-1120) or Daniel Walsh
(222-8279). We want to continue in '72
with a good program for our youth!

SR. HIGHS NEED TOYS

Any toys available for use by our senior
highs should be brought to the church of-
fice or Mr. Curry's office (room 324).
These young people plan to share them
with needy children at Christmas.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday

8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
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(WTNT, 1270)
9:45 A.M. Church School for All Ages
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
5:00 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:30 P.M. Family Covered - Dish Dinner
and "Shepherds Rejoice"

Tuesday

10:00 A.M. Prayer Group, Chapel

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10:00 A.M. Parlor Prayer Group
7:00 P.M. Trinity Players, Fellowship Hall
7:30 P.M. Troop 107, Scout House

CAROL CHOIR

Our Carol Choir (Kindergarten, 1, 2
grades) is growing and growing and we
need more Choir robes! Please check again
to see if you have any in your closets from
last year.

YOUTH GO CAROLING

After the Evening Cantata this Sunday,
the young people will go caroling. Age
levels of youth will caravan to geographic
areas to sing the familiar carols. The young
people can be picked up at the church by
10:00 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP TRIP

Our young people are going to Disney
World on December 31 and January 1. A
chartered bus will take forty youth and
adults to Orlando and follow it up with a
day at Disney World.

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Sermon Preview

"THE QUIETNESS OF TRUE RELIGION"

"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever."

Isaiah 32:17.

Most of us have surely noted the element of quietness in the Christmas story, in both song and Scripture. We sing "Silent Night, Holy Night," and feel that silence and holiness are somehow deeply related. "How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given."

Looking further we may also note that there is a broad and deep element of silence and stillness in all true religion. The Bible abounds in suggestions of silence and stillness and depth. The "still small voice" which came to Elijah at Horeb may be better translated as "a sound of gentle stillness." The heavens which declare the glory of God have "no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard." Our Lord saw the kingdom coming gently and silently. "First the blade, then the ear and after that the full corn in the ear."

Here indeed is a lesson greatly needed by modern man. And what better time to re-learn and heed the lesson than at Christmas time.

No doubt about it, learning to be quiet inside is a skill to be achieved through diligent pursuit and practice. It is a form of prayer, and one of the most essential elements of a sustained conscious relationship with God.

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

CHRISTMASTIDE

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

*Congregation Stands

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Serenade" Berlioz

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introt

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 382, "Angels From the Realm of Glory"

*INVOCATION *The Minister*

CALL TO CONFESSION *The Minister*

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

Almighty and most merciful God, who knowest the thoughts of our hearts: We confess that we have sinned against thee, and done evil in thy sight. We have transgressed thy holy laws; we have neglected thy Word and ordinances. Forgive us, O Lord, we beseech thee; and give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and henceforth may ever walk in thy holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 620, "The Beatitudes"

*GLORIA PATRI

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

ANTHEM

Solo: "O Lovely Voices of the Sky"—Matthews Walter James

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Matthew 2:1-15

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"Ding Dong Merrily on High"—arr. Watson Trinity Bells

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN NO. 404, "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

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 QUIETNESS OF TRUE RELIGION" Dr. George A. Foster

*RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 235, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

BENEDICTION Choral Amen

POSTLUDE "Toccata" Berlioz

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 Curio Cabinet (Parlor)* and *The Brass Lighted Sconces (Parlor)*.

APPRECIATION — STAFF TO MEMBERSHIP

Sincere appreciation goes out to all members of Trinity from the staff for thoughtful remembrances made at Christmas time. We look forward together to the year of our Lord 1972.

INFANT BAPTISM

The Eleven O'Clock Service will feature the Christian Service of Infant Baptism. Already four families have indicated their intention to present their children to this service. Others who may wish to bring babies for baptism should call the Church Office, 222-1120, or the Foster Parsonage, 224-0354.

END OF YEAR

This is the last Sunday of 1971 and also the last Sunday of the Annual Conference Year. Soon our statistical reports must be put to record. Please help us in all Budget matters to be able to respond "Paid Out in Full."

HOLY COMMUNION

Our regular schedule of First Sunday Holy Communion will be resumed on Sunday, January 2, at both Morning Services.

GIFT TO CHILDREN'S HOME

We are happy to announce a gift of \$1,600.00 from the estate of S. A. Robinson made to Trinity for the care of children. Our Trustees have voted to direct the gift to our Florida Methodist Children's Home at Enterprise with the request that it become a part of endowment funds.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Watch for announcements of confirmation class for various age groups. These will be getting under way in late January and early February.

CURRYS ON VACATION

Reverend and Mrs. Curry are spending two weeks vacation in Florida visiting family and scenic places. He will resume office and pastoral work January 3.

NO EVENING WORSHIP

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ELECTED OFFICIALS, PLEASE RESPOND

Several persons elected to positions of leadership at our recent Charge Conference have not returned the card indicating their acceptance or decline of election. Please let us have your cards soon, so that we can complete our official roll by the January Administrative Board meeting.

"A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS"

This fine play by Robert Bolt has been in preparation to be presented by the Trinity Players. Please reserve the dates January 7 and 8, 1971, at 7:30 P.M., and plan to attend one of those nights. With leading roles played by members of Trinity Church, it will be put on in Fellowship Hall. A donation will be taken at the door as you leave, to defray the cost of the production, and make possible future productions.

TRIP BY YOUTH

It looks like two chartered buses will take eighty youth and their adult hosts to Disney World, December 31-January 1. We shall stay at First Methodist Church in Orlando and go to Disney World on New Year's Day.

PLEDGE CARRY-OVER INTO 1972

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Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Thompson on the death of his brother-in-law, Mr. George Tippet of Gladwater, Texas, December 9, 1971.

UMYF

No evening U.M.Y.F. groups this week. All regularly scheduled youth groups will resume next Sunday, January 2.

BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS

Teenage Boys will have two teams in the city league. Jr. High boys (ages 13-15) and Sr. High boys (ages 16-18) will play at Lafayette Community Center. Contact Mr. Curry or Mr. Green if you would like to play for our church.

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YOUTH COUNCIL

1972 officers for the Council on Youth Ministries are: Tommy Cawthon (President); Cheri Lewis (Secretary); Representatives: Bob Smith, Linda Phifer (7th Grade); Kelly Jones, Todd Schroeder, Andy Smith (8th Grade); Rupert Seals (9th Grade); Bobby Burress (10th Grade); Joanne Hale (11th Grade); and Steve James (12th Grade). Mrs. Germaine Fritchman is Youth Coordinator.

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