

Christmas Carols and Sermons to be Heard Again in Many City Churches

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY IN CENTRAL CHURCH

Sixtieth Year to be Celebrated by Program of Christmas Carols

DR. CRAWFORD TO BE IN PULPIT

The Christmas season will be observed by the Central Presbyterian Church, King street below Eighth, to-morrow. In the morning the Rev. J. H. Crawford will preach on: "The Eternal Son." At this service Mrs. Leonard E. Wales will sing for the offering, the soprano recitations from "The Messiah."

The sixtieth anniversary of the Sunday school will be held at 7 o'clock in the evening. An interesting program entitled "The Christmas Spirit," with carols and special exercises by the scholars will be a feature of this service.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will omit its regular service.

The program follows:

"All Hail, O King," Wagner; "Star of the Eastern Sky" and "Down the Ages," Verdi; "Royal Babe in Rest so Lowly," Offenbach; "Joy to the World," Handel; "Wake, O Judah," Leonidov; "Seek Him," Anton

"The Christmas Spirit," which is a very beautiful exercise, embracing dialogue and song, will be given as an introduction to the "White Gifts to the King."

The Spirits of Song," will be exemplified by six scholars from the primary and beginners' departments.

"The Spirits of Cheer," "Holly Berry," "Candle Light," "Kind Heart" and "Good Cheer" will be represented by junior scholars.

A processional of "old-time minstrels" from the senior and adult departments, singing Christmas carols, will precede "The Shepherd," who will tell his story of "The Night Before Christmas."

In addition to the "White Gifts," an offering will be received to assist in making a happier Christmas in many homes in Wilmington.

William P. White, chorister, who has had charge of the musical rehearsals, will be assisted by Mrs. Leonard E. Wales, soloist; an augmented chorus and the Haskell organ.

SPECIAL MUSIC AT AVENUE.

Services tomorrow at Delaware Avenue Baptist Church, corner of West street and Delaware avenue, are as follows: At 10:30 o'clock, sermon by the Rev. R. L. Jackson, pastor of Hanner Presbyterian Church; Bible school at 2 o'clock, with classes arranged according to grade; Christian Endeavor meeting at 4:45 o'clock, in charge of Miss C. A. Newman; evening preaching and praise service under the leadership of Professor Charles Edwards and a large chorus choir. The pastor will take for his subject, "Did Jesus Deceive Himself?"

The musical program will be:

Morning—Organ prelude, "Bersceuse," Reid; solo, selected; anthem, "Come Unto Me," Brown; organ postlude, Romaine.

Evening—Organ prelude, "Offertory in F," Reid; contralto solo, Mrs. James E. Henry, entitled "The Great Kingdom Beyond"; Brown; anthem, "In the Beautiful Home Over There," Edwards; male chorus, "My Guiding Star"; organ postlude, "March in C," Romaine.

MR. RAPP IN PULPIT.

In First United Presbyterian Church, Third and Broome streets, tomorrow morning the Rev. Fred W. Rapp, of the Lyon evangelistic party, will be the preacher. Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock. There will be an evening service at 7:45 o'clock.

BIBLE STUDENTS' MEETING.

Under the auspices of the International Bible Students' Association, W. N. Woodward, of New York, will deliver an address in the Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 907 Tatnall street, tomorrow afternoon on the subject, "What Will Christ Do With the Keys of Hell?"

WEST CHOIR TO SING CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"In Excelsis" Will Be Heard at Evening Service in Church Tomorrow

DR. SMILEY TO BE PREACHER OF DAY

All the services in West Church tomorrow will be marked by special Christmas programs. At the morning service Dr. Smiley's theme will be: "Gifts For the King." The Christmas choral music will be the anthems, "Came Upon the Midnight Clear," by Judson; "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," by Galbraith, with Mrs. Martin B. Lewis and M. P. Hastings, soloists, and "Songs of Praise," by Brown.

