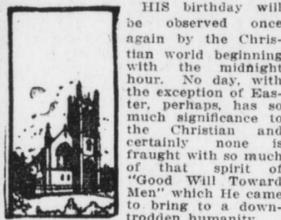


MUSIC & SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES.



ONCE AGAIN CHURCH OBSERVES HIS BIRTH

Special Services of Song and Story Throughout Day; Charity Big Feature



His birthday will be observed once again by the Christian world beginning with the midnight hour. No day, with the exception of Easter, perhaps, has so much significance to Christians and certainly none is fraught with so much of that spirit of "Good Will Toward Men" which He came to bring to a down-trodden humanity.

In many of the Harrisburg churches special prayer and song services will begin at 11 o'clock to-night lasting until after midnight when the anniversary of the Birth will be hailed with special carol singing. In others daily morning services will be held. In still others services will be held in the morning or evening with communion and sermons as special features.

The children, of course, will take the most important part in many a church, for it is distinctly a day for the young folk. Sunday School teachers have been busy training the little folk for weeks and to-morrow the boys and girls will make their little speeches and sing their little songs telling the wonderful story of the Star, the Wise Men and the Manger.

Many a church has made arrangements to observe the day in a truly practical way, distributing baskets of good things to the poor. Hundreds of poor families will be unostentatiously cared for by the Christian people of the city without anyone's being the wiser. The young people's societies will be especially active to-morrow looking after the youngsters of the poor that these "little ones" may have a bit of joy.

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CHRISTMAS WILL BE CATHOLIC FEAST DAY

Dispensation Permits People to Eat Meat When Holiday Falls on Friday

Christmas will be observed as a day of festivity as well as solemnity by the Roman Catholics of the United States. Turkey, chicken or any meat may be eaten to-morrow, though it is Friday. About fifteen years ago Pope Leo XIII gave a general dispensation to the Catholic people allowing them to eat meat when Christmas came on Friday, the day of fasting. This decree will remain in force whenever Christmas falls on Friday. Fish dealers throughout the city are not ordering in large quantities this week as a result.

A Pontifical high mass at 5:30 o'clock will mark the beginning of the day's services in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The mass will be celebrated by the Rt. Rev. J. W. Shanahan, bishop of Harrisburg, assisted by Mr. M. M. Hassett, the Rev. T. B. Johnson, the Rev. D. P. Reardon, and a number of seminarians from the seminary at Overbrook. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. John Butler, of the Order of St. Francis. Gounod's mass will be sung by the choir.

At 7 and 10 o'clock low masses will be said. A feature of Christmas Day will be the singing of more than fifty children at the high mass at 9 o'clock. The children, who make up the St. Cecilia choir, have been rehearsing for the past several months under the direction of Sister Evangelist and their work is said to be especially good. High mass at St. Francis' Church will be at 5:30 o'clock, followed by children's mass at 8 and low mass at 10 o'clock.

Christmas Service at Stevens M. E. Church Tomorrow; Trailhitters Received Sunday

Services commemorating the birth of Jesus will be held in the Stevens Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church at Thirteenth and Vernon streets, Friday morning at 6 o'clock. The Epworth League and the young folk of the church will have charge of the service. The Rev. Clayton Albert Smucker, pastor of the Stevens Memorial Methodist Church, will receive Stough converts and other persons into the fellowship of the church at the Sunday morning and evening services.

MUSIC AT MESSIAH

Musical programs will be features of services to-morrow and Sunday at Messiah Lutheran Church, commemorating the birth of the Saviour. The program of the Christmas morning services is as follows:

Prelude, "Noel," Christmas hymn (Gullman) anthem, "Festival Te Deum," in E flat (Buck); offertory, "Christmas Pastoral" (Ashford); soprano solo, "Bethlehem" (Coombs); anthem, "Gloria" from 12th Mass (Mozart); "congregation standing; postlude, "Tollens" (Gigout); soprano, Mrs. W. K. Bumbaugh; alto, Miss Martha Conner; tenor, W. E. Rowe; basso, A. W. Hartman.

STATE STREET U. B.

State Street United Brethren Church, Eighteenth and State streets, one of the churches which had been fully co-operating in the Stough campaign, will now resume its usual local activities.

