



The Tidings of Trinity United Methodist Church

Park Avenue and Duval Street
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No. 25

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT. Christmas was no accident of history. It was a gift — God's gift — God's planned-for gift.

And Christmas continues to be no accident. It come as a real life-changing event in our lives when we have done some preparing for it. That is what Advent is all about. It is a period (four Sundays long) of preparation. And preparation is essential for celebration.

At this season of the year we hear a lot of complaint about all of the commercial exploitation of Christmas and all of the secular pageantry and display — colored lights, blaring songs of Christmas, tinsel, decorated trees, people thronging stores buying gifts. True, the Advent Season ought to reach a deeper level than this. It ought to be a time of expectation and of openness to the reality of God's expression in Christ.

Through worship in the church each Sunday, through Bible study, through private meditation upon the meaning of Jesus Christ and a more complete commitment of life to Him, and through increased involvement in meeting the needs of others, WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVENT. When we begin to move at this level of preparation, we discover that even the apparatus used by commercial interests to promote Christmas sales actually contributes to our own Christmas experience.

So far as Sunday worship is concerned I am planning a series of four Advent sermons for the 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 o'clock worship services. Our choirs are planning to contribute special offerings of music to these services.

On December 16 we will have the presentation of Trinity's first Chrismon trees (with an open house in the afternoon).

On three Sunday nights (December 9, 16, 23) we will be having three special musical offerings, including an opportunity for a Christmas Carol sing where you choose your favorite Christmas songs.

The preparation for Christmas will climax with Holy Communion on Christmas Eve.

Ed Norman

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Advent

8:30 — 9:45 — 11:00

°Congregation Stands

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Carillon"—*Sowerby*

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 359**, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

***INVOCATION**

***RESPONSE AND PRAYER**

LEADER: Greetings! Today is the first Sunday in Advent.

PEOPLE: YES! WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHTS AND TINSEL AND TO HEAR SOME OF THE SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS. BUT WE ARE NOT EXCITED. FOR MANY OF US THIS SEASON HAS BECOME A DULL HEADACHE IN A NOISY STREET. WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

LEADER: The really great experiences in our lives don't just happen; we have to get ready for them. Christmas takes preparation. It did at the very first.

PEOPLE: YES, WE REMEMBER THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS: "PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT."

LEADER: Those people came to that first Christmas on tip toe — expectant. They knew God was up to something in the world. They were ready when He sprang it on them.

ALL: AND SO NOW WE PRAY TO GOD FOR GUIDANCE, FOR A KNOWLEDGE OF HIS PRESENCE, AND FOR A SENSE OF EXPECTANCY. WE ASK GOD TO HELP US TO GET READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVENT. In Jesus' Name.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

***THE RESPONSIVE READING, NO. 614**, "Lord, Now Lettest Thou Thy Servant" (Nunc Dimittis)

***GLORIA PATRIA, NO. 792**

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

ANTHEM

8:30 A.M. "God Is With Us"—*Posegate* *Youth Choir and Wesleyan Singers*

11:00 A.M. "Now There Lightens Upon Us"—*Sowerby* *Chancel Choir*

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Luke 2:25-35

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

8:30 A.M. "Are You Weary?"—*Artman* *Wesleyan Singers*

11:00 A.M. "Come on Down, Zacchaeus"—*Leaf* } *Soprano Solo—Patsy Crotty*
"It's Love"—*Folk Song* } *Carol Choir*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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

SERMON

"WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?" *Rev. Ed Norman*
(An Advent Sermon)

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 376**, "In the Bleak Midwinter"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Chorale"—*Sowerby*

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Sunday, December 2, 1973

3-8 P.M.

KILLEARN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- 3:00 P.M. Bishop Joel McDavid to speak
4:15 The Urban Committee Progress Report, Rev. Ed Norman
4:55 Florida Methodist Childrens' Home Report, Rev. Bascom Carlton
5:15 Supper at the church, \$2.00 each
(Reservations to the church BY THURSDAY, November 29)
6:05 Larger Parish Report, Mr. Jerry Chapman and Mrs. Thelma Crosby
6:45 VENTURE IN MISSIONS:
address by Gerardo Martinez, former Cuban minister now serving
as a missionary in Managua, Nicaragua

All Tallahassee United Methodists are welcome to attend any or all of this Conference.

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 Church Organ Chimes* and *The Church Clergy Seat*.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The December meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held on next Tuesday, December 4, in Fellowship Hall.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Patricia Rose, sister of Mrs. James (Liz) Smith.

The Board will meet at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Room (212). A time of fellowship for all members will begin at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall, with a luncheon at 12:00 Noon. Lunches will be served by reservations only. Make your reservations with your circle chairman, with the chairman calling in the number to the church office no later than noon on Monday.