The Bible school will meet at 2 o'clock. Christmas exercises will be held in all departments. A special feature in the Men's Class will be a lecture by John Mason Wells, on: "Christian Unity," and Professor M. DePierre of Philadelphia and his golden harp. This meeting will be open to women as well as men.

The Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30 o'clock will be led by Mr. King and Miss Mink.

At the evening hour, 7:30 o'clock, a Christmas musical festival will be given, when the choir, assisted by Professor M. DePierre and his harp will present J. Lincoln Hall's cantata, "In Excelsis." Following is the program of the musical festival to be given at the evening service:

Organ prelude, "The Holy Night," (Noel), Buck; Scripture reading, hymn, No. 169, (Austrian hymn), "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices"; Christmas cantata, "In Excelsis," poem by Elsie Duncan Vale, music by J. Lincoln Hall; introductory recitation, by the pastor; organ prelude; chorus, "All Hall Immanuel"; chorus, with obligato and solo, "Where Ripping Cedron Flows," soloist, Mrs. Martin B. Lewis; baritone solo, "Wherefore This Tumult?" S. Harrington Jones; soprano solo and chorus of women, "Beside the Manager," Mrs. Martin B. Lewis; tenor recitative and chorus of men, "No King Save Caesar," soloist, Harper Spry; harp selection, "Schone Erinnerung"; Adam, Professor M. DePierre of Philadelphia; prayer; hymn, No. 174, "Joy to the World the Lord Has Come," congregation; harp selection, "An Monastere"; A. Hasselmann, Professor M. DePierre; "The Christ Star," a Christmas story, reading by Dr. Smiley; tenor solo and chorus, "The King Has Come," obligato, John A. Roberts; chorus, voices of men, "The Shepherds' Song"; chorus of women, "O Ruler of the Ages," contralto solo, "Mary's Vision," Mrs. P. Merton Armbuckle; final chorus, "Glory to God"; prayer; hymn, No. 134, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," benediction; organ postlude, "Festal March," Calkin.

CALVARY P. E. SERVICES.

In Calvary P. E. Church, Third and Washington streets, tomorrow, services will be as follows: Sunday school at 9:30 o'clock; morning prayer and sermon at 10:45 o'clock; evening sermon at 7:30 o'clock.

The Rev. T. V. Wingate is in charge.

At 7 o'clock on Christmas morning, Bishop F. J. Kinsman will hold Holy Communion in the church.

MR. PETTINGILL IN PULPIT.

In North Baptist Church, Lincoln street near Delaware avenue, the Rev. William L. Pettingill, pastor, will preach tomorrow morning on the subject: "The Corrupting Power of Error." His even- ing subject will be "Salvation an Individual Matter." The young people's meeting at 6:45 o'clock will be conducted by Miss Norma Thompson.

OLD SWEDES SERVICES.

In Old Swedes Church, Seventh and Church streets, the Rev. Robert Bell, vicar, Sunday services will be as follows: 8 o'clock, holy communion; 10:30 o'clock, morning prayer and sermon; 2:30 o'clock, Sunday school; 7:30 o'clock, evening prayer and sermon.

DR. IRWIN AT HANOVER.

The Rev. J. Y. Irwin, pastor of the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church, will preach in Hanover Church at the morning service tomorrow on the subject: "The Last of the special sermons on: 'Four Famous Evangelists.' The subject will be: 'Life and Labors of Dwight L. Moody.'

HOPE CHURCH SERVICES.

Services at Hope Baptist Church, Twenty-third and Pine streets, the Rev. Charles F. Carli, pastor, tomorrow will be as follows: Morning sermon at 10:45 o'clock, on the theme: "Jacob Wrestling With the Angel;" Bible school, 2:15 o'clock; evening sermon at 7:45 o'clock, on the theme: "It is Finished."

TO HOLD CHRISTMAS SERVICE.