The one service to-morrow will be the Christmas service by the Sunday School in the evening at 7 o'clock. The service will be "Ingathering Day" in the church and Sunday School. The Sunday School ingathering will take place in the morning at 9:30. It will consist of rally day features, and the ingathering of funds to be applied on the parsonage debt. The church ingathering will take place in the evening at 7:30, at which time large number of Stough campaign trailhitters and others will be received into the church and baptized.

DERRY STREET U. B. SERVICE

Derry Street United Brethren Church, Fifteenth and Derry streets, will hold a "hour Christmas service" to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Special music by the choir and a short talk by the Rev. Dr. J. A. Lyter, the pastor, will be features of the service. Next Sunday Derry Street Church will welcome to church membership at special "Homecoming" services.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN

The following music will be sung at the service at 11 a. m., next Sunday by the choir: Anthems—"Joy to the World," "Hallelujahs," "Let Us Go to Bethlehem"; Kirkpatrick; "God Sent His Son at Christmas," "Cristoel." Ladies quartet—"At Midnight," Rice, Solo—"Christmas Star," Neidinger, Miss Holmes; "Star of Bethlehem," Adams; Mr. Nelson; "The Christ Child," Van Dewater; Mr. Delbi; Choir leader, Ralph I. Delbi. Organist, Miss Eva Kunkel.



SONG OF THE VIRGIN

Sleep, my little Christ Child in your mother's arm Like a white dove folded in its mother's wing. Purest gift of Heaven, nothing you can harm. While you nestle to me, and I pray and sing.

Rest, my faithful Jesus, from your toil to-day In your father's workshop till the set of sun. Too soon you will leave me, words of prophets say. No rest you will find then till your task is done.

Dream on, gentle Jesus, of the lily fields Where we walked together in the morning hours; Where for me you gathered flowers that summer yields. Yet you were far fairer than the fairest flowers.

O, thou Prince of Heaven, what dreams I am shown! Thou, in shining raiment rest a guarded grave! Thou, the radiant Saviour, rise to heights unknown Where for praying nations thy prayers, only save.

—By Lois Kamerlin Booker, Harrisburg, Pa.

Bethlehem Lutheran to Hold Midnight Service

Bethlehem Lutheran Church this evening will hold a midnight Christmas service. Special Christmas carol singing, responsive reading and an address by the pastor, the Rev. J. Bradley Markward, will be features of this service.

To-morrow evening a children's service will be held under the direction of Mrs. Edward Rinkenbach and assistants. The midnight service is as follows:

"Silent Night, Holy Night"; prelude, "Pastoral Symphony" (Handel); chorus, "Adeste Fideles" arranged by Novello; soprano solo, bass and tenor duet, trio; responsive reading; Gloria Patri; invocation; hymn, No. 215, "I Came Upon the Midnight Clear"; responsive reading; chorus, carol, "All My Heart This Night Rejoices" (Martin), with solo by Mrs. Fager; responsive reading; hymn, No. 225, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"; address, "Madelon's Christmas Gift," the pastor; "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," Old French Noel, arranged by Gaul; hymn, No. 220, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; the Nunc Dimittis (all sing); postlude "Hosannah" (Wachs).

DR. C. I. SCOFIELD WILL OPEN BIBLE CONFERENCE JAN. 3

The annual Bible Conference to be held under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, Second and Locust streets, conducted by that eminent teacher, the Rev. C. I. Scofield, D. D., will open in Fahnstoch hall Sunday afternoon, January 3, at 3:30 o'clock. Sessions will be held every evening in the same place at 8 o'clock, up to and including Saturday. The last meeting will be Sunday afternoon, January 10, at 3:30 o'clock, in Fahnstoch hall.

The general theme for the conference will be "From Genesis to Revelation," a panoramic view of the Bible, illustrated by charts and maps. This is said to be not alone interesting and instructive, but one of Dr. Scofield's best efforts along Biblical lines. The association is extending a cordial invitation to all ministers, Sunday School superintendents and teachers, and Christian workers of whatever name or denomination, to work heartily in this conference. The Sunday afternoon meetings conducted by Dr. Scofield will be a continuation of the general theme for the conference, and will be open to both men and women.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

Christmas observance at St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church will begin at midnight when there will be a special communion service. At 11 o'clock to-morrow morning morning there will be a service consisting of prayer, sermon and communion. The offerings at both Christmas services will be given to the General Clergy Relief Fund.