HANDBELL CHOIR PERFORMS AT LEMOYNE

The Youth Handbell Choir has been asked to give a special half-hour program at Lemoyne Art Gallery on Sunday afternoon, December 2, at 2:00 o'clock. This might be an opportunity to hear lovely Christmas music and view the gallery in its holiday splendor.

CIRCLE NO. 13

On December 4, Circle No. 13 of the United Methodist Women, will meet at the home of Mrs. Orlis Causseaux, 317 North Conradi Street, at 8:00 p.m.

FLORENCE CLEMONS CLASS

The Florence Clemons Class, UMW Circle No. 11, will have its traditional Christmas meeting with Mrs. Claudia N. Barber, 577 E. Call St., on Saturday, December 1, at 3:00 p.m.

THE STRANGER

The Advanced Studies Class will have Dr. William Spencer and Dr. Richard Rubenstein as their guests in dialogue concerning Albert Camus' book, *The Stranger*, at 9:45 a.m., in Room 212, next to the church parlor this Sunday, December 2.

ADULT BASKETBALL

Interested in playing on the church league adult basketball team? Contact Mr. Palmer Williams, 576-2061, or the church office, right away to register.

INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

Dr. Joe Hughes, Dr. Stanley Marshall and Bill Fritchman will coach 10-12-year-olds, and Johnny Crotty and Ron Hock will coach 13-15-year-olds in church league teams representing Trinity this winter. If you have not already registered on one of these teams and want to play, get in touch with one of the coaches or the church office immediately.

MANY THANKS TO OUR NURSERY WORKERS

Our appreciation goes to the nursery workers for the month of November: Dr. and Mrs. Ledley Brown, Mrs. Prudy Cook, Mrs. Ruth Zanelli, Mr. and Mrs. Vann Brackin, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nash.

We need a few more nursery workers for the 3, 4 and 5-year-olds during the 11:00 o'clock worship service. Those who sign up will only have to work once every three months. (It's lots of fun and not difficult!) Please sign up and indicate your preference of Sundays. Husbands, wives, young people, and "mature" people are encouraged to participate.

Please place the blank below in the offering plate, bring it to the church office, or mail it to the church office (P. O. Box 1086, 32302). Thank you!

Sunday Volunteers with 3, 4, & 5-Year-Olds

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Circle date preference:

1st Sunday of month

2nd Sunday

3rd Sunday

4th Sunday

I would be willing to help on 5th Sundays _____

CHURCH FAMILY

Circle of Concern (Known to be at TMH)

Miss Carolyn Hart
Mrs. Clarence (Mae) Edney
Mrs. L. O. (Johnnie) Keffe
Mr. Clyde Gregory
Miss Anniewill Langford

IN MEMORIAM

"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

Mr. Robert H. Maybin
November 23, 1973

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton E. Rhodes on the recent death of his brother, Dr. Bricey M. Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady Parrish on the death of her brother, Mr. E. Ray Wooten, on October 29, 1973, Pensacola, Fla.

The family and friends of Miss Kate B. Inman on her death, November 27, 1973, Jacksonville, Fla.

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Cynthia Lynne Levy and Karen Diana Levy, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Levy, Jr., November 24, 1973.

Angela Marie Hackett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hackett, November 25, 1973.

NEEDED

The Circle No. 8, in following up on their family to which they took a Thanksgiving basket, discovered the following needs in the home: 2 chests of drawers, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, crib sheets, and 2 pair standard size curtains. If you have any of these items and would be willing to offer them to this situation of need, please call Mrs. Harold Brown, 575-3463, Mrs. Edward S. Nevius, 576-0204, or Rev. Brown in the church office. Thank you.

ANNUAL MIGRANT COFFEE

The Annual Migrant Coffee—sponsored by Church Women United (and Tallahassee's twentieth) will meet at Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 840 Dunn Street—corner of Dade and Dunn—December 7, 10:00 to 1:00—nursery provided.

Speaker: Dr. Marshall Berry.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Friday, Nov. 30

7:00 P.M. Youth Bell Choir Practice
8:00 P.M. THE ARK, Coffee House

Saturday, Dec. 1

10:00 A.M. Carol Choir Practice
11:00 A.M. Youth Bell Choir Practice

Sunday, Dec. 2

8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
9:00 A.M. Church Broadcast
(WTNT, 1270)
9:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:45 A.M. Church School for All Ages
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
11:30 A.M. Carol Choir (1, 2, 3 Grades)
2:00 P.M. Youth Handbell Choir performs at LeMoyné
3:30 P.M. Instrumental Ensemble
5:15 P.M. Jr. High Choir
5:15 P.M. College Age MYF
5:15 P.M. Sr. High MYF
6:15 P.M. Snack Supper
6:30 P.M. Jr. High MYF
6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
7:45 P.M. NO EVENING WORSHIP

SERVICE DUE TO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Monday, Dec. 3

