Come to Church for Christmas Services

A Christmas message . . .

By The RT. REV. ERIC G. MUNN
Bishop of Caledonia

Long ago, when men had to face the rigors of winter without the comforts of modern heating and lighting, the passing of the shortest day meant much. The knowledge that spring and warmth were within sight moved men to gladness and excitement. So the nature feast of late December is ancient.

But Christ came to make all things new; and the pagan feast is gathered into the Christian commemoration of the birth of Christ, that fact that expresses in history the truth of Incarnation. God the Son, in His great love, came to this world, took our humanity into Himself, lived on earth and offered to the Father a perfect, human life; through His triumphant death, resurrection and ascension. He restored mankind to eternal life with God.

The Church, the company of worshipping and witnessing people, whose Head is Christ and whose life is the Holy Spirit, attests and proclaims these truths. At Christmas the Church announces, to all who will hear the good news, that God so loved us all that He gave His only begotten Son that we might have eternal life.

May the joy of Christmas fill your hearts, and the light of Christ guide your feet and keep you in joy, always.

By The MOST REV. FERGUS O'GRADY, OMI
Bishop of Prince Rupert

My dear brethren:

While the rest of the world is "dreaming of a white Christmas", we in the Vicariate of Prince Rupert are actually experiencing our white Christmas. And may I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you — your families, your friends, your businesses — all the blessed joys of this happy season, and a shower of God's choicest and most abundant graces.

To truly enjoy the most important side of the holidays — the spiritual side — each of us must make sure that his **is** a 'white Christmas" . . . .

- with the white of a **conscience** that is honestly trying to do his best to know God's law and will, and then to do it, whatever the cost;
- with the white of a **heart** that when called upon to suffer, as the Prince of Peace suffered he will not shirk his duty, but perform it with all the love and zest of a willing heart;
- with the white of the mantle of **responsibility,** a responsible citizen of God and of the State, fulfilling his role in this life, a role in which he will be judged for a life everlasting in the next;
- with the white of a **soul** that is free from the ugly stain of sin; a soul which on Christmas Eve will receive the tender Christmas Babe, just as truly as His dear mother held Him and protected Him on that first Christmas.

It will be my most sincere prayer during this lovely season of joy and holiness that God will live in the hearts and souls of our people, and remain therein, not only for the brief days surrounding Christmas, but into and throughout the year of 1962.

And so to each and every man, woman and child in the vast Vicariate of Prince Rupert, we promise a special remembrance, begging all the graces and blessings of the King of kings, and may 1962 be your finest, your happiest year!

While Shepherds Watched

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind;
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind."

"To you, in David's town, this day,
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:

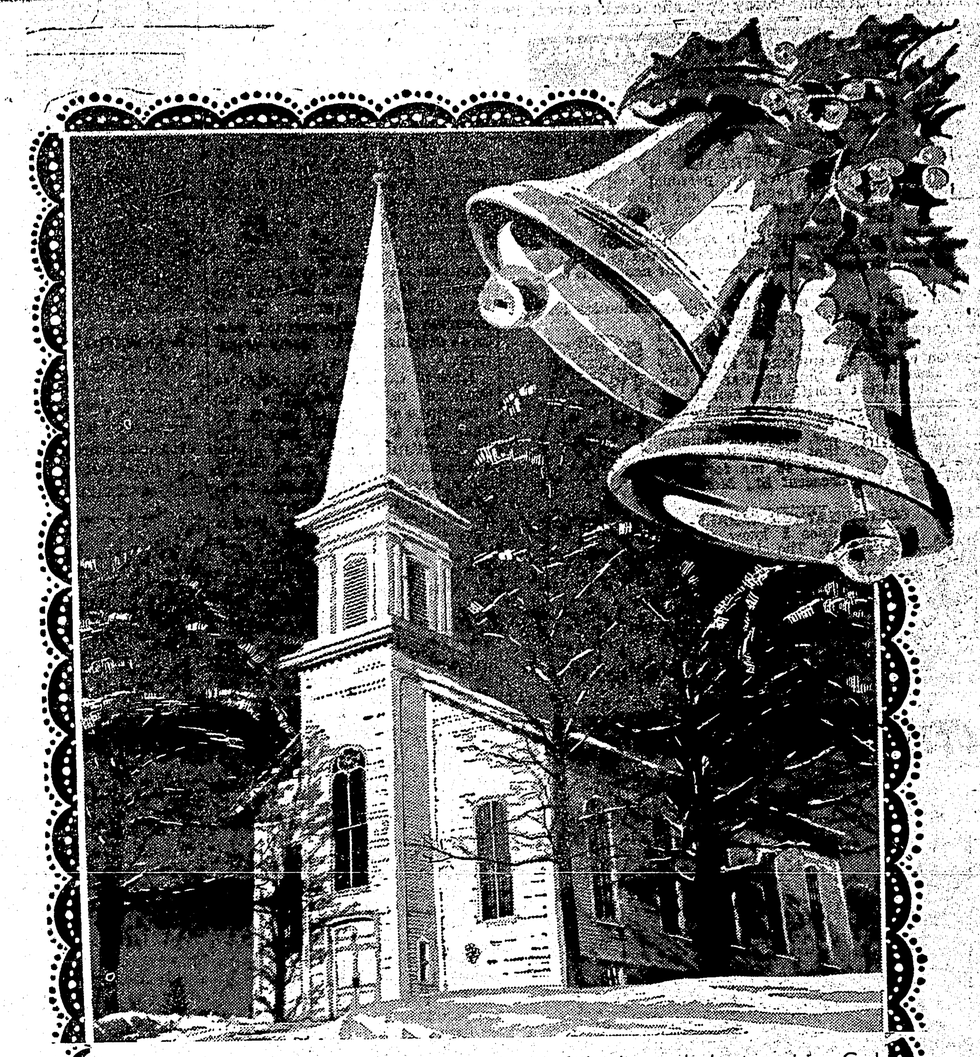
"The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid."

