

# 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, tomorrow. 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 offertory, the soprano recitatives 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," Handel; "Waka, O Judah," von Flotow; "Seek Him," Anton Dvorak.

"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 procession of "old-time minstrels" from the senior and adult departments, singing Christmas carols, will precede "The Shepherd," who will tell the 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 Hanover Presbyterian Church; Bible school at 2 o'clock, with classes arranged according to grade; Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:45 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, "Berceuse," 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. Woodworth, of New York, will deliver an address in the J. O. U. A. M. Hall, No. 907 Tenth 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, "It 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 Yale, music by J. Lincoln Hall; introduction, chorus, "All Hail Immanuel," chorus, with obligato and solo, "Where Ripples Kedron Flows," soloist, Mrs. Martin B. Lewis; baritone solo, "Wherefore This Tumult?" S. Harrington Jones; soprano solo and chorus of women, "Beside the Manger," Mrs. Martin B. Lewis; tenor recitative and chorus of men, "No King Save Caesar," soloist, Hargreaves; harp selection, "Schöne Erinnerung," Adam, Professor M. DePierre of Philadelphia; prayer; hymn, No. 174, "Joy to the World the Lord Has Come," congregation; harp selection, "An Monastery," 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 Shepherd's Song," chorus of women, "O Ruler of the Ages," contralto solo, "Mary's Vision," Mrs. P. Merton Arbuckle; final chorus, "Glory to God," prayer; hymn, No. 134, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," benediction; organ postlude, "Festal March," Calkin.

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 evening 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.



### 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 SAVIOUR, WHO IS CHRIST THE LORD."—Verses 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 breadths 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.

For more than four thousand years God's promises, clothed in more or less obscurity, had been given to mankind, intimating that ultimately the great curse of sin and death that had come upon the world through Father Adam's disobedience in Eden would be rolled away, and that in its stead would come a blessing of the Lord with life-giving refreshment. In various types, figures and shadowy promises this lesson had been given through the ages to the time of our Lord's birth, especially among the Jews the Divinely favored and covenanted people.

Since the Jews were a people of commercial spirit, many of them were to be found in all parts of the civilized world. Thus amongst every people the faith in the one God and the hope of Israel through a Messiah were more or less made known, so that at the time of our Saviour's birth, we read "all men were in expectation" of a coming Messiah. Doubtless this expectation was based upon the interpretation of Daniel's prophecy, which we now see clearly marked the year of our Lord's majority, when He was thirty years of age and made His consecration to His work and received the begettings of the Holy Spirit. His anointing as the great antitypical Christ and King over Israel and the world.—Daniel 9:24-27.

From Bethlehem to Nazareth. In olden times there were honorable cities and men cities. Nazareth was generally recognized as one of the latter, while Bethlehem was distinctly the former the city of David, Israel's beloved king. The Scriptures explain that Mary, our Lord's mother, and her husband, Joseph, were both of the lineage of David, and that in a seemingly accidental manner the prophecy was fulfilled which foretold that Mes-

siah 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.

The Angels and the Shepherds. Noble shepherds those must have been to whom the Almighty sent the angelic message respecting the birth of Jesus, the Messiah—the Message which has rung down the ages and reached our ears, the message which thrills us the more in proportion as we can grasp its meaning. First, an angel appeared to the shepherds and allayed their fears, saying: "Fear not; behold, I bring you good tidings."

Apparently, fear is one of the dominating impulses of the human mind, especially in conjunction with any revelations from the Lord. Even the best of the race realize that mankind are imperfect, and that the Almighty and His laws are perfect. Instinctively the world seems to realize that a curse, or condemnation of the Almighty, rests upon it; and instinctively it fears a further condemnation, realizing its continual and increasing sinfulness. This is true with all except the comparatively 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 word Gospel. The Gospel, the angel's message, is not merely good tidings, as every member of the race was included 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

very moment of our Lord's birth, because He was the One through whom the Divine Plan shall ultimately be accomplished.

The messenger stated the philosophy of the Divine Plan—"Unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." There we have the key to the entire Gospel statement of how God would be just and yet be the justifier of sinners who accept Jesus. The word Saviour signifies life-giver. The explanation of how this Messiah would give life was not made, nor was it then necessary. But now, in the light of developments and with the explanations furnished through the Holy Spirit in the New Testament, we see that our Lord's voluntary sacrifice of His life, dying "the just for the unjust," settled the claims of Divine justice against Adam, and thus incidentally against all who shared his death sentence.

A Prophecy of Good Tidings. The angel's message was a prophecy of good things to be accomplished for the Church and the world during the Millennium. 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 Father, 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, but by the heathen who worship devils and think that these are gods, but even by Christian people. For he it is known that blasphemy is any dishonorable misrepresentation of another. God be merciful to us; for at some time or another doubtless every one of us has blasphemed His holy name by misrepresenting the Divine character and plan, by picturing the God of Love, of Mercy, of Justice and of Truth as the originator, the planner, the perpetrator of the eternal torment of the great mass of His human creatures, born in sin, misshapen in iniquity, prone to sin as the sparks to fly upward.

Not until the close of the Millennium will this prophesy be fulfilled. Then the human family shall have been lifted by the Kingdom regulations out of sin, sickness, pain, sorrow and death up to that that was lost in Adam. But those who prove unfit for life everlasting shall be utterly destroyed in the Second Death.

