CHRISTMAS MUSIC TO FEATURE SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES TODAY

Many Pastors Have Chosen Day Also to Deliver Special Yuletide Sermons—Collections for Relief Funds in Foreign Lands to Be Taken Up by Many.

THE GREAT majority of churches of the city will add special features to services today in celebration of Christmas. Appropriate musical programmes will be presented by choirs and organists, and most pastors have chosen this date to deliver Christmas sermons.

The Catholic churches held special mass yesterday, and holy communion was observed by the Episcopal congregations. In many churches collections will be turned over to relief funds in foreign lands, although the needy of Portland will not be forgotten.

The following Christmas musical programmes have been announced for today's services:

At First Congregational church the morning and evening programmes have been selected as follows:

11 A. M.—Organ, "Caravan of the Magi" (Maunder), "The Holy Night" (Dudley Buck), venite, "Come Ye Faithful" (Portugallo); quartet and chorus, "Sing O Heavens" (Tours); quartet, "The Birthday of a King" (Neidlinger); carol, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (Mendelssohn); solo, "There Were Shepherds" (Scott), May Dearborn Schwab; organ, "Hallelujah" (Handel).

7:30 P. M.—Organ, "Variations on an Ancient Christmas Carol" (Detheir), "Christmas Pastorale" from the "Messiah" (Handel).

The Christmas musical service will consist of the following four great choruses and four great solos from Handel's "Messiah":

Organ, "Overture" from the oratorio; tenor solo, "Comfort Ye Every Valley," Warren A. Erwin; chorus, "And the Glory"; chorus, "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings"; baritone solo, "The People That Walked in Darkness," W. E. Robinson; chorus, "For Unto Us a Child Is Born"; recitatives, "There Were Shepherds," "Lo, the Angel of the Lord," "And the Angel Said," "And Suddenly There Was With the Angels," "Praising God and Saying," May Dearborn Schwab; contralto solo, "He Shall Feed His Flock," Mrs. Peets; chorus, "Hallelujah Chorus," by chorus of 35 selected voices and quartet; Joseph A. Finley, conductor; Ethel Lynn Ross, organist.

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A Christmas concert will be held at Mount Tabor Presbyterian church this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The programme will include:

Organ prelude; carols, "Come All Ye Faithful," the choir, and "Joy to the World," choir and congregation; male quartet, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (Redner), Messrs. Downing, Wiley, Manning and Steinmetz; anthem, "The Birthday of a King" (Neidlinger), Miss Augusta Parker and choir; instrumental quartet, pipe organ, piano, violin and violincello, Mrs. Evelyn Ewart McNary, Miss Erma Ewart, Cyril Crockett and Duane Lawrence. Carols, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," led by C. A. Muir; solo, "There Were Shepherds" (John Prindle Scott), Mrs. Blanche L. Myers; offertory, instrumental trio, pipe organ, piano and violin; anthem, "Sleep, Holy Babe" (Pickells), with violincello obligato by Duane Lawrence; ladies' chorus, "Quiet Night" (W. H. Neidlinger); male quartet, "Holy Night" (Gruber); solo, "Nazareth" (Gounod), Harold L. Graham; mixed quartet, "O Holy Night" (Adam), Mr. Downing, Mrs. Ireland, Miss Parker and Mr. Manning; anthem, "Shout the Glad Tidings" (Brackett); organ postlude; Mrs. W. L. Ireland, director; Miss Erma G. Ewart, organist.

Morning, Christmas sermon, "Did You Receive the Best at Christmas?"

Westminster Presbyterian church will give over all it's services today to the spirit of Christmas. Its sermons, music, Bible school and young people's exercises will have this one central thought.

The church quartet, directed by Professor Hutchison and composed of Mrs. J. B. Ettinger, Mrs. Alice P. Moore, J. P. Mulder and Dom Zan will sing a solo in the morning, and Mrs. Ettinger, one in the evening.

Gene Whitten, attending University of Oregon, will lead the young people's society at 6:30 o'clock and talk on "Christmas Gifts."

The following is the programme to be given by the Bible school at 12:10 o'clock:

Processional, classes 6, 22 and 23, singing in gallery as beginners and primary departments enter; song, by primary department; responsive Scripture reading; prayer, by Dr. Pence; solo and carol, "All Through the Night," Marjorie Shane and class No. 6; recitation, "Santa's Fright," Barbara Reed and primary department; exercise and song, "The Holy Word," "Joy to the World," from class No. 16; recitation, John Porter and beginners department; dramatization of carol, "Good King Wenceslas," class 23; recitation, Martha Hamilton and beginners department; exercise, class in primary department, Miss Marjorie Reed, teacher; offering; song, "Long Years Ago in Bethlehem Town," class No. 5; recitation, Billy Morrison, class No. 14; song, "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," class No. 7; recitation, Cynthia Louise Cornell and beginners department; recitation, "Our Happiest Holiday," Elizabeth Fletcher and class No. 35; carol, class No. 22; recitation, "To the Fir Tree," Harriet Lockhart and class No. 26; recitation, Evan Whitlock and class No. 32; carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night," class No. 25; song, by school from Hymnal No. 134.

