SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICES OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

Many of the churches will hold their Christmas services to-morrow, the exercises of Christmas Day being of a less formal nature. Festival music is made a feature of all the services, and the talent of the city will be utilized in the various programmes. Below will be found programmes which will be rendered to-morrow:

BAPTIST CHURCHES.

IMMANUAL—Extensive preparations have been made for observing the Christmas festivities in an appropriate manner. The church has been handsomely decorated, and to-morrow morning there will be special music and an appropriate sermon by the pastor. Monday night the Sunday school will give an entertainment, which will include music, recitations, songs and Christmas tree.

FOURTH—This church will hold its Christmas services to-morrow evening, when the Reverend Alvin P. Howells, pastor, will deliver a lecture on Oberammergau Passion Play, illustrated by twenty colored views, photographs of the play. There will also be a union sunrise meeting held, in which the Baptist Young People's Union, the Christian Endeavor Union and Epworth Leagues will unite. The Christmas entertainment will be given Christmas evening.

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

CENTRAL—The Christmas service will be at 10:45 a. m., and the following musical programme will be rendered under the direction of Arthur O. Garrison, organist and choirmaster: Organ prelude; Gloria patri; hymn, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"; barytone solo, "The Birthday of a King," Mr. Samuel Adams; communion hymn, "Holy Night! Silent Night!" chorus, "O Holy Night"; organ offertory; soprano solo, "Anthem Celestial," by Mrs. W. J. Wickwire; hymn, "To Us a Child of Hope Is Born"; organ postlude.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

FIRST—Christmas music will abound at both services to-morrow. The special choral service in the evening will be particularly fine, the quartet being supplemented by the First Church chorus. All the music will be under Mr. E. R. Kroeger.

MORNING.

Anthem—Calm on the Listening Ear of Night ..... Parker
Anthem—For Behold ..... Armstrong
Anthem—Christmas ..... Shelley
Organ—Pastorale ..... Guilmant
Organ—Christmas Offertoire ..... Grison
Sermon—The Reality Of Christmas.
Hymn—Joy to the World.
Hymn—Once in Royal David's City.
Hymn—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.

EVENING.

Anthem, solos and chorus—Festival Te Deum ..... Buck
Anthem, solos and chorus—Nazareth ..... Gounod
Anthem, also solo and chorus—Noel ..... Adam
Trio, soprano, tenor, bass—Then Who Art ..... St. Saens
Anthem, bass solo and chorus—To Victory ..... Neidlinger
Hymn—Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful.
Hymn—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.
Organ—Cantilena Pastorale ..... Ashmall
Organ—Christmas March ..... Merkel
Sermon—The Prince of the Four Names.

PILGRIM—The special programme for to-morrow is as follows: Morning, organ, "Christmas Offertory," Guilmant; doxology; call to worship by the pastor; hymn and invocation; anthem, "Your Voices Raise Ye," Wiegand; responsive reading; Gloria Patri; scriptute lesson; anthem, "O, Zion, That Tellest," Stainer; anthem, "Christmas," Shelley; sermon, hymn and benediction; "Festival March," Mosenthal. Evening, organ, "Slumber Song," Bartlett; anthem, "O, Come All Ye Faithful," Novello; sermon, organ postlude.

EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL—Christmas music programme: Processional; Venite chant, Smart; Glorias, Millard, Buck and Thomas; Te Deum, festival in C, Buck; Gloria Tibi, Cobb; sermon; offertory chorus, "For Unto Us a Child is Born," Handel; Sanctus, Gounod; Gloria in Excelsis, old chant; Nunc Dimittis, Monk; recessional.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION—A vested choir will render the following at to-morrow morning's service: Processional hymn, "O, Come All Ye Faithful"; Venite, Woodward; Gloria, Woodward; Te Deum, Dudley Buck; Jubilate, Elliott; Kyrie, "Jours; Gloria Tibi, Paxton; offertory, "Sing, O Heavens," Tours; Sanctus, Gounod; Gloria in Excelsis; organ postlude. The rector will preach a sermon suitable to the occasion.

ST. JOHN'S—The Christmas programme to-morrow at St. John's Episcopal Church includes: Processional, "Christian, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn," Fuller; introit, "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come," Buck; kyrie and Gloria Tibi, Cruikshank; hymn, "Shout the Glad Tidings"; carol, "Hail the Christmas Day," Warren; offertory, "Bethlehem," Bartlett; Sursum Corda, Agnus Dei, Benedictus, Sanctus, Gloria in Excelsis, Cruikshank; Gloria in Excelsis, Buck; Nunc Dimittis; recessional, "O, Come, All Ye Faithful," Barnby; postlude, Guilmant.