In the First Unitarian Church, West street above Eighth, tomorrow morning, the Christmas service will be held. The Rev. Frederic A. Hinckley will preach on the subject "The Problems of Christmas Giving."



THE GLORIOUS PROCLAMATION.

December 19.
LUKE 2:1-20.

The angelic message of the first Christmas Day—"Good Tidings of Great Joy"—To be accomplished during the Millennium—The blessing to come first to the Church and then to the world—Then "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" forevermore.

"FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD."—Verse 11.

The Message of the angels to the shepherds of the plains of Bethlehem becomes more precious to each child of God in proportion as he grows in grace and knowledge. As his ears and eyes of understanding open more widely to the lengths and breadth of God's great plan of the ages, that prophetic message is the more highly esteemed as an epitome of the entire Gospel. Nor can our attention be called too frequently to the great event which lies at the foundation of that Message—the Saviour's birth.

The Angels and the Shepherds.

The angel's message was a prophecy of good things to be accomplished for the Church and the world during the Millennium Age. The Church is to have the first blessing. The First Resurrection will include only the blessed and holy who shall live and reign with Christ a thousand years. Then Satan shall be bound, and the good influences of truth and righteousness shall enlighten the whole earth—Revelation 20:1-6.

After the giving of the message of good tidings and great joy by the Heavenly host, a host of angels appeared to the shepherds, saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." This, too, is a prophecy. It will be fulfilled in every particular in God's due time, which we believe is now even at the door. But not yet does God receive glory in the highest. Not yet is there peace amongst men. Quite the contrary.

God's name is blasphemed, not only by those who vulgarly take the Divine name in vain, not only by the heathen who worship devils and think that these few who are well informed respecting the Divine Plan. It is for God's true children today, as it was for the angels at that time, to assure the world that God so loved the world as to redeem mankind from the just sentence of death that came upon all as inheritors of Adam's imperfection.

"Good tidings" is another translation of our own gospel. The Gospel, the angel's message, is not merely good tidings to the comparatively few that now have even to see the beauties of the Divine Plan for human salvation. In God's due time it will be "good tidings of great joy to all people." (Galatians 3:8.)

As every member of Adam's race shared in his fall and in his death sentence, so every member of his race was inclosed in Jesus' great redemptive sacrifice finished at Calvary. God's plan in Christ, as it is being worked out and shall ultimately be accomplished, will mean great joy for all people; and the tidings of this fact were given at the

sixth would be born in Bethlehem.—Micah 5:2.

At that time the Roman Empire ruled the whole world, the Jews being subject to it, but restlessly awaiting the coming Messiah, who would deliver them and make them the ruling caste in His Kingdom, which would have world-wide dominion. The great Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus, was in power, and had sent forth his decree for a census of the whole world for purposes of taxation, etc.

St. Luke informs us that in response to this royal decree, Joseph and Mary went up to their native city to be enrolled; that thus it was that Jesus was born in Bethlehem; that on account of the great concourse of people accommodations were scarce, and the stable of the khan, or inn, was used by some as a lodging; and that Joseph and Mary, being late comers, were forced to occupy these humble quarters. Thus it was that the King of Glory was in the time of His flesh born in a stable and cradled in a manger.

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SECOND BAPTIST SERVICES.

Services in Second Baptist Church, Ninth and Franklin streets, tomorrow, will be as follows: 10:30 o'clock, preaching by the Rev. Thomas Holloman, D. D. on the subject, "Celestial Fare for Christian Workers"; preaching at 7:45 o'clock by the pastors on the subject "Will Heaven Be This World Re-made, or Another Place, and Condition of Existence?" Bible school, 2:15 Senior C. E. Society at 6:45 o'clock, led by Miriam Fell. It will be "Every member present day" in the Sunday school. Gifts will be received for the poor at the same service.

SERVICES AT ZION CHURCH.

The fourth Sunday of Advent will be observed at Zion Lutheran Church tomorrow in both services. The Sunday school will meet at 9:30 and 2:15 o'clock to rehearse their Christmas programs.

