



NEWS • OF • THE • CHURCHES



First Presbyterian

Ninth street at Greenleaf avenue
James T. Veneklasen, minister

At the morning worship at 11 o'clock, the minister will preach on the theme, "The Meaning of God in Human Experience—Pioneering." We cordially invite you to worship with us.

The musical program for the service, arranged by Miss Erma Rounds, director, is as follows: prelude, "Overture" (Messiah), Handel; anthem, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," Shelley, the choir, offertory solo, "Light," Stevenson, Miss Lois Grider; postlude, "And the Glory of the Lord" (Messiah), Handel.

Our Sunday school meets at 9:30 o'clock. We invite you.

Our Adult Bible class, which meets at 9:45 o'clock, is growing. We are studying the theme, "Great Messages from the Prophets," led by the pastor. We invite you to study with us.

The sixteenth annual Christmas musical festival at New Trier High school will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Christian Endeavor society will meet at 5:30 o'clock in the chapel. There will be a special speaker on the theme, "Opportunities for Christian Service in the Medical Profession." Refreshments are served after the meeting.

The Sunday Evening club at the Congregational church at 7:30 o'clock will present the well known poet, Edgar A. Guest.

Boy Scout Troop No. 5 will meet at the church Monday evening.

Spoke No. 2 will meet Tuesday at 1 o'clock with Mrs. Frank Church, 610 Maple avenue. Spoke No. 11 will hold an all day meeting with Mrs. A. G. Bloom, 1337 Elmwood avenue, on Tuesday.

At our midweek service Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, we will close the study of "How We Got Our Bible" with the study, "The Central Message of the Bible." We invite you to join us.

The choir will rehearse Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

The annual Christmas Eve Carol sing of the Wilmette Playground and Recreation board will be held Saturday evening, December 23, at the Village hall lawn, at 7:30 o'clock.

Food and clothing for the needy will be brought to our Sunday school and church services Sunday, December 17, and distributed at Olivet institute, Association House, and the Chicago Christian Industrial league.

Our Christmas observance plans include: Christmas party for the Beginners' department, Wednesday, December 20; for the church and adult and senior departments, Thursday, December 21, with a play by the young people, entitled, "The Christmas Shadow"; for the Junior and Primary departments Friday, December 22; Christmas worship service, Sunday morning, December 24, at 11 o'clock; and Christmas carol singing by the young people Sunday evening. We invite you to join us in these plans.

A Watchnight service will be held Sunday evening, December 31.

The flowers next Sunday are in memory of Major Robert B. M. Wilson.

Kenilworth Union

Kenilworth avenue and Warwick road
Dr. Herbert L. Willett, minister

Sunday, December 17, Dr. Willett's subject will be "John and Universal Christianity," the fifth in a series on "The Beginnings of Christianity."

There will be no meeting of the Women's guild on Monday, December 18. The guild will resume its meetings Monday, January 8.

The Sunday school will have a joint service on December 17 in the Junior department, where they will celebrate a White Christmas.

The Kenilworth Young People's Sunday Evening club will meet in the Guild room at 6 p. m. All students of high school age are invited. A supper will be served and after supper there will be a program of interest to young people.

Methodist Church

Rev. Oscar Thos. Olson, D. D., minister

The minister's sermon theme for the 11 o'clock worship service next Sunday morning will be "The Ultimate Vision."

The music for next Sunday morning will be as follows:

Organ Prelude: "Rhapsody on Old Carol Melodies".....Lester
Introit: "O Come, All Ye Faithful".....Adeste Fideles

Offertory Solo: "Christmas".....Shelley
Mr. C. Rollin Smith

Organ Postlude: "Chorus of the Shepherds".....Lemmings

There will be a Vesper service of worship this Sunday at 5 o'clock. This will be in the form of a "Darkness to Light" service, starting with "The World in Darkness," then "The World in Twilight," "The World in Dawn," and "The World in Light." Invite your friends and neighbors to attend this unusual and beautiful service. The music will be as follows:

The Organ Prelude: "Christmas" Reger
Bass Solo: "For, Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth" (Messiah).....Handel

Mr. C. Rollin Smith

Choir Hymn: "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night".....Mason

Tenor Solo: "We Called through the Darkness".....Mendelssohn

Mr. Robert Kessler

Anthem: "Break Forth, O Beauteous Light".....Bach

Offertory Solo: "O Thou That Telles Good Tidings".....Handel

Miss Florence Farrar

Choir Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel".....Gounod

Organ Postlude: "Fiat Lux" (Let There Be Light).....Dubois

The High School league will meet Sunday evening at 6:30. Mr. Harvey will read Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man." Miss Kathryn Kaspman of Kendall college, Chicago, will also read.