6:45 A.M. MEN'S STUDY OF MARK, Room 212

10:00 A.M. MARK STUDY, Room 212
3:30 P.M. Carol Choir (1, 2, 3 Grades)
4:15 P.M. Beginning Bell Choir

Tuesday, Dec. 4

6:45 A.M. WOMEN'S STUDY OF MARK, Room 212
10:00 A.M. United Methodist Women—Board Meeting, Room 212
12:00 Noon United Methodist Women—Luncheon Meeting, Fellowship Hall
3:30 P.M. Wesleyan Singers—Boys and Girls (Grades 4, 5, 6)

7:30 P.M. MARK STUDY, Room 212
7:30 P.M. Social Concerns' Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 5

3:30 P.M. Intermediate Bell Choir
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir (Adult)
(Nursery Provided if Needed)

Thursday, Dec. 6

10:00 A.M. MARK STUDY, Room 212
11:00 A.M. Voice Class
12:00 Noon Piano Class

Friday, Dec. 7

8:00 P.M. THE ARK, Coffee House

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No. 26

CAN YOU THINK OF A BETTER WAY to celebrate the long life of a church than by HELPING TO BIRTH A NEW CHURCH?

A NEW CHURCH IS IN THE CONCEPTION STAGE HERE IN TALLAHASSEE. WHERE? On top of the highest hill between here and Chaires on Route 27 (about two miles west of Chaires). The Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Tallahassee District of the United Methodist Church has voted to buy five acres of land on the south side of the highway. Right now it is open pasture with a clump of huge oaks on the back (south) end. As a member of that committee, I went with other members to look it over last week. I don't see any piece of land that could have been chosen that would be more suitable.

WHY BUY LAND NOW FOR A CHURCH THAT WILL NOT BE BUILT FOR SEVERAL YEARS? One (1) reason: TO SAVE MONEY. Land prices are escalating rapidly. Six months ago that land could have been bought for two thousands dollars an acre cheaper than it can be bought now. Another (2) reason: TO GET THE BEST SITE. When you drive by and see the spot we are buying you will agree that it is the choice spot. Still another (3) reason: TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE EXTENSION OF THE CHURCH. By getting the land now we will help the church in the continued expansion of its mission in the world.

WHAT CAN WE DO? We can do what Trinity has done in the past. We can help birth a new church.

HOW? Right now by giving our money to help buy this piece of land. We can write checks or put cash in envelopes. Mark the gifts: "NEW CHURCH."

Ed Norman

8:30 AND 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICES

Second Sunday in Advent

PRELUDE "Overture" (*Messiah*)—Händel

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

INVOCATION

ORATORIO *Messiah*—Händel Chancel Choir and Soloists

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Hallelujah Chorus" (*Messiah*)—Händel (to be sung by all)

9:45 WORSHIP SERVICE

PRELUDE "Overture" (*Messiah*)—Händel

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

ANTHUM

"Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head"—arr. Gibb Trio —
Delano Fenn,
Carole Dalton,
Carol Bush

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

OFFERTORY "Pastoral Symphony" (*Messiah*)—Händel

HYMN NO. 393, "Silent Night"

SERMON

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Postlude"—Händel

Special Evening Worship Service

"100% CHANCE OF RAIN"

by Horsley

(A Cantata for Young Singers)

Fellowship Hall

7:45 P.M.

Wesleyan Singers

Noah's Ark

(built by Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Harris)

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 *Church Clergy Seat* and *The Church Pulpit and Lectern Parameters*.

DECEMBER MEETINGS OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Monday, December 10

Circle #1—10:00 A.M. with Mrs. Willie McConnell; co-hostess, Mrs. Tom Lux, at 913 Gardenia Drive.

Circle #2—2:30 P.M. with Mrs. C. A. Taylor; co-hostess, Mrs. George Beasley, Church Parlor.

Tuesday, December 11

Circle #3—10:00 A.M. with Mrs. C. A. Butterworth at 2803 Woodside Drive.

Circle #4—10:00 A.M., Church Library.

Circle #5—10:00 A.M. with Mrs. William Macklin at 1107 Terrace. Bring gifts for students at Vashti.

Circle #6—10:00 A.M. with Mrs. Johan H. Stuy at 2327 Armistead; Co-hostess, Mrs. F. E. Steinmeyer, Jr.

Circle #7—10:00 A.M. with Mrs. Howell Wadsworth, Fellowship Hall.

Circle #8—9:30 A.M. with Mrs. Ben T. Waddill and Mrs. Robert Dean, Church Parlor. Nursery provided.

Circle #9—10:00 A.M. with Mrs. Robert Peirce at 2608 Lotus Drive.

JR. HIGH UMYF

Trip to Temple Israel on Sunday evening, December 9. Leave church at 6:30 and return by 7:45. Have your parents pick you up here. Also, remember to check with your parents about the Disney World trip.