ST. PETER'S—Christmas will be observed at the morning service to-morrow, and the following is the programme: Processional, "Christian, Awake," Wainwright; Te Deum, in B flat minor, Foote; Benedictus in C, Warren; Nicene Creed, Eyre; offertory anthem, "Nazareth," Gounod; Sanctus, Tours; Gloria in Excelsis, Martin; recessional, "Sing, O, Sing, This Blessed Morn," Smart. The programme is under the direction of Charles Galloway, organist.

MOUNT CALVARY—Special Christmas service will be held at 7 p. m. in the new chapel. The programme will include: Organ prelude; opening prayer by the pastor; opening address, Master Fred Truhler; song, "Let Us All With Gladsome Voices," by the Sunday School; recitation, "God Is Love," by nine girls; song, "Away In a Manger," by the primary class; violin solo, Arthur Kreyling; recitation, "Our King," by four boys; song, "Silent Night," by Sunday School; "Christmas Story," by pastor Coyner; distribution of prizes and gifts; address, Heobie Hahn; song, "'Tis the Christmas Jubilee," by Sunday school; prayer and doxology.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

WAGNER PLACE South—There will be special music and an appropriate sermon by the Reverend T. E. Sharp, pastor.

MORNING.

Organ voluntary.
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing ..... Mendelssohn
Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices? No. 48.
Prayer.
Let us now go even unto Bethlehem—H. P. Danks.
Scripture lesson and offering.
Let Heaven and Nature Sing ..... Eichhorn
Sermon.
To Us a Child of Hope Is Born—No. 64.

EVENING.

Glory to God in the Highest ..... Berdese
Hark, the Glad Sound, the Savior Comes—No. 58.
Prayer.
Duet—Glory to Thee, My God, This Night ..... Gounod
Offering.
Solo—The Birthday of a King ..... Neidlinger
Sermon.
Closing hymn.

Choir: Mrs. Tyler, soprano; Miss Harder, alto; Mr. W. L. Harn, tenor; Mr. C. L. Rough, barytone.

COOK AVENUE, SOUTH—Elaborate arrangements have been made by Mr. C. F. Hatfield, organist and musical director, for special Christmas services to-morrow at Cook Avenue Church, Cook and Spring avenues. The programmes follow:

MORNING SERVICE AT 10:45.

Organ Prelude—Gloria in Excelsis ..... Mozart (From Second Mass.)
Anthem—The Wondrous Story ..... Adams
Hymn No. 38—Hark! the Glad Sound! the Savior Comes.
Prayer.
Duet—He Shall Feed His Flock ..... Handel (From Messiah.)
Scripture reading.
Anthem—O Little Town of Bethlehem ..... Nevin
Hymn No. 85—Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come.
Organ Offertory—Pastoral Symphony ..... Handel (From Messiah.)
Tenor Solo—Christmas Song ..... De Koven
Sermon by the Pastor—The Reverend R. D. Smart, D. D.
Anthem—There Were Shepherds ..... Morrison
Hymn No. 62—Glory to the New-Born King.
Benediction.
Organ Postlude—Hallelujah Chorus ..... Handel (From Messiah.)

EVENING SERVICE AT 7:45.

Organ Prelude—Christmas ..... Liebig
Nazareth ..... Gounod
(Arrangement for harp, violin, 'cello and organ.)
Anthem—While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks ..... Bartlett
Invocation.
Alton Solo—Bethlehem ..... Little (Violin Obligato.)
Hymn No. 60—Mortals, Awake, With Angels Join.
Anthem—The Manger ..... Havens (Harp, violin, 'cello and organ accompaniment.)
Prayer.
Trio—Pastoral Serenade ..... Widor (Violin, 'cello and harp.)
Anthem—The Birthday of a King ..... Neidlinger (Bass Solo and Quartet.)
Hymn No. 62—Sing, all Heaven, at Jesus's Birth.
Soprano Solo (Offertory)—Christmas adaptation of the Ave Maria ..... Buck-Gounod (Harp, 'cello and organ accompaniment.)
Remarks by Pastor—The Reverend R. D. Smart, D. D.
Anthem—Harps of Gold ..... Havens (Harp and Violin Obligato.)
Benediction.
Organ Postlude—Grand Chorus of Shepherds, from Lemmens' "Christmas Offertorium," arr. by S. P. Warren.

The regular quartet, consisting of Miss Mildred D. Kellogg, soprano; Miss Mary Louise Harnett, alto; Doctor Wallace Harker, tenor, and Mr. C. P. Hutchinson, bass, will be assisted in the evening services by the following: Miss Adelia M. Gibo, harp; Mr. Charles Niggemann, violin, and Mr. Felix T. Meysenburg, violincello.