SERVICE AT PAXTONIA TONIGHT

The Rev. W. S. Harris will preach a Christmas sermon on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Evangelical Church at Paxtonia. Special music will be rendered and the Christmas missionary offering will be received at this service. The Sunday School pupils will receive their Christmas gifts after the service.

To Tell Christmas Story With Movies at Fifth St.

The annual Sunday school Christmas entertainment of the Fifth Street Methodist Sunday school will be held to-morrow night. The exercises will be of an entirely different nature from that of other years. Owing to the Stough campaign, no time could be given to the proper preparing of the children for this annual event.

As a substitute for the regular entertainment, a beautiful motion picture entertainment, entitled "The Star of Bethlehem," will be given. In addition thereto there will be special music by the Sunday school orchestra and several exercises by the members of the junior and primary departments. The entertainment will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

EPISCOPAL

Mount Calvary, Camp Hill—The Rev. O. H. Bridgman, pastor: Morning service and holy communion, 10:30; Sunday School entertainment, 6:30.

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CHURCHES TAKING IN CAMPAIGN CONVERTS

Special Services Last Night, Next Sunday and on January 3 to Admit Trailhitters

As a result of the Stough campaign more than 5,000 people who were formerly unchurched will spend this Christmas within the fold of one or other of the fifty-three co-operating church which took part in the big revival.

Nearly all these fifty-three churches will hold special services during the next two weeks to admit the trailhitters to membership. Fully a score have planned to hold "ingathering and communion" services this coming Sunday. More than half a dozen admitted members at special prayer services last night. The others will take in the converts on Sunday, January 3.

With the lights out on the sawdust trail and the tabernacle now in process of demolition, all the co-operating congregations will swing back into the regular routine of church life again, holding morning and evening preaching services, Sunday school either in the afternoon or morning; Christian Endeavor in the evening at 6:30 or thereabouts and midweek prayer services at 7:30 Wednesday evening. Many of the Sunday schools have announced special rally day services for Sunday afternoon to bring the old scholars back into active membership.

According to stewards of various churches, many of the exchequers will be low because so many members failed to drop their regular envelopes at the tabernacle services. As a result the stewards and their assistants will be kept busy for several weeks getting in the money from those who are in arrears.

TABLEAUX AT OBERLIN

"The Nativity of Jesus, the Messiah," will be given in tableaux this evening at the Salem Lutheran Church, Oberlin. The cast of characters is as follows:

Mary, Miss Florence Janson; Joseph, John E. Ruple; guardian angel, Miss Rena Brehm; shepherds, Paul Dickey, William Janson; Earl Brehm, Ralph Bishop; King Herod, Prof. Garver; Wise Men, Samuel Wilson, Edward Brehm; John Shaffer, Jr.; soldiers, Joseph Janson, Jr., George Shaffer; priests, Wm. Eshenaur, Hill-ton Bennett; Heavenly Host, Misses Helen Bennett, Mildred Eshenaur, Helen Beck, Helen Brehm, Mary Alice Chambers, Harriet Garver and Grace Ruple; lecturer, Prof. George Duncleberger; mixed quartet, Mrs. Luther Reigart, Miss Effie Ruple, Robert Badtort, Webster Kohlaas; pianist, Miss Eva Lingie.

To-morrow morning at 6:30 this church will hold tableaux, "The Nativity," church will hold special Christmas services under the direction of the Christian Endeavor Society.

BASKET DISTRIBUTION

Harris Street United Evangelical Church will observe the day in a very practical way. A good friend of the church has made it possible to supply a number of poor families with Christmas baskets. This distribution will be made to-morrow morning.

On Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock the quarterly conference will be held in the prayer meeting room with the Rev. P. E. Erdman, the presiding elder, in charge.

The service next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock will be in charge of the pastor, the Rev. George F. Schamm. New members will be received and the "Lord's Supper" will be administered. A large attendance of the members and friends of the church is expected.