SR. HIGH UMYF

"What About Joseph" presented by Lynn Goerke. All Senior Highs are invited at 5:15 Sunday.

MEMORIAL WREATHS

As the Christmas Season nears, many of us are interested in remembering and honoring loved ones in a special way. Wreaths will be placed in the Church for the Christmas Season. You may participate by sending a contribution (any amount) along with the memorial information. Please notify the church office no later than Monday, December 10.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY FAMILY CHOIR

It is traditional at Trinity at the 11:00 Worship Service on Christmas Sunday to replace our Chancel Choir with a Family Choir. This choir is composed of families who sing together, father and mother and children (or any combination thereof), who come to the choir room before service time, rehearse a familiar hymn, then sit in the choir loft and lead in the service of worship. We invite you and your family to participate this year on December 23. Amongst other things, Christmas is a "family affair." Let the Jameses know.

LAST CALL FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL

If you would like to participate on a Trinity Men's Basketball Team, please notify the church office (222-1120) this week (by Dec. 13). If there is enough interest in having a team, Trinity will sponsor it; however, if not enough men have "signed up" by Dec. 13, a team will not be sponsored this year. Please call if you are interested!

DR. FOSTER WILL SPEAK TO BOB STOREY CLASS

On December 9 and 16 Dr. George Foster will speak to the Bob Storey Class at 9:45 in room 210. You are welcome to attend.

STAFF

Ed W. Norman, *Pastor*
Walter James, *Director of Music*
Mrs. Walter James, *Organist*
and Associate Director of Music

Harold B. Brown, Jr., *Pastor*
Mrs. Harry Miley, *Financial Secretary*
Mrs. Palmer Williams, *Church Secretary*

CHURCH FAMILY

Circle of Concern (Known to be at TMH)

Mrs. L. O. (Johnnie) Keffe

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Draper and family on the death of her mother, Mrs. Anna Cope Hobbs, November 28, 1973.

Congratulations and a Rose to:

Mr. and Mrs. Bert W. Messer on the birth of a daughter, Jena Lee Messer, November 25, 1973.

WE ARE LIGHTED

The City has installed "security" lights in the two main parking areas at the church. (We paid for the installation and pay a monthly maintenance and use fee to the city.) So, from now on when you come to Trinity at night, you can park in the light.

GUEST CHOIR

You are cordially invited this afternoon, Dec. 9, at 4:00 p.m., to hear the Florida State University Chorus, conducted by Clayton Krehbiel. They will perform *Theresienmesse* by Haydn in our sanctuary.

FELKEL-STEINMEYER CLASS

The Felkel-Steinmeyer Class will have its Christmas Party with Mrs. Bessie Jones, 406 Williams Street, on Friday, December 14, from 2 until 4. Ya'll come!

MARK STUDIES

All Studies of Mark will be cancelled until after New Year's Day.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

The Administrative Board will meet Tuesday, December 11, at 8:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 9

- 8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
- 9:00 A.M. Church Broadcast
(WTNT, 1270)
- 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship
- 9:45 A.M. Church School for All Ages
- 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
- 11:30 A.M. Carol Choir (1, 2, 3 Grades)
- 3:30 P.M. Instrumental Ensemble
- 4:00 P.M. F.S.U. Chorus, Sanctuary
- 5:15 P.M. Jr. High Choir
- 5:15 P.M. Sr. High MYF
- 5:15 P.M. College Age MYF
- 6:15 P.M. Snack Supper
- 6:30 P.M. Jr. High MYF
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
- 7:45 P.M. Special Worship Service,
"100% Chance of Rain"

Monday, Dec. 10

- 3:30 P.M. Carol Choir (1, 2, 3 Grades)
- 4:15 P.M. Beginning Bell Choir

Tuesday, Dec. 11

- 3:30 P.M. Wesleyan Singers—Boys and
Girls (Grades 4, 5, 6)
- 8:00 P.M. Administrative Board

Wednesday, Dec. 12

- 3:30 P.M. Intermediate Bell Choir
- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir (Adult)
(Nursery Provided
if Needed)

Thursday, Dec. 13

- 11:00 A.M. Voice Class
- 12:00 Noon Piano Class

Friday, Dec. 14

- 8:00 P.M. THE ARK, Coffee House

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No. 27

\$238,000 IS THE AMOUNT OF MONEY required for us to carry out the program proposed for Trinity Church for 1974. AND WE ARE GOING TO REACH THAT GOAL. We are close to \$200,000 pledged. (We had only \$165,000 pledged for 1973.) And income from additional sources including loose plate offerings and trust funds will provide at least \$38,000. (This figure is based upon money received from additional sources in previous years.)

THIS VICTORY REPRESENTS AN INCREASE FOR NEXT YEAR OF \$33,000 IN THE GIVING OF TRINITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. (That is more than a 16% increase.)