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The programme of the Christmas concert at the Highland Congregational church tonight, under the direction of Mrs. W. Caldwell, will include the following:

Prelude, "Festival March" (Gounod), contralto solo, "Come Unto Me" (Mendelssohn), Mrs. Vogel; chorus, "Christmas at Sea," young women's choir; trio for cello, violin and piano (Offenbach), Stanley Wentz and Misses Wentz; solo, "Hail, Holy Child" (Neidlinger), Mr. H. Dirksen; offertory, "Intermezzo" (Ferrata), Mrs. Caldwell; solo, "The Heavenly Star" (Stewart), Mrs. Vogel; carol, "Silent Night" (Haydn), young women's choir; cello solo, "Barceuse" (Goddard), Mr. S. Wentz; solo, "Plains of Peace" (Bernard), Mr. Dirksen; talk, "The Christmas Rose," Rev. Edward Constant.

The morning service in celebration of the Nativity will consist of Christmas music and hymns with sermon entitled "Paying Homage to the Christ Child."

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Westminster Presbyterian church will feature a programme of appropriate carols and anthems as follows:

10:30—Motet, "Come Hither, Ye Faithful" (Berwald); anthem, "Behold, a Star Appeareth" (Lard-Selby); offertory solo, "Nazareth" (Gounod); Flemish Noel, "Of the Father's Love Begotten."

7:30—Carol, anthem, "The Angels' Hymn" (West); two old French carols, "Carol of the Flowers" and "The Sleep of the Child Jesus"; motet, "The Shepherd's Farewell to the Holy Family" (Bertice); offertory solo, "Noel of the Bressan Waits" (Old French); quartet, Mrs. J. B. Ettinger, soprano; Mrs. A. P. Moore, contralto; Joseph Mulder, tenor; Dom Zan, baritone; director and organist, J. Hutchison.

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At the Church of Our Father (Unitarian), Broadway and Yamhill streets, the choir, consisting of Mitylene Fraker Stites, director, and Mrs. H. Hucke, Ross Fargo, Walter Hardwick and Organist Ralph W. Hoyt, will sing: "Oh, Zion, That Bringest Good Tidings" (Lansing); "The Heralds of the King" (Bartlett); carols, "A Joyful Christmas Song" and "The Magi Kings" (Gevaert); anthem, "Hark, Hark, With the Harps of Gold" (Hanscom). The organ numbers are as follows: "Voluntary" (James H. Rogers); offertory, "Cantique d'Amour" (S. Tudor Strang); recessional, "Shepherd's Tidings" pastorale (H. W. Harris.)

The cantata "Miss Christmas" given Thursday night will be repeated tonight by special request owing to the part that the Kenilworth Presbyterian church at East Thirty-fourth and Gladstone streets, was crowded to the doors and a large number of people were unable to get in. Sixty children take part in this cantata, which is directed by Miss Stella Higgins, Mrs. C. W. Reams and Mrs. E. Evans.

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Special Christmas anthems and carols will be rendered by the choir of the Church of Our Father (First Unitarian) on Sunday morning, December 26. And on Sunday, January 2, at 4:30 the choir will give an informal musicale in the chapel of the church. Friends invited. The personnel of the choir is Mrs. H. J. Hucke, soprano; Mitylene Fraker Stites, contralto and director; J. Ross Fargo, tenor; Walter Hardwick, basso; Ralph Hoyt, organist.

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At Rose City Park Presbyterian church in the evening the quartet, assisted by Mrs. Roxanna Waldorf, will give the following programme of Christmas music:

Prelude, "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," (Faulkes); anthem, "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night," (Staughton); soprano solo, "Mary's Manger Song," (Adams); duet, tenor and baritone, "A Christmas Song," (Henchel); quartet, "Come to the Manger," (Lemont); violin solo, "Old Christmas Hymn," by Mrs. Roxanna Waldorf, (Louis Kron); baritone solo, "Gesu' Bondino," (Pietro Ayon); anthem, "The Day Spring from on High," (Foster); postlude, "Glory to God in the Highest," (Mozart).

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Christmas music at White Temple this morning will be:

Prelude, "Bethlehem," (Malling); quartet, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," (Bartlett); offertory solo, "Silent Night," (Mr. Gill); postlude, "Alleluia Chorus," (Handel) Evening: Prelude, "Christmas Night," (Goller); quartet, "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night," (Marzo); offertory, "There Were Shepherds," (Myles); postlude, "Noel," (d'Aquin).