For Christmas Day the following order will be maintained: Matin service, in German and American at 7 o'clock; German service at 10:30 o'clock; exercises of the German schools at 7:30 o'clock. In the latter service a trained children's chorus of sixty-five voices will sing five old German Christmas carols. The church choir has rehearsed some splendid Christmas anthems and will sing at all services.

The entire program will be conducted by the pastor of the church, the Rev. S. G. von Bosse.

HOPPE CHURCH SERVICES.

Services at Hoppe Baptist Church, Twenty-third and Pine streets, the Rev. Charles F. Carli, pastor, tomorrow will be as follows: Morning sermon at 10:45 o'clock, on the theme: "Jacob Wrestling With the Angel;" Bible school, 2:15 o'clock; evening sermon at 7:45 o'clock, on the theme: "It is Finished."

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SING CAROLS AT EASTLAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Christmas will be observed tomorrow at both services in the Eastlake Presbyterian Church, corner of Twenty-seventh and Market streets.

At 10:30 o'clock, the Rev. Henry Cunningham will preach on "Christmas and Christ." The music follows: Hymns and carols, "Joy to the World," Handel; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Brooks; "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," Mendelssohn; anthems and solos, Prelude by Clark; "The First Christmas Morn," Newton; "Brightest and Best," Buck; postlude, Gloria, Mozart.

The Sunday school and pastor's Bible Class will meet at 2 o'clock. The Christian Endeavor will meet at 7 o'clock.

A Christmas praise service will be held at 7:45 o'clock. The music, instrumental and vocal, will be a special feature.

The choir will be assisted by H. Kennard Davis, cornetist, and Anna Pyle, violinist. The pastor will speak on "Joy Notes of the Angel Choir."

The music for the evening will be as follows:

Hymns and carols: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Sears; "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," Handel; "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices," Gower; "Joy to the World," Handel; anthems and solos: "March of the Magi," Ashford; "March of the Magi," Ashford; "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," Mendelssohn; anthems and solos, Prelude by Clark; "The First Christmas Morn," Newton; "Brightest and Best," Buck; postlude, Gloria, Mozart.

At 7:30 o'clock, Dr. Randolph will preach the last of the series of sermons on "The Issues of the Great Conflict." The subject will be, "The Secret of a Living Peace."

The popular song recital in the evening will include the following numbers: Anthem, "Praise the Lord," Marks, the church choir; duet, "The Lord is My Light," Buck, Mrs. Kemerer and Mr. Mason; soprano solo, Miss Grace S. Saylor; anthem, "The Radiant Morn Hath Passed Away," Woodward, the church choir; bass solo, "The People That Walked in Darkness," Handel; from the Oratorio of the Messiah, Frank H. Mason; hymn, "Now the Day is Over," Barnby; postlude, "Hallelujah Chorus," Han-del.

The church and Sunday school rooms will be decorated with greens.

WESTMINSTER SERVICES.

In Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pennsylvania avenue and Rodney street, the usual preaching services will be held at 10:30 and 4 o'clock tomorrow. The Rev. Charles L. Canoe will occupy the pulpit at both services. In the morning the double quartet will sing, "Magnificat in F," by Simpers, and "Abide With Me," by Harker. In the afternoon the minister will preach on "Elijah, a Zealous Prophet." The following special music will be sung: Harp, violin and organ, "Meditation," Mietzke; anthem, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Stainer, in which the baritone solo, "The People That Walked in Darkness," Handel; from the Oratorio of the Messiah, Frank H. Mason; hymn, "Now the Day is Over," Barnby; postlude, "Marche Romaine," Clarke.

In the afternoon special Christmas services will be presented by the senior department of the Sunday school. Dr. Randolph will give a Christmas message to the school, "The Christmas Spirit."

In the primary, junior and intermediate departments, a lantern exhibition will be given.