BUT WHAT MAKES THIS ADVANCE IN GIVING SO EXCITING IS THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO VISITATION CAMPAIGN, NO GIMICS, NO PRESSURE APPLIED (except the pressure of the Holy Spirit who will not let us be content with mediocre commitment when He requires of us our best). It was the sort of giving the Apostle Paul was talking about in his second letter to the Church in Corinth when he said, "I should like it to be a spontaneous gift, and not money squeezed out of you . . ." (J. B. Phillips, 2 Cor. 9:6.)

I am certain that you can tell by the way I have expressed myself above that I am very happy with the way in which you have voted your support of Trinity's program for 1974.

SEE THE TWO CHRISMONS TREES, one on each side of the Chancel area just inside of the Communion rail. This is the first time Trinity has had these trees. And we can thank particularly Mrs. Myra Burkhalter and Mrs. June Ferguson who have spent a great many hours creating CHRISMONS (Christ Monograms).

THIS AFTERNOON FROM 2:00 UNTIL 4:00 O'CLOCK THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN TO THE TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY to come and see these trees. Special brochures have been prepared and printed to explain the meaning of the symbols on the trees.

Ed Norman

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Advent

8:30 — 9:45 — 11:00

* Congregation Stands

*** Worshipers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Greensleeves" (What Child Is This?)—*Purvis*

CALL TO WORSHIP

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 374**, "Angels We Have Heard on High"
NO. 386, "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

* INVOCATION

* RESPONSE AND PRAYER

Bestow thy light upon us, O Lord, that, being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may attain unto the true light; through Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

ANTHEM

Selections from "The Alfred Burt Carols"—*Burt* *Chancel Choir*

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Genesis 1:1-3
John 3:16-21

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

8:30 A.M. "Pastorale" (Forest Green)—*Purvis*
11:00 A.M. "Carol of the Questioning Child"—*Kountz* *Wesleyan Singers and Chancel Choir*

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN NO. 395, "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"
NO. 396, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

SERMON

"WHEN DARKNESS FLIES" (An Advent Sermon) *Rev. Ed Norman*

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Carillon"—*Purvis*

CHRISTMAS VESPERS

CHOIRS, BELLS, AND INSTRUMENTS

5:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

December 16, 1973

Everyone is invited to come.

(This program will be in place of the 7:45 Evening Worship Service.)

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.

Christmas wreaths have been placed to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the following:

Mr. Royal Mattice, Jr., by Mr. and Mrs. Royal Mattice

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Bauer by Dr. and Mrs. Robert V. Peirce

Mrs. Leila Proctor and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Storrs by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Proctor and Miss Iris Storrs

Mr. Ward T. Fletcher by Mrs. Ward T. Fletcher and his children, Maxine, Sandra, Lyman, and David

Mr. Roy S. Harter and Mr. William S. Snell by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Harter

Mrs. Allie Y. Brown and Mrs. Ada Y. Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Ledley Brown

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith by Godfrey Smith and Julian V. Smith

Mr. J. Warren Hill by Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Smith

Dr. and Mrs. Bricey M. Rhodes by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton E. Rhodes

Mr. Norman Harper by Mrs. Norman Harper and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Walters and family

Mr. Emory Somerset and Mr. Harrell Somerset by Mrs. Emory Somerset

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Rasor and Mr. Dave Cureton by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cureton, David, Keith, Brett, and Mike

Mr. Herbert L. Strong by Mrs. Herbert L. Strong

The deceased members of 1973 of the United Methodist Women by the United Methodist Women

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Norman, Jr., by Mr. and Mrs. Ed W. Norman and family

NEED WORK DONE?

If you have any type of yard work, (mowing, raking leaves or straw, picking up trash, etc.), window washing or any other projects that the youth of Trinity could do to raise money for a trip to Disney World, please contact Cary Moon (877-3363) or Lynn Goerke (385-0593).

CIRCLE NO. 12

Circle No. 12 will meet on Monday night, Dec. 17, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Church Parlor. Refreshments will be served.

FOOD AND FESTIVITY

On December 23, we will have a covered dish dinner followed by a program which will consist of an old-fashioned carol sing (carols which you request). The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is a very special event for the entire family.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Circles wishing to have Christmas food baskets delivered should take them to Mrs. Hartsfield's office by December 19.

STAFF

Ed W. Norman, *Pastor*
Walter James, *Director of Music*
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and *Associate Director of Music*

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Mrs. Harry Miley, *Financial Secretary*
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CHURCH FAMILY

Circle of Concern

(Known to be at TMH)

Mrs. Jack (Theresa) Fountain
Mrs. Barbara Wilkison
Mr. Max Bennett
Mr. Gene Fisher

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hulet and family
on the death of his mother, Mrs. Linna I.
Hulet, Urbana, Illinois, December 5, 1973.