MOUNT AUBURN, SOUTH—The music for Mount Auburn M. E. Church, South, Hodiamont avenue and North Market street, will be under the direction of Miss Clara Miller, organist, and Mr. Richard B. Miller, chorister.

MORNING.

Organ Voluntary—Arie in G ..... Wagner
Hymn—Joy to the World, the Lord is Come.
Prayer.
Anthem—Where Is He That Is Born King of the Jews? ..... Danks
Scripture lessons.
Hymn—Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.
Offertory—Andante in B flat ..... C. Joseph Brambach
Anthem—The Glad Tidings ..... Brewer
Sermon—The Unspeakable Christmas Gift.
Hymn—Father, Our Hearts We Lift.
Postlude—Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah ..... Handel

EVENING.

Organ Voluntary—Andante ..... J. Lerback
Hymn—Hark, the Glad Sound!
Prayer.
Anthem—The Holy Babe of Bethlehem ..... Danks
Scripture lessons.
Hymn—Sing, All in Heaven, at Jesus' Birth.
Offertory—Movement in G Major ..... Rossini
Ladies' Chorus—Light of the World, Finley Lynn
Sermon—Child, the Great Joy-Bringer.
Hymn—Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.
Postlude—Allegro ..... J. L. Battmann

LINDELL AVENUE—Doctor Dorchester will preach a Christmas sermon on "Jesus the Tubal-Cain" in the morning. The music, under the direction of Mr. James T. Quarles, will contain the following numbers: "O Zion That Telleth," Buck; "Bells at Morn," Havens; "The Christ Child," Coombs; "Angels From the Realms of Glory," Shephard, for the full choir; a tenor and contralto duet, "The Angel of Light," Coombs; and a trio for violin, harp and organ, "Nocturne," Matys. The organ numbers will consist of the first and last movements of Guilmant's "First Sonate." The regular choir will be assisted by Mr. F. W. Sultan, violin, and Miss Adelio Gibo, harp.

In the evening Doctor Dorchester will preach upon "A Christmas Story." The choir will sing "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings," by Wiegand. A Sunday-school chorus will render "Take the World, but Give Me Jesus"; "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"; "On the Brow of Night"; "Carol, Christian, Carol." The organ numbers will be "Marche Pontificale," by Lemmons; Toccata, from Fourth Symphony by Widor. The morning service will be at 11 o'clock, the evening at 7:30.

UNION—Following is the programme of special music for the Christmas service at Union M. E. Church, Garrison and Lucas avenues:

MORNING.

Organ—Christmas Pastoral ..... Lemmens
Anthem—Festival Te Deum, 15a ..... Buck
Hymn—Joy to the World.
Hymn—Once in Royal David's City.
Prayer.
Choir response—Lord's Prayer ..... Hoyt
Anthem—Christian, Awake ..... Schnecker
Gloria Patrie ..... Meineke
Offertory—Andante Cantabile from IV Symphony ..... Widor
Anthem—O Zion That Tellest ..... Buck
Sermon.
Anthem—Bethlehem ..... Bartlett
Hymn—Soon May the Last Glad Song ..... Reading
Postlude—Hallelujah Chorus ..... Handel

EVENING.

Organ—Christmas Offertory ..... Guilmant
Ray Douglas.
Anthem—Arise! Shine! For Thy Light Has Come ..... Thomas
Duet—The Holy Child ..... Shelley
Hymn—It Came Upon the Night Clear ..... Zeuner
Prayer.
Choir Response—Heavenly Home ..... Schilling
Anthem—In the Little Town of Bethlehem ..... Neidlinger
Offertory—Melodie in C minor ..... Salome
Solo—Glory to God ..... Rox
Sermon.
Anthem—Brightest and Best ..... Buck
Hymn—Salvation! Oh, the Joyful Sound ..... Taylor
Postlude—Fugue in G ..... Buck

The choir is composed of Mrs. George Carre, soprano; Mrs. Nannie Dodson, alto; Mr. Carrie, tenor; Mr. C. Nevin, bass. Ray Douglas, organist and director.

St. John's, South, will hold its special Christmas service to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, when the following programme will be rendered:

Trio—Violin, harp and organ.
Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah) ..... Handel
Solo and chorus—O Holy Night ..... Adams
Trio for female voices—Say, Where Is He Born? ..... Mendelssohn
Barytone solo and chorus—Jesus of Nazareth ..... Gounod
Trio—Violin, harp and organ.
Soprano solo and chorus—Hark! Hark! With Harps of Gold ..... Hanscom
Tenor solo—The Birthday of a King ..... Neidlinger
Soprano solo—The Anthem Celestial ..... Adams
Postlude—Christmas March ..... Best
Arranged by William Carl.