Sunday School will be held at 2 and Christian Endeavor at 6:40. The evening service will also be a busy one as new members will be received and communion administered. The Rev. P. E. Erdman will preach the sermon.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS TO GREET THE DAWN

Old Favorites Will Be Heard Throughout Length and Breadth of Slumbering City

Carol singing before the break of dawn will be one of the features of Christmas Day in this city. On Allison Hill the carol singers of Derry Street United Brethren Church, church choirs, and various quartets will go about the streets chorusing those old favorites, "Crown Him Lord of All," "Hark, Hark, the Angels Sing," "Joy to the World" and so on. Some of the singers will walk the streets in the old-fashioned way of yore; others will ride in automobiles and the whirl of the new "six" will mingle with the songs of cheer and god will.

Throughout the western and southern ends of the city, many church choirs have made arrangements to sing carols in the early morning or at midnight.

The sick folk of the city will be visited especially by the carol organizations, that their Yuletide may be made the cheerier.

For several of the organizations big "feeds" have been planned as the wind-up feature of the evening—or better morning.

MUSIC AT SALEM REFORMED

Special musical programs commemorating the birth of the Christ will be sung both to-morrow and Sunday. The program to-morrow will begin at 6 o'clock in the morning. The program: Carols, "The First Noel" (Traditional melody); "Three Kings of Orient" (Traditional); "Benedictus," "Gloria in Excelsis"; anthem, "The Birthday of a King" (Neidinger); Mr. R. K. Fortna, soloist; "Gloria" from Mozart's 12th Mass.

The Sunday Program: "The First Christmas Morn" (New-ton); "We Have Seen His Star in the East" (Caleb Senifer); "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" (Hogers); "Adeste Fideles," arranged by Novello; quartet, "Shepherds Watch Thy Rest at Night" (Parkhurst); solo (selected), "Russel Small"; "Gloria" (Mozart's 12th Mass); soloists, Mrs. Cassel, contralto; Mr. White, tenor; H. M. Troup, baritone; Mrs. Edwin C. Thompson, organist and director.

AT FOURTH REFORMED

Services will be held by the Fourth Reformed Church, Sixteenth and Market streets, to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock. The service will be preceded by an organ recital at 5:45 by Miss Helen Sawyer, organist of the church. The program is as follows: Silent prayer; anthem, "Messiah's Birth" (Geibel); invocation; hymn 79; Scripture lesson; "Gloria in Excelsis," offertory; solo (violin), Mr. Shesley; Christmas Cantic, 76; Gloria Patri and prayer; hymn 65; anthem, "I Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Judson); second lesson creed; "Gloria" (Mozart's 12th Mass); Magnificat 77; hymn 76; address; Lord's Prayer; quartet, "Holy Night"; "Te Deum Laudamus"; benediction processional.

BURY DALLAS PETERS

The funeral of Dallas T. Peters, aged 76 years, who died Sunday at Sparrows Point, Md., was held yesterday afternoon from the Neely undertaking parlors, 908 North Second street, by the Rev. W. N. Yates officiating. Burial was made in the Penbrook Cemetery, Post 58, G. A. R., of which Mr. Peters was a member, attended in a body. Mr. Peters was a resident of Harrisburg until five years ago, when he moved to Sparrows Point. He is survived by one daughter, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN

The Christmas service at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, Nineteenth and Kensington streets, will be given to-morrow night, beginning at 7 o'clock. The service prepared by the board of education, entitled, "On Christmas Day," supplemented by other numbers will be rendered by the Sunday School. The offering will be for the cause of education.



Greet The King In His House

To-night and to-morrow the world unites in celebrating the birthday of Christ—King of Man. In our festivities let us not forget that it is His birthday we celebrate—that we owe Him homage—for He was born into the world that we might have life. Go to Church to-night or to-morrow and greet the King in His coming.

On this page are announcements of many Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services which will be held in the various churches of the city. Read over the list and select one of the services and be in attendance. The Church will welcome you to its service, and you will be glad that you attended.

The best kind of a start for Christmas Day is that you begin the day in church.

GO TO CHURCH