Social hour at 7:30.

The Young People's chapter of the Epworth league will meet at 6:15 p. m. Sunday, following the "Darkness to Light Vesper service." Dr. Van Kirk of New Trier High school will be the speaker.

The Friendly Indian Cubs will hold open house and Christmas service for parents Friday, December 22, at 8 o'clock.

The Church school meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock. There are classes for all ages, from the Nursery to the Adult department.

The Friendly circle will start a new study book next Sunday morning entitled "The Christian's Personal Religion." The author is Clarence Tucker Craig. An invitation is extended to all the women of the church to meet with them at 9:30 Sunday morning in the Woman's room.

The Wesleyan Service guild will meet Tuesday evening, December 19, at 8 o'clock in the Woman's room. Mrs. Oscar Thomas Olson will give an illustrated talk on "The Madonna in Art." All young women are cordially invited.

The annual Christmas Missionary luncheon is being held today (Thursday, December 14), at 12:30 o'clock at the church. Joe Devadanum of India will bring the Christmas message.

A Chicago Northern district meeting of ministers and members of the official boards will be held in this church tomorrow (Friday). All members of the official board are urged to attend insofar as possible. The congregation is invited to be present at the evening service at 8 o'clock to be addressed by Bishop E. L. Waldorf.

Choir rehearsal will be held this evening (Thursday), at 8 o'clock under the direction of Miss Marie Briel. All members are urged to be present and on time.

The Young People's choir will meet

for rehearsal Saturday morning at 10:15 o'clock.

Three one-act Christmas plays will be presented by the High School department on the evening of Wednesday, December 20, in the Assembly hall, at 7:30 o'clock. The plays are: "Why the Chimes Rang," "Thirty Pieces of Silver," and Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

There is Red Cross sewing at the church each Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Baptist Church

Wilmette and Forest Avenues
Rev. George D. Allison, pastor

"A Church That Cares"

"A New Bible" is the theme of Dr. Allison's message on Sunday morning. New Bibles will be on the display table in the church vestibule. New copies of old versions, and new and timely translations into modern speech. Perhaps for you the Holy Scriptures will be like a new book if you will read them with eager heart and open mind.

At 9:30 the Church school meets. The superintendent is Z. A. Parkhurst and he will be glad to find a place for you in the work, or as a learner. The Adult class, J. C. Blaylock, president, invites you to a lesson on "Paul in Rome." The high school groups in the school are seeking more recruits.

At 6 p. m. the young people's meetings are held. The B. Y. P. U. meets in the Guild room, with Lee Blaylock's commission in charge, and adjourns to the parsonage for refreshments and a social evening. The older group meets with Miss Betty Clark at 2513 Park place, just over the Evanston line. This group will complete organization, choose a name and lay plans for future activities. Young people over the high school age who are sincerely interested will be most welcome.

Those selected for parts in the Christmas pageantry are asked to learn their lines promptly and to heed the calls for rehearsal. This should be one of our finest Christmas seasons. Do your bit!

Members of the Junior and Senior choirs are reminded of the rehearsals tonight (Thursday). This is also the regular evening for the Sea Scout ship, which is using our social hall for its headquarters just now.

Next Wednesday, the minister continues his Advent lectures on the "Meaning of the Messianic Hope." We have a delightful fellowship of praise and prayer, to which visitors are always welcomed. Take note that those desiring to become members of this church to start the New Year should get in touch with Dr. Allison now. Also, that Wednesday, December 27, is the date for our Holiday Homecoming party, and it is announced ahead to avoid conflicting engagements.