MAPLE AVENUE—The Sunday school will have its Christmas exercises on Wednesday evening. The programme for to-morrow morning is as follows: Doxology and invocation; hymn, "Joy to the World"; prayer, Benedictus and psalm; Gloria Patri; Scripture lesson, offertory and hymn; sermon, "God's Great Gift"; Christmas carol, Willis; benediction.

ST. PAUL'S, South, will have the following special programme to-morrow morning: Organ prelude; anthem, "Brightest and Best," Bachstein; hymn; prayer, anthem, "O, Holy Jesus"; scripture reading; organ offertory; anthem, "Nazareth," Gounod; sermon by the pastor; hymn, benediction and organ postlude. The choir is composed of Miss Dorothy Roll, soprano; Miss May Bradley, alto; Louis Goessling, tenor, and Fred Goessling, bass; organist, Miss Adelia Kientz. There will also be a special programme for the evening, and the choir will be assisted by Mrs. Kinman of Chicago.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

GRAND AVENUE—The programme for Christmas services to-morrow will be as follows:

MORNING.

Organ—Adoration ..... Gaul
Anthem—Joy to the World ..... Schnecker
Doxology—
Invocation—
Scripture Reading—
Anthem—There Were Shepherds ..... Spence
Scripture.
Prayer.
Offertory—Contralto Solo, To Victory ..... Neidlinger
Hymn—
Sermon.
Prayer.
Anthem—Christians, Awake ..... Warren
Benediction.
Organ Postlude—Hallelujah ..... Handel

EVENING.

Organ—Pastorale in G ..... Wely
Anthem—Sing, Oh, Heavens ..... Tours
Scripture.
Prayer.
Anthem—Calm on the Listening Ear of Night ..... J. S. Murray
Hymn—
Sermon.
Anthem—Glory to God in the Highest ..... Hanscom
Prayer.
Solos and Quartet—O, Holy Night ..... Adam
Hymn—
Benediction.
Organ Postlude.

The members of the choir are Mrs. Nellie Hale Davis, soprano; Miss Kellersmann, alto; Doctor Campbell, tenor; Mr. Dickson, bass; Edward M. Read, organist and director.

FIRST—The services in this church to-morrow will pertain, both in sermon and song, to the Christmas festival. In the morning the pastor, the Reverend W. J. McKittrick, will preach upon "Who, What and Why Is Christ?" and in the evening upon "The Cradle of Christ." The special incidental music in the morning will be as follows: Organ prelude, from "The Coming of the King," Buck; Te deum, in E flat, Arthur Foote; "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night," Horatio Parker; "Christmas," Shelley (solo by Homer Moore); offertory, "Adagio Pathetique," Godard (violin, harp and organ); organ postlude, "Offertory on Christmas Carols," Guilmant.

The evening music will be: Organ prelude, "Chorus of Angels," Clark; Magnificat, in C., John White; "Father, to Thee We Pray," Bach-Gounod-Shelley; "The Birthday of a King," Niedlinger (solo by Harry J. Fellows); offertory, "Crepuscule," Jeno Hubay (violin, harp and organ); organ postlude, "Hosanna," Dubois.

The usual music prelude to the evening service (for harp, organ and violin), to be given at 7:45, continuing until 8 o'clock, will include the following numbers: Organ, "Noel," Buck; harp, "Recall," Oberthur; violin, harp and organ, "Adagio from second Concerto," Bruch.

LUCAS AVENUE (Cumberland)—The pastor, the Reverend Doctor B. P. Fullerton, will preach a Christmas sermon, and the choir will furnish the following numbers: Organ voluntary; "Improvisation on Themes From the Messiah," Lieber; quartet, "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," Percival; "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," Hawley; quartet, with violin obligato, "O, Holy Night," Adam; organ postlude. Monday night there will be a Sunday-school Christmas entertainment, including tree and readings by J. D. Hamilton.

RAYMOND PLACE (Cumberland) will hold its special Christmas service at 8 p. m., when the following programme will be carried out:

Voluntary ..... Mrs. Rosalie Smith.
Brightest and Best ..... Edward Whitby
Quartet.
Hymn.
Scripture lesson and prayer.
Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful ..... Oscar Klein
Quartet.
Duet—There Were Shepherds ..... Whitney Coons
Mrs. Bernard, Mr. Jones.
Hymn.
Solo—The Christ Child ..... Whitney Coons
Mrs. Frohman.
Violin obligato—
Mr. Cale.
Duet—I Will Magnify Thee ..... Mosenthal
Mrs. Frohman, Mrs. Bernard.
Address.
Offertory.
Violin solo ..... Selected
Mr. Charles Cale.
Bethlehem ..... Homer Bartlett
Quartet.

