

Come to Church on Christmas

Christmas Mass Movement

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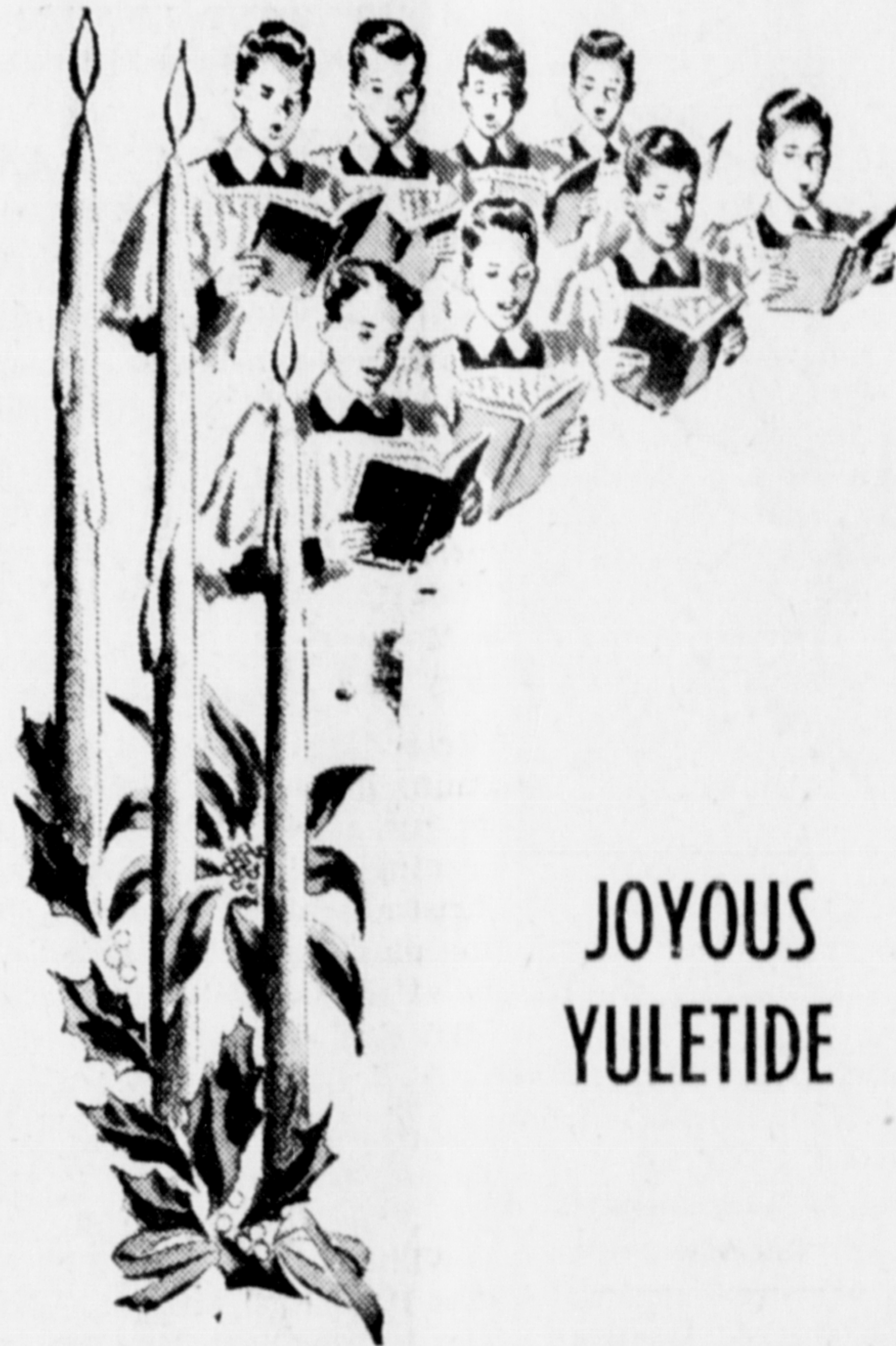
TEXT: "I bring you good news of a great rejoicing for the whole people. This day, in the City of David, a Saviour has been born for you, the Lord Christ Himself." St. Luke, Chap. 2, V. 10-11

Do you know anyone who does not get ready for Christmas? Anyone who remains outside influence of that contagious excitement which lays hold of all men at this season of the year? No, this is truly a "mass movement." Whatever be the difficulties of life, or the troubles of mankind, people the world over experience a depth of happiness that makes Christmas time unique. Fur clad Eskimos in the frozen north, vast throngs of negroes in Africa, brown men in the Southern Isles, yellow men in Asia, surging multitudes in the great cities, in the mountains and in the valleys of Europe and the Americas, men and women from every race of mankind feel great joy in their hearts. Awe and reverence are there too, and for the time all else is forgotten as the memory of the Great Event fills every mind; for it is Christmas; it is the greatest of days; it is the birthday of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of men.