St. John's Lutheran

Wilmette and Park avenues
Church telephone Wil. 5379

SERVICES

7:15 a. m. First service and sermon.
9:30 a. m. Sunday school and Bible classes.
11 a. m. Second service and sermon.

MEETINGS

Monday, 7:45 p. m. Choir rehearsal.
Friday, 8 p. m. Junior Walther league.
Classes for children every Tuesday at 4 o'clock and Saturday at 9:30 a. m.

It is a pleasure to advise our members and friends that the Rev. J. H. Gockel will again occupy the pulpit at the Sunday morning services and for the balance of the year. His theme will be: "The Ladder of Heaven." The sermon last Sunday was an eloquent address and we enjoyed being present to hear it and get inspiration from it. We invite you to worship with us.

Our Sunday school and Bible classes are working on a special Christmas program. The children are really enjoying this work as it again brings to their minds the wonderful Star in the East which they follow and whose guiding

light leads them to the Manger where the Young Child lay.

There are many homes blessed with children—bright, lovable, happy boys and girls—and they are all on tip-toe with expectation. In these homes there is not much money, and the little there is someone has a claim upon, and the parents are in sore distress as to whether it is their duty to pay the little debt and disappoint the children or make the boys and girls happy at Christmas time. The head of the family is not feeling just right as he is obliged to undergo the daily grind of looking for work. His family is not destitute but it is living as economically as ever it can. The mother seems to be cheery, but somehow, the father is painfully impressed with the idea that she is making an effort to appear joyous, and it does not add to his composure of mind. Somehow he hopes God will work just a little miracle for him, for he knows it would be almost a miracle if something should occur to replenish the pocketbook. This is no make-believe sketch. Many will recognize in it a past experience. We give the sketch because we have a hope that when you read it, you may resolve to assist our Ladies Aid and Missionary society in filling Christmas baskets to be delivered Christmas day to many such families. Don't let this family listen to the Christmas sermon wondering if some of the worshippers have not forgotten that the day is one for deeds as well as praise. But let them feel that somehow it had been a pleasant Christmas. May we ask all who wish to fill these baskets of joy to communicate with Mrs. G. Simons or Mrs. F. C. Meves. Then, on Christmas morning, take up the glad refrain that erstwhile broke the stillness of Judea's plains, "Hosanna in the highest, peace on earth, good will to men."

English Lutheran

Seventh street at Greenleaf
"A House of Worship"
Rev. David R. Kabele, pastor

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship 11 a. m.

Choir rehearsal Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Junior Luther league will meet on Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock. Mr. Jerome Nevins will speak on "Better Ways of Sharing Christmas Spirit." All the young people of high school age are cordially invited.

Catechetical classes will meet on Monday and Tuesday afternoons at 4 o'clock.

On Wednesday evening, December 20, at 7:30 o'clock the Sunday school will present its Christmas program. All are welcome.

Our Christmas services are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, December 20, at 7:30 p. m.—Sunday school program.

Sunday, December 24, 9:45 a. m.—Sunday school; 11 a. m.—Morning worship, reception of new members; 3 p. m.—Baptismal service.

Christmas Day, 6 a. m.—Early worship service.

First Congregational

John G. Hindley, minister

"The Advent and The Adventure" will be the subject of Mr. Hindley's sermon at the 11 o'clock service next Sunday morning. Christmas music will predominate in the musical program, which will be:

Prelude: "Christmas Pastorale". Corelli
Anthem: "Song of the Christ Child"
.....Traditional carol arr. by Osgood
Offertory: "Noel"D'Aquin
Quartette: "I Hear Along Our Street"
.....Carol arr. by Mackinnon
Postlude: "Tidings of Joy".....Bach

The Church school is sponsoring several Christmas parties for the young children of Onward House, a settlement house in Chicago. Our children are asked to bring toys, games, clothes, etc. to the church next Sunday, as well as the special offering. All departments will meet at the regular time: 9:30 for the Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and High School departments, and 10:45 for the pre-school children in the Beginners department.

Edgar Guest, the widely known poet and conductor of a column in the Detroit Free Press, will speak at the Wilmette Sunday Evening club which meets