The choir is composed as follows: Mrs. Taylor Bernard, Miss Belle Youngblood, Sterling P. Jones and Doctor Malcolm Robb. Musical director, Mrs. Rosalie B. Smith.

WEST Church Sunday school has arranged to hold its graduating exercises and Christmas service to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. The programme will include the graduation of 100 scholars from the primary and junior departments to the intermediate department.

WASHINGTON AND COMPTON AVENUE—The choir of this church, consisting of Miss Grace Walser, soprano; Mrs. W. A. Bonsack, contralto; C. S. Blood, tenor, and Arthur Rhodes, bass, will furnish the following special music to-morrow: At the morning service, anthem, "Blessed be the Lord," Williams; offertory, "The Birthday of the King." Evening, anthem, "O, Zion, that Tellest Glad Tidings," Buck; offertory, "The Star of Peace," Parker.

SECOND—Christmas festival services will be held at 11 a. m., when the Reverend Doctor S. J. Niccolls, pastor, will preach on "The Claims of Jesus Christ." The music has been specially arranged for the day and will be of a high order. There will be usual evening services.

OTHER CHURCHES.

ST. MARK'S, Cardinal and Bell—The Reverend Doctor M. Rhoads, pastor, will preach in the morning on "The Significance of Christmas," and in the evening on "The Joy of the Christ Child." The special music will be furnished by a quartet composed as follows: Miss Mamie E. Dierker, soprano; Mrs. Lillian E. Currie, alto; James T. McAnulty, tenor, and C. W. Hughes, bass; L. H. Freligh, organist, and George W. Lubke, Jr., violinist. The music will include the following numbers: "Manger of Bethlehem," Harris; "Jesu, Hail," Warren; "Gloria in Excelsis," Schilling; O Holy Night," Adam; "Glory to God," Hanscom; "Calm on the Listening Ear," Marston; "Anthem Celestial," Adams; "Gloria Patri," Nevin; "Kyrie," Freligh. The Sunday school will have its festival on Monday evening.

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH—The Christmas service will be at 11 a. m., and will be as follows: Organ voluntary; sentences and invocation; chorus, "Alleluia," from "Noel," Saint-Saens; responsive reading from the Psalms and singing of the "Gloria"; Old Testament lesson; chorus, "And the Glory," Handel's "Messiah"; New Testament lesson; soprano solo and chorus, "Holy Night," Adam; prayer and chanting of the Lord's Prayer; hymn; sermon, "The New Christmas"; offertory; mezzo-soprano solo and chorus, "Nazareth," Gounod; hymn; benediction and organ postlude.

YOUNG MEN'S HEBREW ASSOCIATION—To-morrow will be the Young Men's Hebrew Association day at Temple Israel, when Rabbi Harrison will discourse on "Our Association of Young Men and Young Women." The music programme is as follows: Fugue in G minor, Bach; violin selections, Miss Olga Zapf; anthem, "Weary of Earth," with violin obligato, Schnecker; alto and quartet, "Brotherhood," Mendelssohn; quartet, "Hosanna in the Highest," Bruno Klein; quartet, "We Praise Thee," Stewart; recessional, organ, Wely.

CHURCH OF THE UNITY—The morning service, at 11 o'clock, will include the following music by Mr. W. D. Armstrong, organist: offertory on two Christmas hymns, A. Guilmant; response, "Noel," C. Gounod; pastorial symphony from "The Messiah," G. F. Handel; response, "Silent Night," J. Barnby; chorus from Christmas cantata, C. Saint-Saens. The subject of the sermon by the Reverend E. G. Spencer will be "The Message of Christmas to Woman."

At 7 p. m. the Sunday school of the Church of the Messiah will unite with the Sunday school of the Church of the Unity in a Christmas service, with the following music: Organ prelude, introduction to third act of Tannhaeuser, R. Wagner; Christmas service carols and responses; soprano solo, "Sound on All Waters," C. Barrys; soprano, Jeanette McClanahan; carol, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; postlude, "Sanctus," from "Mass Sollenelle," C. Gounod.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Topic: "The Glory of Christ." (John i, 1—14.)

The topic universal for the different young people's societies to-morrow evening is, "The Glory of Christ," and is founded on the gospel recording to John i, 1-49. The design is a Christmas study, and certainly no better lesson could have been chosen.

