



CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICES

December 24, 1958

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Baltimore, Maryland

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IDENTICAL ORDERS OF WORSHIP

7:45 and 10:45 P. M.

PRELUDES—"Journey to Bethlehem".....*Cesar Franck*
"Coventry Carol".....*Ludwig Lenel*

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL No. 112—"Come, Faithful"

INVOCATION By Pastor

CHORAL RESPONSE

CONFESSION OF SIN—ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE No. 489—"Glory be to God on High"
(Based on the Angel's Song)

THE INTROIT

CHRISTMAS COLLECT (In Unison)

"O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive Him, for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY

CHOIR ANTHEM—Junior-Youth Choirs

7:45 - 10:45 P. M.—"Christmas Roundalay".....*Young*

THE CREED AND RESPONSE No. 493

CALL TO PRAYER No. 516

OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER—The Gift of God in Jesus

O God our Father, we bless thee that thou hast not left us to seek thee in the distant groping of our thoughts, but hast come near to us in the Word made flesh. In the life of Jesus thou hast revealed the heavenly life. In the face of Jesus we have seen thy holiness, in the hands of Jesus we have seen thy compassion and thy healing, and in the voice of Jesus thy voice has spoken to what is deepest in our souls. Grant that no evil of time or space may hide him from us now. Let his living Spirit come among us to fulfill his promise, "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." In his light may we see our sins and our shortcomings, and by the power of his love may we strive toward what he would have us be.

In ourselves, O Lord, there is no sufficiency. If what thou hast revealed in Jesus were only an example held up before us, we should despair. But he is not as one who speaks from some cold height above

us, but the One who has come all the way to save. Give us therefore faith to look for him, eagerness of heart to reach out for him, and thankfulness that in him we shall find thine unspeakable gift!

RESPONSE No. 501—"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

THE PROPHECY—Isaiah 9:6-7

CAROL No. 113—"Behold a Branch"—Stanzas 1 and 3

THE ANNUNCIATION STORY—Luke 1:26-38

CAROL No. 108—"O Little Town"—Stanzas 1 and 4

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM—Luke 2:1-5

CHOIR ANTHEM—7:45 P. M.—Solo—"O Holy Night".....*Adam*

Mr. Roy Taylor

10:45 P. M.—"Carol of the Bells".....*Leon Tovich*

Choir

THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST-CHILD"—Luke 2:6-7

CAROL No. 101—"Silent Night"—4 Stanzas

THE ANGELS' STORY—Luke 2:8-14

CAROL No. 102—"Hark, the Herald Angels"—Stanzas 1 and 2

THE SHEPHERDS' RESPONSE—Luke 2:15-20

CAROL No. 107—"It Came Midnight"—Stanzas 1 and 2

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—10:45 P. M.—"Christmas Day".....*Holst*

Senior Choir

DEDICATION OF OFFERING No. 123—Stanza 3

CAROL No. 105—"Angels on High"—Stanzas 1 and 2

THE SERMON—"Birth of Christ Child and Its Meaning"—Luke 2:7

THE LORD'S PRAYER—BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL No. 120—"Joy To The World"

CHORAL PRELUDE—QUIET PRAYER

POSTLUDE—"Hail the Day So Rich in Cheer".....*Fischer*



CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

(Culled from a Contemporary Journal of Opinion)

There are two attitudes we may take toward situations in our time. This is expressed for us in a hymn:

Watchman, tell us of the night
What its signs of promise are:
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height,
See that glory-beaming star!

The stars stir mankind to think. Stars in the skies seem to be indifferent to mankind. But ONE STAR has become a symbol of hope and the concern of God. Some say that satellites will "open the gates of heaven." Human skill will not "open the gates of heaven" or "cut history in two." It is the STAR OF BETHLEHEM which heralds the new day and the new age. This star shines into the darkness. This star tells us Of God sharing the suffering of men and offering peace. So the other aspect is brought before us in the hymn:

Watchman, tell us of the night;
Higher yet that star ascends:
Traveler, blessedness and light,
Peace and truth, its course portends.

May Christmas mean this to all of us. Not fear, not boastfulness, but trust and deep humility as the Christ is born in us—right now.

WE BID A HEARTY WELCOME

to all members, friends and guests who worship with us in these Christmas eve services. Avail yourselves of the opportunity of coming to Church services every Sunday, so that in fellowship we might receive strength for life. Next Sunday's services at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. deal with the thought of "Jesus' Entrance into Human Life." We will concentrate upon "GROWTH," as the child and youth Jesus gives us insights.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

at 8 p.m. Spend the last hours of the old year in quiet retrospect, so that the New Year 1959 might be blessed of the Lord Christ. Our theme for the service will be "The Point of No Return."

"CHRIST AND THE CRISES OF LIFE"

will be the general theme of a series of sermons beginning with the first Sunday in the New Year, January 5, on which day we will also observe Holy Communion at 7:45 a.m. Some of the subjects will be:

"Crucial Situations" as shown to us in the Temptations of Jesus.
"A Cool and Casual Generation."
"An Atomic Age and Shook-Up People."
"Attitudes and View-Points in Life" (Youth Sunday, January 25).

THANKS TO ALL

who rendered the service "beyond the call of duty" during the Advent and Christmas season.

ENVELOPES FOR 1959

are in the Friendship Hall. We appreciate the fine cooperation of our people in giving toward their Church this past year and ask you to continue. We are asking you to carry on your "One Day's Interest" gifts toward the payment of our "interest" and showing your "interest."