

at Church on Christmas Day

Xmas Services To Be Given In Churches Sunday

Birth of Christ Will Be Celebrated in All the Houses of Worship Tomorrow—Christmas

Christmas day, the day when everyone turns their attention at least for a time to worship and when the churches throw open their doors to all to gather in celebration of the birth of the King, hundreds of years ago, falls on Sunday this year, and elaborate Christmas programs have been arranged by the churches of the city.

There will be midnight mass services in St. Peter's Episcopal church and in the Catholic church. Christmas will be the subject, and the spirit of Christmas will prevail in all La Grande churches throughout the day.

Other services at the Catholic church besides the midnight mass will be at 8 o'clock, Christmas morning. The church has been beautifully decorated for the services and everything is now in readiness.

First Methodist Episcopal Church
The Sunday school will have a Christmas program and ten minutes morning during the regular hour at the First Methodist Episcopal church. The organ has been decorated with two large trees and following the program, treats will be given to all of the children.

At 11 o'clock the regular morning service will be held. The hour will be given over to appropriate hymns, an anthem by the choir entitled "While Shepherds Watched" by Carrie B. Adams. The pastor will deliver a short address on "A Christmas Meditation."

The Epworth league will meet in the church parlors at 6:30 o'clock. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be a musical program, the details of which are given in another article on this page.

Episcopal Church
In addition to the midnight mass, which will be held at 11:45 o'clock Christmas eve and will include carols, hymns and other musical numbers, there will be Holy Eucharist at 8 o'clock Sunday morning at St. Peter's Episcopal church, followed by church school at 9:45 o'clock, and the morning service at 11 o'clock.

There will be a special offering taken from the children during the church school hour for missions. The 11 o'clock service will be shortened to allow for attendance at the annual B. P. O. Elks' Christmas tree. There will be no evening service.

First Presbyterian Church
The Christmas day service of the First Presbyterian church will begin with the Bible school at 9:45 o'clock, followed by a sermon by the pastor on "The Christ Child's First Day." Miss Edna Maguire, organist, will present organ numbers appropriate for the occasion and the vested choir will sing two Christmas anthems, "Canticle No. 1" by Adolph Adams and "Gesu Bambino" by Pietro A. Von. "O Come, Let Us Worship" for "Unto You Is Born This Day in the City of David a Son, Which Is Christ the Lord."

At 7:30 Miss Maguire will present an organ program, which is given in detail on this page. She will be assisted by Mrs. W. H. Hohnkamp Jr., L. J. Lindsay, and the vested choir, which is under the direction of Mrs. A. J. Richardson.

English Lutheran Church
Christmas day services will be held at the English Lutheran church beginning at 11 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. Carl H. Aagaard, will deliver the sermon on the subject "The Appeal of Christmas." The choir will sing the following hymns: "Holy Night," "Silent Night," and "White Christmas."

The Christmas tree program will be given in the evening at 7:30 o'clock, when the Saccagewa chapter girls will present a dramatization of the Bible story. A surprise has been promised for this time, which is expected to be of special interest.

Central Christian Church
Bible school at 9:45 o'clock will open the Christmas services at the Central Christian church. All children will receive treats at that time. During the 11 o'clock hour the pastor, the Rev. R. L. Poirson, will talk on the subject, "The Meaning of Christmas." A special quartet will furnish special music.

In the evening a Christmas pageant will be given, with all characters taking part. The segment is entitled "The Path of Promise," and the leading part will be taken by Mrs. R. L. Poirson.

The Junior, intermediate and young people's Christian Endeavor societies will meet at 8 o'clock in the evening at the church. Gifts for the needy will be accepted at any time during the day.

First Baptist Church
The annual Christmas program of the First Baptist church will take place Sunday evening at the church beginning at 7:30. Christmas exercises will be furnished by the children of the Sunday school, after which a Christmas tree will be

erected and treats will be given to the children. Sunday school will be held in the morning at 9:45 o'clock, followed by church services at 11 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. R. L. Poirson, will speak on the subject "A Christmas Question." The Baptist Young People's union will meet at 6:30 o'clock.

First City Community Church
Regular services will be held Sunday at the First City Community church. After Sunday school at 10 o'clock the pastor will preach on the subject, "Inspired Song Writers." The Young People's society will meet at 7 o'clock.

Methodist Church South
There will be an open meeting at the Methodist Episcopal church south Sunday evening when various persons will talk on the subject, "How Can We Save Our Children and Young People to the Church?" This service will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday school will be held in the morning at 9:45 o'clock, followed by church services at 11 o'clock. The pastor, the Rev. J. A. High, will speak on "The Star, Prophecy and Faith." The Epworth league will meet in the evening at 6:30 o'clock.

Church of God
The Sunday school of the Church of God will have a "white gift" Christmas and during the Sunday school hour, tomorrow morning, gifts will be received for the needy of the city.