It will be observed that the lesson is composed of two distinct paragraphs, the first including verses 1-5 and the second verses 6-14. The particular thought of the one is the Divinity of Christ, and that of the other the incarnation of Christ, both together constituting the surpassing glory of the Christ. These we shall note in order.

THE DEITY OF CHRIST—This is most emphatically declared in verses 1, 2: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." This statement sweeps away at a single stroke all thought of Christ as a mere man. It is universally conceded that this gospel was written near the close of the first century, and that at this time false teachers had arisen within the church who declared that Jesus of Nazareth was a great rabbi, but was not possessed of a divine as well as a human nature. Here John, the beloved disciple, who stood nearest to his master, emphatically states that Christ, the "Word," the great revelator of God, was not only "with God" in "the beginning," but that he himself "was God," in the absolute sense of that term. What a rebuke to those in our day who look upon Christ merely as a "good man," and who do not worship him as the second person of the adorable Trinity! But,

Second—John does not stop merely with the declaration of this fact, but proceeds to illustrate it in three different ways: He declares, first, that this divinity was manifested in that "all things were made (created) by him, and without (or apart from) him was not anything made that was made." This sets forth with the plural name for God (Elohim) used in the opening verse of Genesis, and indeed throughout its opening chapters. To this same end we have the testimony of the author of the book of Hebrews—i, 2—where it is written concerning Christ in relation to the Father, "by whom also he hath made (created) the worlds." Surely this could not be affirmed of any mere man. It is either true or it is the baldest blasphemy.

Further, John declares that Christ's divinity appears in that he was and is the true source of spiritual life and light. Says he: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not." What a commentary this on the life and teachings of Christ, as revealed in the gospels! He did not shine with borrowed light, but by reason of his own divine effulgence and glory. His disciples were given a glimpse of his veiled glory on the mount of transfiguration, when "his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light."

THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST—The second paragraph, however, is devoted more particularly to the humanity of Christ, and of his reception and rejection. Says the writer: "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth."

The history of the incarnation of Christ is given in detail in the gospels, but the most succinct and comprehensive statement of the matter is found in Galatians iv, 4 and 5: "But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." This is the whole gospel in a nutshell, and any perversion of the statements here made means the perversion of the entire scheme of redemption. It was for this purpose that John the Baptist was sent as the forerunner of Christ, that he might bear "witness of that light."

This is why, too, when "he came to his own," according to the flesh, "his own received him not." But we have reason to rejoice that, "as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name." And the secret of his reception then as now is brought out in this statement, "which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, but of God." This is but a repetition of what Christ himself said, "except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Many seek to avoid this plain declaration of truth, and seek to enter in in some way. But while heaven and earth stands, Christ's own declaration will also stand, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

It is suggested, therefore, that the sentiment of Christmastide should center around the great truth of personal relation to Christ. Let there be less of sentiment and more of sense. If Christ be the divine human Savior, then it is our place to know what he has to say about salvation, and knowing, to govern ourselves accordingly. It is the height of folly to shut our eyes to the great problems of eternal life or eternal death. Let us not be ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is still "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES.

There will be special Christmas sermons and services in all the churches. The following list of topics is announced:

Baptist.

DELMAR AVENUE, Delmar and Pendleton; the Reverend Doctor J. T. M. Johnston, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

FOURTH, Thirteenth and Sullivan; the Reverend A. Howells, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

GRAND AVENUE, No. 2701 Grand; the Reverend Alvin Claxon, Pastor—10:45 a. m., "Hopeful Environment"; 7:45 p. m., "Redemption High and Lifted Up."

IMMANUEL, Cates and Hamilton; the Reverend C. H. Murray, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

LAFAYETTE PARK, Lafayette and Mississippi; the Reverend Doctor T. C. Carleton, Pastor—11 a. m., "From Babylon's Sorrow to Jerusalem's Joy"; 8 p. m., "The Unsaved Like Israel in Egypt," followed by baptism.

ST. ... Beaumont and Locust; the Reverend Doctor W. W. Boyd, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

TAYLOR AVENUE, No. 1222 North Taylor; the Reverend S. E. Ewing, Pastor—11 a. m., "Good Tidings"; 8 p. m., sermon and special music.

THIRD, Grand and Washington; the Reverend Doctor R. P. Johnston, Pastor—11 a. m., "God's Christmas Gift"; 8 p. m., "The Dying Century."

WATER TOWER, Grand and Florissant; the Reverend J. F. Herget, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

... Isadore and Ella; the Reverend W. O. Lewis, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

CARONDELET, Robert and Virginia; the Reverend W. D. Bolton, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

Christian.