Silent Night

Silent Night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, loves pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.



"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, and goodwill toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child."

COME TO CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas with The United Church of Canada

December 24th

9:45 a.m. — Teen Agers Christmas
11:00 a.m. — Sacrament of Baptism
7:30 p.m.—Carol Service and John Oxenham's "The Third Wise Man"

December 25th

11:00 a.m. — Family Christmas Day Service

While all things were in quiet silence, and night was in the midst of her swift course, Thine Almighty Word came down from heaven, Peace on Earth to men of good will."

PRINCE RUPERT REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th — 11:15 a.m.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th — 7:30 p.m.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE
AFTER EVENING SERVICE
SUNDAY DECEMBER 31st

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. Rauschenberger
200 Block — 4th Ave. East

Dec. 24th, 11 a.m. ..... Morning Service
Dec. 24th, 2:30 p.m. ..... Sunday School Christmas Program
Dec. 25th, 11 a.m. ..... Christmas Service

DECEMBER 25th — 4 p.m.
"Nach Bethlehem" (To Bethlehem)

an Oratorio by August Ruecker, presented by the Mixed Choir of the Church, Herbert Strauss conducting. All friends of German Sacred music are cordially invited.

Christmas Services St. Peter's Anglican

Christmas Eve: 11:30 p.m. — Sung Eurcharist (Merbecke)

Midnight Service

Christmas Day:
8:00 a.m. — Holy Communion (said)
11:00 a.m. — Choral Eucharist
7:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer (said)

New Year's Eve:
7:30 p.m. — Carol Service of the Nine Lessons
Donald R. Chassels

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 1961

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th

8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.—Family Service
4:30 p.m.—Christmas Pageant

Church School and Young People directed by Miss E. Bulmer.

NO EVENSONG

11:00 p.m.—Carol singing
11:30 p.m.—Choral Eucharist
Christmas Message the Bishop

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th

8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.—Family Christmas Service
12:00 p.m.—Holy Communion

HOLY COMMUNION
ST. JOHN'S DAY
December 27:

INNOCENT'S DAY
December 28th, 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE
December 30, 2 - 5 p.m.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Special Christmas Meetings

with our District Officers
Major and Mrs. Aubrey Rideout

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. — Holiness Meeting
7:30 p.m. — Candle Light Service

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th
11:00 a.m. — Family Worship

Commanding Officer Capt. H. McDonald

First Presbyterian Church

Minister — Rev. Ivan S. Gamble, B.A., B.D.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

Family Service — 11:00 a.m.
Sermon — "The Surprise of Christmas"
Music by Junior and Senior Choirs

Evening Carol Service
Music by the Senior Choir

CHRISTMAS MORNING

Family Service — 11:00 a.m.
Sermon — "The Three Ships of Christmas
Music by the Senior Choir

Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. E. J. Smith assisted by Miss Judy Fossum

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 24th

Two Services 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Commemorating the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ into the world. Fifteen minute Carol singing at beginning of Evening Service.

Sunday School as always 9:45 and 12:15

Christmas Services of the EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

"A Living Word for a Dying World"

Sunday, December 24
Sunday School for all ages 10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service 11:30 am.
"Opportunities Lost"
Evening Evangelistic Service 7:30 p.m.
"A Vital Visit"

December 25:
Christmas Morning Service 11:00 a.m.

December 31:
The regular evening service will be postponed until 9:30 p.m. Following this service, there will be a time of fellowship and a watchnight service, for those who wish to stay.

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU. PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOME OF THESE SERVICES.

PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

There will be special services in the Pentecostal Tabernacle during the Christmas season.

Sunday morning . . . an open session in Sunday School combined with morning worship. Sunday evening at 7:30 there will be special music and a sermon, "Christmas Eve, what God intends it to be for you today."

Christmas morning there will be a worship service in the Tabernacle from ten to eleven a.m.

Rev. C. A. Myhre
Pastor

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Christmas Day Service

11:00 a.m.
THEME
"HOW FAR TO BETHLEHEM"
"Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened."
Sunday, December 24. Regular Service 11:00 a.m.

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