Dr. and Mrs. Sam Moorer and Mr. and
Mrs. Robert Parker, Sr., on the death of Dr.
James L. Anderson, brother of Mrs. Moorer
and brother-in-law of Mr. Parker.

Christian Baptism

Ryan Stuart Stokes, son of Mr. and Mrs.
Jerry Stokes, December 9, 1973.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 9, 1973

8:30 A.M.	162
9:45 A.M.	88
11:00 A.M.	553
Total	803

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Dec. 15

10:00 A.M.	Carol Choir Rehearsal
10:45 A.M.	Beginning Bells Rehearsal
11:00 A.M.	Wesleyan Singers Rehearsal

Sunday, Dec. 16

8:30 A.M.	Early Morning Worship
9:00 A.M.	Church Broadcast (WTNT, 1270)
9:45 A.M.	Morning Worship
9:45 A.M.	Church School for All Ages
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
11:30 A.M.	Carol Choir (1, 2, 3 Grades)
2:00-	

4:00 P.M. Church open for viewing
Chrismons

3:30 P.M. Instrumental Ensemble
Rehearsal

3:45 P.M. Intermediate Bells Rehearsal

4:00 P.M. Jr. High Choir Rehearsal

4:10 P.M. Youth Bells Rehearsal

4:20 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal

5:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

(No rehearsals after the 16th until
school begins in January)

6:15 P.M. Snack Supper

6:30 P.M. Jr. High MYF

6:30 P.M. Sr. High Caroling

Monday, Dec. 17

6:30 P.M. AARP (American Association
of Retired Persons) Dinner
(no guests)

7:30 P.M. Cub Scouts Pack 107, ARK

7:30 P.M. 10-12-Year Boys' Basketball
—Raa

Tuesday, Dec. 18

7:30 P.M. 13-15-Year Boys' Basketball
—Cobb

Wednesday, Dec. 19

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir (Adult)
(Nursery Provided
if Needed)

Thursday, Dec. 20

11:00 A.M. Voice Class

12:00 Noon Piano Class

6:30 P.M. 10-12-Year Boys' Basketball
—Raa

8:30 P.M. 13-15-Year Boys' Basketball
—Cobb

Friday, Dec. 21

8:00 P.M. THE ARK, Coffee House

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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

May you have
THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS
which is PEACE

THE GLADNESS OF CHRISTMAS
which is HOPE

THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS
which is LOVE



YOUR MINISTERS
AND
CHURCH STAFF

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:30 — 9:45 — 11:00

*Congregation Stands

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"—*Held*

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 388**, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

***INVOCATION**

PRAYER

Eternal God, who by the birth of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ didst give thyself to mankind: Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

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

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

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

ANTHEM

"Christmas Carols" *Family Choir*

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Philippians 2:1-11 (Phillips Translation)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"—*Held*

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN NO. 380, "There's a Song in the Air"

SERMON

"WHEN THE CHARM OF CHRISTMAS
BECOMES THE CLAIM OF CHRIST" *Rev. Ed Norman*

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "God Rest You Merry"—*Held*

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

Sunday Evening, December 23

6:30 P.M. — COVERED DISH DINNER

Fellowship Hall

Informal Carols Around the Tree

40 International Students Our Guests

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are dedicated by Dr. and Mrs. Ed Fenn in loving memory of her parents, Mr. Ben Driver and Mrs. Cora Driver Weaver, and by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hallam in loving memory of her father, Mr. Ray R. McCallen.

MEMORIAL BOOK FOR SUNDAY

This Sunday the Memorial Book in the Church Narthex, which contains the Memorials and Gifts given to the glory of God and in honor and in memory of loved ones and friends is open to *A Prayer Desk* and the *Church Pew Screens and Communion Trays*.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Mrs. Bion (Louise) Leathers

Mr. Albert Leathers
1303 Ocala Road

Mrs. G. William and Marian Jernigan
524 West Tarpe

Mr. and Mrs. Omar P. Duggar, Jr.

Miss Carol Duggar
2069 Dellwood Drive

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Whiting
1534 Hickory Avenue

Mrs. Carrie E. McKenzie
427 Vinnedge Ride

LAST CALL FOR NEEDY

This Sunday will be the last opportunity to present canned items of food for the needy families being assisted by our United Methodist Women this Christmas. If you were not able to bring these to the church last Sunday, do so by Sunday evening, December 23, in order that the money and food items can be distributed. Many thanks to all who have had a part in this sharing of Christmas in situations of need!

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Due to the Christmas holidays, the December 30 issue of "The Tidings" will not be mailed to your home. Copies will be given out in church.

CHRISTIAN DINNER TO SHARE?

Any Trinity Member who would like to have one or more International Students for Christmas Dinner, please call Faith Presbyterian Church, 385-6151.