BEULAH, Marcus and Hunnett; the Reverend W. A. Moore, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

CARONDELET, the Reverend M. L. Sternberger, Pastor—11 a. m., "Our Passover"; 8 p. m., "The Angel Message," illustrated.

CENTRAL, Finney, Near Grand; the Reverend James McAllister, Pastor—Morning, "The Christian's Message and Outlook"; evening, "What Will You Do With Jesus?"

COMPTON HEIGHTS, California and St. Vincent; the Reverend S. B. Moore, Pastor—11 a. m., "Why Did Christ Come to This Earth?" 8 p. m., "Why Did Christ Come at the Time He Did, Rather Than Some Other Time?" Special music.

FIRST Locust, Near Compton; the Reverend F. O. Fannin, Pastor—Morning, a Christmas sermon; evening, services.

FIFTH, No. 2152 South Seventh; the Reverend W. F. Hamann, Pastor—11 a. m., "A Forward Movement"; 8 p. m., "The Birth of Christ."

FOURTH, Penrose and Blair; the Reverend E. T. McFarland, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

MOUNT CABANNE, King's Highway and Morgan; the Reverend Doctor Frank G. Tyrrell, Pastor—11 a. m., "The Help of Head Winds"; 8 p. m., "Where Art Thou?"

SECOND, Eleventh and Tyler; Mr. W. Davison Pittman, Minister—9:30 a. m., "Individual Responsibility"; 7:45 p. m., "Christmas—What It Means."

WEST END, Plymouth and Hamilton; the Reverend O. A. Bartholemew, Pastor—11 a. m., "The Sun of Righteousness"; evening, "The Name Jesus."

Congregational.

CENTRAL, Newstead and Delmar; the Reverend Howard S. MacAyeal, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, Barrett and Thompson—The Reverend Frank Lonsdale will preach; morning, "Manliness of Christ."

COMPTON HILL, Compton and Lafayette; the Reverend W. W. Newell, Pastor—Special Christmas services morning and evening.

FIRST, Delmar Near Grand; the Reverend Doctor C. H. Patton, Pastor—11 a. m., "The Heart's True Christmas"; 8 p. m., Christmas choral sermon on "The Prince of the Four Names."

FOUNTAIN PARK, Aubert and Fountain; the Reverend J. C. Cremer, Pastor—11 a. m., Sunday-school Christmas concert and short address by the pastor; 8 p. m., "Christ Himself"; special music.

HYDE PARK, Bremen and Blair; the Reverend W. S. Jones, Ph. D., Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

IMMANUEL, Hancock and Jamieson; the Reverend Milton J. Norton, Pastor—11 a. m., "Christmas Service"; 7:30 p. m., "I Know Thy Redeemer Liveth."

MEMORIAL, Sulphur and Way; the Reverend Frank Foster, Pastor—11 a. m., "Faith"; 7:45 p. m., "The Nativity of Christ," illustrated with stereopticon.

OLIVE BRANCH, Sidney and Missouri; the Reverend William Johnson, Pastor—Special Christmas services morning and evening.

PILGRIM, Washington and Ewing; the Reverend Doctor M. Burnham, Pastor—Morning, "A Sight of the Revealed Savior"; evening, "An Imbalied Christ."

REBER PLACE, Macklind and Old Manchester; the Reverend Doctor J. Wesley Johnson, Supply—Morning, "Merry Christmas"; evening, "A Saviour."

MAPLEWOOD—The Reverend T. T. Holway, Pastor—11 a. m., "The Wonderful Savior"; 7:30 p. m., "Judas and the Question of Environment."

Episcopal.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Thirteenth and Locust; the Reverend C. M. Davis, Dean—7 a. m. and 8 a. m., holy communion; 11 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 4 p. m., evensong.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, Cates and Goodfellow; the Reverend Doctor James R. Winchester, Rector—7:30 a. m., holy communion; 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., sermon and services.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION, Twenty-eighth and Washington; the Reverend Robert E. Lee Craig, Rector—9 a. m., holy communion; 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., sermon and services.

GRACE, Eleventh and Warren; the Reverend J. P. T. Ingraham, Rector—10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m., sermon and services.

MOUNT CALVARY, Grand and Lafayette; the Reverend P. W. Fauntleroy, Rector—11 a. m. and 8 p. m., sermon and services.

REDEEMER, Pine near Garrison; the Reverend Charles Trotman, Rector—11 a. m. and 8 p. m., sermon and services.