Sunday school will be at 9:45 and is followed by church at 11 o'clock. Claude T. Pratt will speak on the subject, "Prophecies Concerning Christ." In the evening the subject will be "The Fulfillment of the Prophecies Concerning Christ." The Young People's society will meet at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

Christian Scientist Church
Services are held regularly every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, corner of First street and Washington avenues. The subject for tomorrow morning is "Christian Science." Sunday school meets at 9:45 o'clock. Meetings are also held every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, which include testimony of healing. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

The reading room in the West-Jacobson building, corner of Adams avenue and Elm street, is open every day from 12 o'clock until 4:20, with the exception of Sundays and holidays.

WINNINGS
The annual parish meeting of the Episcopal church is planned for the Feast of the Epiphany, Friday, Jan. 6. It will be held at Roman hall and will be preceded by a potluck supper and program at 6 o'clock.

Sunday being Christmas day, the Wayfarers' guild of the Episcopal church will not meet. Their next meeting will be Jan. 1, 1928.

The annual business meeting of the First Baptist church will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 29.

Thursday evening will be church night at the Central Christian church from 7:30 until 9 o'clock. There will be classes in Bible history and teacher training. A week school on Tuesday, Jan. 5, the annual meeting of the church will be held. Each family is asked to bring a basket dinner at that time.

Dr. Shumate spoke at the Methodist Episcopal church south last Monday.

The orchestra at the Central Christian church is growing. There were six members out at the last practice. C. E. Hauge is the director.

THOSE IN NEED ARE HELPED BY RELIEF BOARD

Just about a year ago at this time a relief board was organized in the Church of God here, which has accomplished much toward helping needy families. During the past six days the board has given out 144 garments, 24 pairs of shoes, furnished employment for 21 persons, furnished 65 meals, food for seven families, groceries for four families, four quilts, and one box.

The board will assist in giving many needy families a Christmas tree and has provided 65 toys which are given to the homes where they are needed.

The work has been carried on entirely by the free-will offering of kind and generous people who are asked to help. Any person having clothing or other things which could be used in school to get in touch with Mrs. C. E. Hauge, and Jackson avenue, or Mrs. H. M. Ringer, route No. 2, who will call on the person and see that they get into homes where they are most needed.

Miner Southwick, coast carrier on route No. 1 which covers a large territory east of here, has changed his mode of travel from a buggy to a sleigh.

Salvation Army Christmas Program To Be Given Monday Evening at Hall Here

The Salvation Army's annual Christmas program will be given Monday evening at the hall, for which preparations are now practically complete. Three hundred Christmas stockings have been filled with a half a pound of candy and a half a pound of nuts, a large apple and orange in each, and have been arranged in a neat row near the large Christmas tree, waiting for Monday evening, when they will be distributed among the children.

One hundred toys are on the Christmas tree now, with about 150 more to be put on, which will gladden the hearts of many youngsters who might otherwise not receive a Christmas time.

Famed Christmas Hymn Written By Village Priest Century Ago

OVERENDORF, Near Salzburg, Austria (AP)—"Silent Night," best known of all Christmas songs, owes its origin to a village priest.

Joseph Mohr, was invited, in 1818, to Overendorf to be the custom shortly before Christmas for wintering comedians from the nearby village of Lafoten to give crude representations of the Christmas story as recounted in the Bible. A story was named. After invited Joseph Mohr, young assistant priest who had recently come to the village from Salzburg, to be his guest at a little party. As a special surprise for the priest, Maier arranged for the comedians from Lafoten to stage their festival play at his home.

The thoughtful hospitality of the Maier couple and the touching simplicity of the festival play so stirred the young priest that instead of going straightway home he climbed the so-called "Tittenberg" (mountain of the dead) overlooking Overendorf and stood there in silent meditation.

The silence of the night, the blinking of the stars, the murmur of the Salzach river all inspired him. Quietly he descended to his home, where he wrote the words to "Silent Night" were written.

The next day he hurried to his church and co-worker, Franz Gruber, village organist and school teacher. He requested his friend to write the music for his song. Happily at this opportunity, Gruber composed.

Dee and Irvin Gastin returned home Saturday evening from Joseph Creek, where they have been the past two weeks visiting relatives. They found it necessary to start before daylight in order to make the ride of some 35 miles, with a part of the distance through deep snow where they had to break their own road.

A variety of maple sugar is reported in Vermont. Maybe the sap doesn't choose to run, either.

Yuletide Music Has A Place In Local Programs

Three Services Will Consist Chiefly of Music—One Christmas Eve, Others Sunday Night.

Christmas services in the local churches will include three musical programs, which are creating much interest and are expected to be unusually fine.