Christmas is a "human" feast, and its effect is felt most in the intimacy of the family. Children become in this season the object of tender solicitude; their parents, their uncles and aunts ply them with presents in token of their love of children everywhere. Oh, how softening is the effect of this generous outpouring and how in the Mind of God it is intended to focus our attention of the Christ Child, Who came to redeem and save us.

The celebration of Christmas must turn our thoughts to the stable at Bethlehem that we may dwell prayerfully on the action of God begun there. The Infant in the manger was the Son of God, Who took our human nature, and in the course of time, as the Man-God offered Himself on the Cross for our Salvation. Through Him, every human being had the way to Heaven opened to him. As St. Peter said: "Salvation is not to be found elsewhere. This alone of all the Names under heaven has been appointed to men as the one by which we must needs be saved." (Acts 4:12.) Our Lord Himself said while He was on earth: "I am the vine, you are its branches; if a man lives on in Me, and I in him, then he will yield abundant fruit; separated from Me, you have no power to do anything." (John. 15:5.)

What must we do then at Christmas? First, let us thank God for His Great Gift. At home and in church, let all members of the family pour out their gratitude to Jesus Christ for His infinite love of us. Second, in testimony that our gratitude is sincere, let us renew our personal devotion to Our Lord and to His teaching. He won for us the personal right to be happy forever; but eternal happiness is not automatically ours. Each one gains heaven by co-operation with the grace of God. This word "Co-operation" supposes "operation" on our part. We must work then for Jesus Christ. The nature of that work, He Himself has told us in these words: "You will live on in my love, if you keep My commandments."



JOYOUS
YULETIDE

Christmas is a merry time—with gifts to exchange, songs to sing, and good things to eat. But Christmas is a time for reflection too . . . and prayer.

Make your observance richer by planning to attend your church's Christmas services in the company of loved ones.

Hear again the words of Him who would give the gift of Love and Peace to all men for all time.

On Earth Peace, Goodwill to Man

By RT. REV. J. B. GIBSON
Bishop of Caledonia

Those who had hoped to sing the Christmas carols of 1947 in a brighter world will be disappointed. Even the most gloomy predictors at the war's end did not see the long drawn out efforts that would be required to restore peace on earth—efforts that have produced such relatively small results. Stalemates on conferences, industrial strife, economic insecurities, indicate how far from realization is "a just and durable peace."

Why have the great efforts put forth by the U.N.O., the various international agencies, the laborious negotiations among the victorious nations proved such a failure? Is it not because He who came "to give knowledge of salvation unto His people, to give light to them that sit in darkness and to guide our feet into the way of peace" has been left out? There was no room for Him in the inn at Bethlehem, there still appears to be no room for Him in the deliberations of men and nations. Fear, suspicion and greed have crowded Him out.

At this season when we join in the Angels' song, "Peace on earth among men of goodwill," we must face them with the present international situation but we must face them with the spirit of Christ—the spirit of justice and fairness, the spirit of stern rebuke of unrighteousness, the spirit of loving kindness to men of every race.

"Peace on earth among men of goodwill." Peace to those who are pleasing to God. And those who are pleasing to God are those who respond to His wonderful manifestation of goodwill in sending His Son to be the Saviour of the world, by themselves accepting that Saviour and showing goodwill. It is not a proclamation of unconditional peace. The announcement is that if the condition is fulfilled then shall come peace. What has happened is that the way of peace has been opened to us. We are not compelled to tread it. God compels no man nor any nation to walk in any path. The tragedy of the world is not the failure of God but the inadequate response of man.

Men have never known better where to look for salvation from the world's ills than they do today. They realize as G. B. Shaw said some time ago that "Jesus Christ is the one who could lead us out of our present difficulties—that He is the final hope of the world" and this is the real ray of hope in our darkness in this Christmas of 1947.




First Baptist Church
CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SERVICES
11 a.m.—WHITE GIFT SERVICE.

This is a FAMILY SERVICE, which the children of the Sunday School will attend, with their parents and friends. The gifts presented are to be sent to India for missionaries, and may be chosen from this list: Dehydrated fruits, canned meats, junket tablets or powders, jellies, sugar, cake mix, jam, cocoa, etc.

Special music by Junior Choir.
No Sunday School at 12:15 today.
7:30 p.m.—CHRISTMAS SERVICE, with special music by the Senior Choir.

CHRISTMAS TREE and Program for the Cradle Roll, Nursery and Primary Departments of the Sunday School will be held on MONDAY, December 22, at 2:30 p.m. Parents and friends are cordially invited.

The members, friends and pastor of the church extend to all the people of Prince Rupert and district their best wishes for a happy Christmas.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
EARL SOILAND, Pastor
Phone Black 910

CALENDAR

Dec. 21—Communion Service at 11 A.M.
Sunday School at 12:15 P.M.
Sunday School Christmas Program at 5 P.M.

Dec. 25—Christmas Service at 11 A.M.

Dec. 28—Services at 11 A.M.

Jan. 1—Services at 11 A.M.