ST. ANDREW'S, Garrison and Cass; the Reverend J. A. Doeris, Rector—7:30 a. m., holy communion; 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., services and sermon; morning sermon by the Reverend Ross P. Cuddy; evening, by the rector.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S, Bruno and Blendon; the Reverend G. R. D. Miller, Rector—11 a. m. and 8 p. m., sermon and services.

ST. CHRYSOSTOM'S, No. 4322 John; the Reverend William Bardens, Rector—7:30 p. m., Sunday school; 7:30 p. m., sermon and services.

ST. GEORGE'S, Pendleton and Olive; the Reverend R. A. Holland, S. T. D., Rector—11 a. m., "Women's Clubs."

ST. JAMES'S, Goode and Cote Brilliante; the Reverend E. Duckworth, Rector—7:30 a. m., holy communion; 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., sermon and services.

ST. JOHN'S, Priory and Delmar; the Reverend J. N. Mollet, Rector—7:30 a. m., holy communion; 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m., sermon and services.

ST. MARK'S, Fortieth and Washington; the Reverend J. K. Brennan, Rector—9 a. m., holy communion; 11 a. m., sermon and services.

ST. PETER'S, Lindell and Spring; the Reverend William Short, Rector—8 a. m., holy communion; 11 a. m., sermon and services; 4 p. m., Bible class. No evening service.

ST. PHILIP'S, Union and Maple; the Reverend William Elmer, Rector—11 a. m. and 8 p. m., sermon and services.

ST. STEPHEN'S, Sixth and Rutger; the Reverend G. Buckmaster, Rector—7 and 8 a. m., holy communion; 8 p. m., sermon and services.

TRINITY, Franklin and Channing; the Reverend William Bardens, Rector—7:30 a. m., holy communion; 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., sermon and services.

ST. MATTHEW'S, Wilson near Frisco Park; the Reverend C. H. Collins, Rector—11 a. m., sermon and services.

ST. PAUL'S, No. 6316 Michigan—10:45 a. m., sermon and services.

HOLY INNOCENTS, Morgan Ford Road and Theloran; the Reverend G. A. Ottman, Rector—7:30 a. m., holy communion; 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., sermon and services.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, No. 2838 Salena; the Reverend H. P. Newton, Rector—7:30 a. m., holy communion; 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., sermon and services.

EMANUEL, Old Orchard; the Reverend J. H. Northon, Rector.

ST. THOMAS'S MISSION (Deaf-Mute), the Reverend Doctor H. Cloud, Rector—Schuyler Memorial House, 11 a. m., sermon and services in the sign language.

Methodist.

COOK AVENUE (South), Cook and Sarah; the Reverend Doctor R. D. Smart, Pastor—Appropriate Christmas services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

FIRST (South), Glasgow and Dayton; the Reverend Doctor J. H. Early, Pastor—Services at 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m. as usual. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. and 3 p. m.

GOODE AVENUE, Goode and North Market; the Reverend H. P. White, Pastor—11 a. m., special sermon to the children, with singing by children's choir; 8 p. m., "Forward Movement" service.

IMMANUEL (South), McCausland; the Reverend J. H. Lafferty, Pastor—11 a. m., sermon by the Reverend W. H. Palmore; 8 p. m., the Reverend J. E. Woodward.

LINDELL AVENUE, Newstead and Lindell; the Reverend Doctor Daniel Dorchester, Pastor—11 a. m., "Jesus Christ and Tubal Cain"; 7:30 p. m., Sunday-school Christmas service, and the pastor will read a Christmas story.

MAPLE AVENUE, Belt and Maple; the Reverend Doctor A. M. Billingsley, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

MARVIN (South), Twelfth and Sidney; the Reverend Clarence Burton, Pastor—10:30 a. m., "The Unspeakable Gift"; 8 p. m., "Where Is He That Is Born King of the Jews?"

MOUNT AUBURN (South), North Market and Hodiamont; the Reverend J. Stephan, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

CABANNE (South), Arcade Hall; the Reverend William Court, Pastor—11 a. m., the Reverend Doctor J. W. Lee, Presiding Elder, will preach; evening services as usual.

ST. LUKE'S, Potomac and Texas; the Reverend Harvey White, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

ST. PAUL'S (South), No. 1913 St. Louis; the Reverend M. T. Haw, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

TOWER GROVE, No. 1117 Kentucky; the Reverend W. S. Brown, Pastor—Morning and evening services as usual.

TRINITY, Tenth and North Market; the Reverend Charles, Pastor—Morning, "The World's Preparation for His Coming"; evening, "Young People, Their Dangers and Cities of Refuge."

UNION, Lucas and Garrison; the Re