The first of these programs will be given during the midnight mass on Christmas eve at St. Peter's Episcopal church and will include carols, anthems, solos and organ music. The other two programs will take place at the First Presbyterian and the First Methodist Episcopal churches Christmas night during the regular church hour, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The service at the Presbyterian church will be an organ program, with Miss Edna Maguire at the console, assisted by Mrs. W. H. Hohnkamp Jr., L. J. Lindsay, violin, and the vested choir of the church, which is under the direction of Mrs. A. J. Richardson. A Christmas cantata will be given at the Methodist church, and will include solo and duet numbers and choir music.

Episcopal Program
The program at the Episcopal church will begin at 11:45 o'clock, Mrs. H. N. Ashby and Mrs. R. G. McCall will be at the organ console. Following is the program to be given:

Organ prelude.
Processional hymn—"O Come All Ye Faithful."
Carols—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Good Christian Men Rejoice," "Noel."
Kyrle by Tallis.
Carol—"Christians, Awake."
Sermon—"Why Was Jesus Born?"—a common-sense explanation.

Anthem—"Calm on the Liching Sea" (Parker), soprano, Mrs. H. N. Ashby.

Solo—"Gesu Bambino," (Vee), Miss Betty Cochran.
Recit—"The Light Hath Shined Upon Us" (West).
Solo—"God So Loved the World" (West).

Trilo—"O Point of Love Unbounded."
Chorus—"Rejoice in the Lord," the choir.

Sanctus—(By Morley).
Benedictus—(By Morley).
Carols—"Silent Night, Holy Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Gloria in Excelsis—(Grieg).
Amen—(By Stanier).
Recessional hymn—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
Organ postlude.

Presbyterian Program
Miss Edna Maguire, organist at the Presbyterian church, will present a program of selected numbers, which will appeal to all music lovers. The program will include numbers from such composers as Vincent, Nevin, Prinn, Kraus and others.

The following program will be given:
Prelude—"Temple March" (Charles Vincent).
Processional—"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (No. 25).
Prayer.

Hymn.
Scripture—Isaiah 9:6, 7; Matthew 2:1-12.
Anthem—"Gesu Bambino" (Pietro A. Von).

(a) Holy Night.
(b) I. Alibi.
2. Cuzco Amorosa.
3. Buena Noche (Nevin).
Solo—"The Living God" (Graham).
(a) Woodland Rejoice (Prinn).
2. Evening Song (Johnston).
3. Christmas duet (Graham).
(b) Allegro Maestoso (West).
Offerory—"The Rosary" (Nevin).
Violin obbligato.

Choir sextet: Genevieve Hanna, Ruth Durland and Ruth Gehbel, sopranos; Doris Cole, Arin Verity and Miriam Hanna, altos, accompanied by entire choir.

(a) Caprice Viennois (Kraus).
(b) Grand March from Aida (Verdi).
Benediction.
Recessional—"Silent Night" (No. 26).
Postlude.

M. E. Program
The program at the Methodist Episcopal church will consist principally of singing. Miss Marvel Rhine, Miss Bethel Trill and Mrs. Claude Cooper will sing solo numbers and there will be a duet by Miss Edna Maguire and Mrs. Claude Cooper, in addition to several numbers by the choir and congregation. The program follows:

Prelude.
Processional hymn—"O Come All Ye Faithful."
Carols—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Good Christian Men Rejoice," "Noel."
Kyrle by Tallis.
Carol—"Christians, Awake."
Sermon—"Why Was Jesus Born?"—a common-sense explanation.

Anthem—"Calm on the Liching Sea" (Parker), soprano, Mrs. H. N. Ashby.
Solo—"Gesu Bambino," (Vee), Miss Betty Cochran.
Recit—"The Light Hath Shined Upon Us" (West).
Solo—"God So Loved the World" (West).

Hymn—"Joy to the World," Congregation.
Christmas Bells Are Ringing, the choir.

(a) Then Bethlehem, Marvel Rhine and the choir.
"Earth's Weary Waiting Done," Miss Cooper and Mrs. Claude Cooper.

"In the Watches of the Night," Bethel Trill.
"Glory to God in the Highest," the choir.

"On Earth, Peace," choir.
Offerory.
"Let Us Go Even Unto Bethlehem," choir.

"Break Forth into Joy," choir.
"Jesus Our Lord," Marvel Rhine.
"The Star in the Eastern Sky," Mrs. Claude Cooper and the choir.
"The Lord Is Born Today," the choir.

Benediction by the pastor.
J. F. Gregory, of Smith Mountain, was in town recently.

Ranch Dances Are Ousted by Bridge

SONOMA, Tex. (AP)—Ranch house dances, long the most popular diversion on the cowboy's social calendar, have given way to bridge, radio and house parties in this isolated stock-raising section of Texas.

Gatherings at which cowhands and their fair friends execute odd, picturesque steps to such tunes as "Cotton Eye Joe" are undertaken now only as a "take-off" on days of yesteryear.

Young folks on the ranches motor to the nearest towns to seek recreation, or they spend their evenings at home listening to the radio or playing bridge. Week-end house parties, in which young folks from the towns join, have become common in the new social life of the ranch country.

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