ATTENTION, SHUT-INS

Rev. Harold Brown will present the Sunday morning lesson on WTNT, 1270, 9:45 A.M., December 23, 30 and January 6, in the absence of Mr. J. Kenneth Ballinger.

TRINITY NURSERY SCHOOL

Beginning January 4, there will be a few openings in the Trinity Nursery School (for 3- and 4-year-olds meeting on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:00 to 12:00). If you are interested in enrolling your child, please call Mary Blackburn at 877-1679 or Claire Nash at 385-9880.

MOTHERS' MORNING OUT

There will be NO Mothers' Morning Out Nursery on Wednesday, December 26.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION OFFERING

will be used to provide tuition and other expenses for our Nigerian Student (Richard Ezenwukwa)—a program sponsored by our Commission on Missions in conjunction with Florida State University. Offerings for this purpose can be mailed to the Church Office or placed in the offering on Christmas Eve.

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CHURCH FAMILY

Circle of Concern (Known to be at TMH)

Miss Carolyn Hart
Mr. Clyde Gregory
Mr. Richard Ezenwukwa

Extended Care

Mrs. L. O. (Johnnie) Keeffe
Dr. Harvey Burke

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mrs. Thomas (Elizabeth) Bussey on the death of her nephew, Mr. Charles O. Reiff, Jr., Marianna, Fla., December 21, 1973.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday, December 16, 1973

8:30 A.M.	91
9:45 A.M.	73
11:00 A.M.	391
Total	555

CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Trinity and First Presbyterian will jointly sponsor Holy Communion services on Christmas Eve. At 7:30 p.m. a service will be held at Trinity and at 11:00 p.m. a service will be held at First Presbyterian. You are welcome to attend either of these December 24 services.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 23

- 8:30 A.M. Early Morning Worship
- 9:00 A.M. Church Broadcast (WTNT, 1270)
- 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship
- 9:45 A.M. Church School for All Ages
- 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
- 11:00 A.M. A Family Choir—come with your families and sing (Practice in choir room prior to service)
- 11:30 A.M. Carol Choir (1, 2, 3 Grades)
- 5:15 P.M. Sr. High MYF
- 6:15 P.M. Snack Supper for Youth
- 6:30 P.M. Annual Christmas Family Night
- 6:30 P.M. Jr. High MYF—Film—"The Selfish Giant"

Monday, December 24

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 7:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service at Trinity
- 11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service at First Presbyterian

Tuesday, December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 26

- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir (Adult) (Nursery Provided if Needed)

Thursday, December 27

- 11:00 A.M. Voice Class
- 12:00 Noon Piano Class

Friday, December 28

- 8:00 P.M. THE ARK, Coffee House

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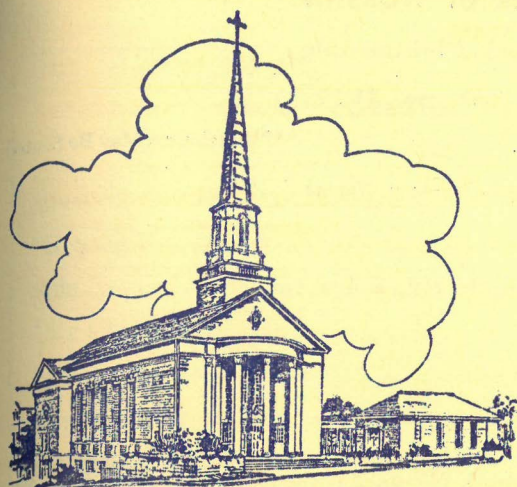
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"The sun comes up
and the sun goes down
The hands on the clock
go around and around . . ."

Ecclesiastes put his feelings about life this way: "What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said 'See, this is new'? It has been already, in the ages before us."

Is it true that our future will be the same as the past — only more so?

Robert Theobald says, "I believe that the views of the positive and negative extrapolators make sense if, and only if, you believe that there cannot be fundamental change in patterns and trends. An increasing number of thinkers are convinced that it is neither possible nor desirable for present trends to continue for an indefinite period. The simplest reason for this conclusion is that unlimited economic growth will certainly destroy the environment and the ecological balance so seriously that man can no longer live on the earth."

And Dennis Gabor adds, "... exponential curves grow to infinity only in mathematics. In the physical world they either turn around and saturate, or they break down catastrophically."

In all of this material, both ancient and modern, we have the assertion that there is nothing new and no possibility of anything new and that if this is so, we are assured of disaster. Not a very pleasant picture for 1974 and what, if any, years that follow.

This is no time for the so-called "Pollyanna" view which declares, "If we just think positively and believe optimistically everything will turn out all right."

But neither is this a time to settle into a deep despair devoid of all hope.

In the New Testament the Nicodemus mind is portrayed as the sort that says, "You cannot change human nature."

But, the Jesus mind replies, "That's right! YOU cannot change human nature. But GOD CAN!"