### MT. PLEASANT SERVICES.

Services tomorrow in Mt. Pleasant, Bellevue, Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. J. T. Richardson, pastor, will be as follows: 9:30 o'clock, Sunday school; 10:30 o'clock, preaching, followed by class meeting; 7:30 o'clock, Epworth League prayer service, followed by preaching. There will be a prayer service on Tuesday evening at the home of Frank W. McChure, Holy Oak.

Services tomorrow in Newark Mission the Rev. J. T. Richardson, pastor, will be as follows: 2 o'clock, class meeting; 2:30 o'clock, Sunday school, followed by preaching. A special prayer service will be held on Thursday evening at the home of William F. Simon, Foulk Road. The Sunday school Christmas entertainment and treat will be held on Saturday night, December 25, in the church.

Services at Bellefonte Chapel will be as follows: Sunday school, 2 o'clock; Wednesday evening, December 22, preaching by the Rev. J. T. Richardson.

### 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."

## 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 Dana Pyrie, violinist. The pastor will speak on "Joy Notes of the Angel Chorus." The music for the evening will be as follows: Hymns and carols: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Sears; "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," Fate; "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices," Gower; "Joy to the World," Handel; anthems and solos: Prelude, "March of the Magi," Ashford; carol, "Holy Night," Traditional; "The King Is Come," Hall; "Nazareth," Gounod; postlude, "Hallelujah Chorus," Handel.

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 service will be held at 10:30 and 4 o'clock tomorrow. The Rev. Charles L. Candee 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; anthems, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Stainer; in which the baritone solo will be taken by Fred Wyatt, the new choir director; harp solo with organ accompaniment; "At the Brook," Boisdreffe; "A Cradle Song," Barnby, (with violin obligato) sung by a quartet of women's voices. The chimes will be played before both services.

The graded Sunday school will meet at noon in the chapel and the Adult Bible Class for men and women will assemble at 2:45 o'clock. The Y. P. S. C. E. will assist in the service at the workhouse at 4 o'clock and at 7 o'clock will hold a Christmas service which will be led by Miss Frances Fairbanks.

### HILLCREST SERVICES.

In Hillcrest M. E. Church, T. H. Harding, pastor, Sunday services will be as follows: Sunday School at 2 o'clock; Epworth League at 6:45 o'clock; preaching at 7:30 o'clock, followed by communion services. Cottage prayer meeting will be held Tuesday evening, at the home of Mrs. Hiram Cloud.

### TRINITY P. E. SERVICES.

The usual services will be held tomorrow in Trinity P. E. Church. The Rev. F. M. Kirkus will preach morning and evening.

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## CHRISTMAS SERVICE IN GRACE CHURCH

Church Choir and Sunday School Will Present Special Program Tomorrow

### SONG SERVICE AT NIGHT WORSHIP

The celebration of Christmas will begin tomorrow in all the services of Grace Church. Dr. Herbert F. Randolph, the minister, will preach a sermon preparatory to the Christmas-tide at the morning service on the subject, "The Days of Herod, the King."

The following Christmas musical selections will be sung at the service: Prelude, "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted," Handel; anthem, "Like As a Hart," Morison, the church choir; contralto solo, "The Virgin's Lullaby," Buck, Mrs. Eleanor Gorton Kemery; hymn solo, (after the sermon) by Frank H. Mason.

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; duette, "The Lord Is My Light," Buck, Mrs. Kemery 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 anthem, "Now the Day is Over," Barnby; postlude, Marche Romaine, Clarke.

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

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

On Tuesday afternoon donations will be received at the church. A committee will be present to receive and see that they are distributed.

Special Christmas services will be held by the beginners' department on Sunday, December 26.

A Christmas party will be given at the residence of Mrs. Clarence Robb, No. 61 West Eleventh street on Tuesday evening, December 23.

On Wednesday, December 29, the primary and the junior department will have a Christmas party in Social Hall under the direction of Miss Alice Conner.

A Christmas social of the senior and intermediate departments will be held in Social Hall on the evening of December 30. An entertainment of rare merit will be given on this occasion.

### DR. HUBBARD AT UNION.

In Union M. E. Church, Dr. E. L. Hubbard and Professor W. N. Thomas will preach and sing tomorrow at all the services. The day will begin with an old fashioned love feast at 9:30 o'clock, in charge of Professor Thomas. All of both the old time and the new time Methodists are invited. Dr. Hubbard will preach and conduct evangelistic services both morning and evening.

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

PENNSYLVANIA AVE. AND RODNEY ST.

Charles L. Candee, Minister.

### Vesper Service 4 p. m.

Sermon Subject, "ELIJAH,"

MUSICAL PROGRAM:

Baritone solo and double quartette.....Frank W. Wyatt  
Quartette for women's voices, violin obligato.  
Organ, harp and violin preludes,  
Carlisle Hempel, Organist; Mrs. Emma Rous,  
Harriet; William Martin, Violinist.

### A Service You Will Enjoy

MORNING WORSHIP, 10:30 A. M.



This world of ours is not growing worse to the men and women who are doing their best to make it better.

THIS little quotation contains two thoughts. First, the world is going ahead, and second, the logical conclusion of the first; there are men and women who are making it go ahead. These men and women, statistics show, to the extent of eighty-five per cent. are active members of the Christian Church. They are those who are devoting their entire time to the work.

The fact that you cannot devote all of your time to such a work is no excuse that you should not contribute your share. And your share will be contributed by regular church attendance in the right spirit.

The principles of the Christian Church, if they are a part of you, will cause you to lead the kind of a life by which the world will profit—will be a bit better because you have lived the right kind of life.

Regular church attendance in the right spirit will make those principles a part of you.

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