REGULAR BAPTIST
(Fundamentalist)
I.O.D.E. Hall — 5th & McBride Sts. — Phone 369

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

"God SO loved the World that He GAVE His only begotten Son." Jno. 3:16.


SUNDAY — Dec. 21st 1947

12:15 p.m.—Sunday School—Special Scriptograph "The Christmas Story."

7:30 p.m.—Illustrated Lantern Address—Mr. C. J. Carter "The Sad Shepherd"

Solo—Mr. Ralph Weick.
Xmas Music by Junior Choir.

WE PREACH THE OLD-TIME RELIGION



St. Andrew's Cathedral Church

CHRISTMAS EVE—11:30 P.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY—11:00 A.M.

Special Preacher: The Bishop

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY:

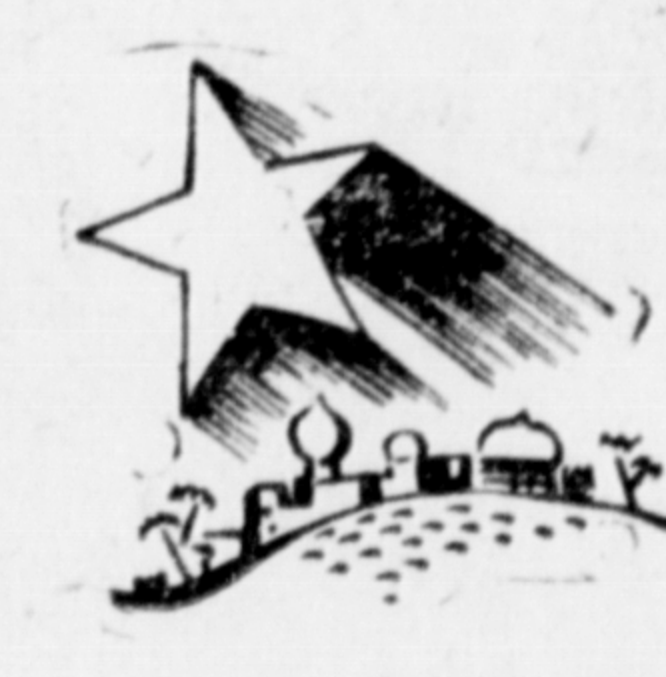
8:30 A.M.—Holy Communion.
11:00 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
2:00 P.M.—Sunday School.
7:30 P.M.—The Nine Lessons and Carols.



Church of the Annunciation

Midnight Mass sung by His Excellency Most Rev. Bishop A. Jordan O.M.I.

Masses on Christmas Day at 9 and 10 a.m.
Benediction at 3 p.m.



First United Church
636 Sixth Ave. W.
Choir Leader: J. S. Wilson
Miss Rose Marie Hartwig Organist
Minister: Rev. R. A. Wilson, M.A.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1947:

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Sermon Subject: "The Light of Men."
12:15—Sunday School.
7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship. Sermon Subject: "Shape of the Ideal."


WEDNESDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE:

7:30 P.M.—Vesper Service. Conducted by the C.G.I.T.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28:

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship.
Children's Service and Sunday School Rally. Sacrament of Baptism.
(Sunday School will meet at 11 A.M. only.)
7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship.

The United Church of Canada



The Salvation Army

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
CAPTAIN AND MRS. JARRRETT
Corps Officers

TONIGHT, 8 O'CLOCK—Saturday Night Youth Rally. Come and enjoy a Christmas Worship Service.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SERVICES
HOLINESS MEETING, 11 A.M.—Subject: "THE CHRIST OF THE MANGER."
DIRECTORY CLASS, 2:30 P.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL, 3 P.M.
SALVATION MEETING, 7:30 P.M.—A CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE. Speaker: Brigadier Gillingham.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23
7:30 P.M.—Home League.

THURSDAY—CHRISTMAS
11 A.M.—AN HOUR AROUND BETHLEHEM'S MANGER.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!




Full Gospel Tabernacle
PAUL A. BARBER, Pastor
221 Sixth Ave. West

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY, 11:00 A.M.—Devotional. Subject: "God in Human Flesh."
12:15 P.M.—Sunday School. Open Session.
7:30 P.M.—Evangelistic. Subject: "No Room in the Inn."
"His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."

EVERYONE WELCOME



First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Avenue East
Rev. Allan M. McColl
Minister
Mrs. E. J. Smith
Choir Leader

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY
December 21, 1947

11:00 A.M.—A Family Christmas Service.
The Pastor's Sermon will be "THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE"

Anthems—Junior Choir:
"Let Joy Bells Ring."
"Set Other Hearts to Singing."

12:15 P.M.—Sunday School.
Special Program.

7:30 P.M.—Sermon by the Pastor, "Idylls of Bethlehem."
Anthem—Senior Choir: "In a Stable Lowly."
Solo—J. A. Teng: "Star of Bethlehem."

ALL CHRISTMAS SONGS AT EVENING SERVICE

A cordial invitation to worship with this congregation is extended to all.