The God who revealed himself in Jesus and who said, "Behold, I am doing a NEW thing!" is the God of the NEW Testament. And He is the God of HOPE (which, by the way is not the same thing as saying that He is the God of wishful thinking).

God lives! He is the God of history! My Father is working still and I must work. To be with Him where He is at work in the world is to put legs under our prayer for a better NEW year. It means to be afoot with our vision and thus to become the Body of Christ.

Ed Norman

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Christmastide

8:30 — 9:45 — 11:00

*Congregation Stands

***Worshippers May Be Seated

PRELUDE "Let Us Go to See the New-Born Babe"—*arr. Nevins*

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

*INVOCATION

PRAYER

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we stand at the end of a new year. We face the unknown tomorrows. We stand in the place of Abraham who "was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance." We see each new day and each new year as a gift from Thee. We ask Thee to give to us the faith "that is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." As we enter this new year give us the faith of Abraham who "went out, not knowing where he was to go." As his trust was in Thee, so let our faith be also, Our Father. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL WORDS OF ASSURANCE *The Minister*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Minister and People*

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

ANTHEM

Special Music *Chancel Choir*

LESSON FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES Luke 4:16-30

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

"The Holy Boy"—*Ireland*

*THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN NO. 151 "Faith of Our Fathers"

SERMON

"WHAT'S NEW?" *Rev. Ed Norman*

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 152** "Forth in Thy Name"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Paean of the Nativity"—*Taylor*

A Celebration in the Chapel

7:45 P.M.

Bluegrass Music	<i>Butch Burns, et al</i>
"Getting It Together Today"	<i>Cary Moon</i>
Solo	<i>Patsy Crotty</i>
"My Christian Faith"	<i>Linda Lewis</i>
The Good News	<i>Cheri Lewis</i>
The Gospel in Poetry	<i>Fay Bradford</i>

Join us as we recognize our fine college students! Let's hear from them concerning what youth today are feeling and thinking about religion!

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are from the wedding of Patricia Fair and John Shoemaker.

MEMORIAL BOOK FOR SUNDAY

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DON'T FORGET!

The members of the Executive Board of the United Methodist Women are invited to a "Get Acquainted Luncheon" at the home of Mrs. Robert Peirce, 2608 Lotus Drive, at 12:00 on January 4.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

We have many members who pay their Church pledge by bank draft, others who pay by check, and some by cash. Some prefer to use pledge envelopes in order to stay on a weekly schedule of giving. If you want the envelopes for 1974, boxes have been placed in the narthex, or if you will call the Church Office, 222-1120, these will be mailed to you. Thanks again from the Church Treasurer and Finance Committee for each person who is contributing to the ongoing of the program of your Church.

APPRECIATION TO USHERS

Many thanks to our ushers during the month of December! They were: Sam Betounes, J. D. Moffitt, Karl Roesch, Jr., Murray Wadsworth, Bob Yates, Wayne Hodges, Karl Oakley, G. S. Roberts, Jr., Gordon Rogers, Fred Tyler, Sr., Robert White, Lon Wright, Larry Watts, Walter Funderburk, Hollis Pemberton, Bob Lay, Jim Weatherly, and Dave Kerns.

JOIN NOW!

Trinity's Choirs are open to all volunteer singers and instrumentalists at all times. But right now, as the New Year begins, is **THE BEST TIME** to begin participation. See Walter or Rae James, or just come to a rehearsal. Check the times listed in the bulletin calendar.

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Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce Barrett, Jr., on the death of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Barber Rees on December 21, 1973.

Infant Baptism:

Robert Wright Jackson, IV, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Jackson, III, on December 23, 1973.

USHERS FOR JANUARY

The ushers scheduled to serve for the month are: Charles Aho, Murray Cook, Howard Smoyer, Roy Strickland, Louis Beall, Jim Blackburn, Al Burkhalter, Clinton Coulter, Jack Mowell, Robert Taylor, Ernest Webb, Ward Wilson, Bill Sinclair, Harry Miley, Gerald Harris, Bill Moncrief, Douglas Cofield, and James Campbell.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

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- 5:15 P.M. Sr. High MYF
- 6:15 P.M. Snack Supper
- 6:30 P.M. Jr. High MYF
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Choir
- 7:45 P.M. Evening Worship Service — A
Celebration in the Chapel

Tuesday, January 1
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2

- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir (Adult)
(Nursery Provided
if Needed)

Thursday, January 3

- 11:00 A.M. Voice Class
- 12:00 Noon Piano Class
- 5:30 P.M. Jr. Boys (10-12 yrs.) Basketball — Trinity vs. Blessed
Sacrament — Raa Gym
- 6:30 P.M. Intermediate Boys (13-15 yrs.)
Basketball — Trinity vs.
Blessed Sacrament — Cobb
Gym

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