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Mr. and Mrs. George Hotchkiss Street, assisted by Miss Ruth Agnew and three of their students, Miss Helen Levoff, Paul Gelvin and Arthur Strickland will furnish special music for both services at the Fourth Presbyterian church today. Mrs. Street will sing "The Virgin's Lullaby," from "The Coming of the King" (Dudley Buck); Miss Agnew, "Noel" (Adams); a Christmas song, Miss Levoff. The following anthems will also be used: "Sing, O Heavens" (Alfred R. Gaul), "Sing Alleluia Forth" (Dudley Buck), "Jubilate Deo" (George A. Mietzke) and "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" (A. W. Lansing). Miss Alice Johnson and Mrs. Arthur Strickland will be the accompanists, on organ and piano respectively.

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A sacred concert of Christmas music will be given by the choir of the Central Methodist church, Vancouver avenue and Fargo street, at 7:30 P. M. A number of the traditionally favorite Christmas anthems and solos will be found in the programme. Taking a prominent part in the concert will be Mrs. Fay (Wentz) Welch of Seattle and Mrs. Gertrude Sharp, sopranos; Miss Lois Oakes, accomplished pianist; Ferris W. Abbett, well-known younger Portland baritone, and Alfred Keller, boy violinist. The choir is in the fourth year of its organization and has gained a well-deserved reputation for the standard of music used and the quality of its work. Announcement of its programme is sufficient to insure a crowded church of music lovers. Following is the programme:

Violin solo, "Elegie-Melodie" (Massenet), Alfred Keller; chorus, "The Great Day of the Lord Is Near" (Martin); soprano solo, "A Voice in the Wilderness" (Scott), Mrs. Gertrude Sharp; chorus, "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come" (Elvey); baritone solo, "Holy Night" (Adam), Mr. Ferris W. Abbett; organ solo, "Pastoral Symphony" (Handel), Miss Eileen Sprague; quartet and chorus, "There Were Shepherds" (Vincent), Mr. Carl Sakrison, Mrs. Fay Welch, Miss Lois Oakes, Mr. Ferris W. Abbett; soprano solo, "Song of the Chimes" (Worrell), Mrs. Fay Welch; chorus, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" (Sullivan); piano solo, "Rhapsodie No. 12" (Liszt), Miss Lois Oakes; chorus, "Sing, O Heavens" (Tours).

The concert will be given under the direction of J. A. C. Oakes. Miss Eileen Sprague will preside at the organ. The personnel of the choir will be: Sopranos, Mesdames Fay Welch, Gertrude Sharp, Clara Shaw, Misses Rheamae Martin, Gertrude Ost, Cecelia Robinson, Frances Hutchinson, Mary Hutchinson, Helen Rogers, Ruth Hughes, Margaret Alexander; altos, Misses Lois Oakes, Constance Maclean, Pauline Maclean; tenors, Messrs. John Wentz, Carl Sakrison, Oliver H. Horne, Clyde Roberts, Wilfred Emmel; basses, Messrs. Ferris W. Abbett, Stanley Emmel, Gustave Walter, Royal Emmel.

Christmas Carols Feature of Unitarian Service.

Pastor Will Deliver Brief Sermon in Morning.

THE Christmas service today at the Church of Our Father, Unitarian, Broadway and Yamhill street, will be mainly a musical service, with a brief sermon by the pastor, Rev. William G. Eliot Jr., on the subject, "Immanuel."

Following a custom of 53 years standing, the young people of the congregation have met in the old chapel room and mingled the singing of carols with the making of evergreen garlands for the decoration of pulpit and church walls.

The children of the church school will have an elaborate service at 9:45 o'clock, with carols and lantern slides. The pupils of the school have been carefully trained and are expecting their parents and as many of the congregation as enjoy good carol singing to attend. The church school will also have part at the opening of the church service.

A considerable group, composed of pupils of the church school and members of the Young People's fraternity, after some weeks of careful practice, sang carols on the streets Christmas eve. They have been assigned the district on the west side of the city, south of the church and east of West Park street, and will sing wherever there is a candle in the window.

The Christmas party for the church school, with Christmas tree and Santa Claus, will be held on December 27 at 2 P. M. The Church of Our Father bulletin for the month of January will be a New Year's number, and treat especially of some of the important measures about to be undertaken for the fuller development of the church membership and its work.

The annual meeting of the First Unitarian Society of Portland will be held at the church (in the old chapel) on Tuesday night, January 11. The supper at 6:30 o'clock will be followed by a business meeting, at which will be elected three trustees. Other important business will be transacted.

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The Independent Bible Spiritualistic society and church will hold services at 7:45 o'clock tonight at 441 East Twelfth street, corner Sherman. The subject is "The Passover." Weekday meetings are held every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Rev. John M. Schorl is pastor.

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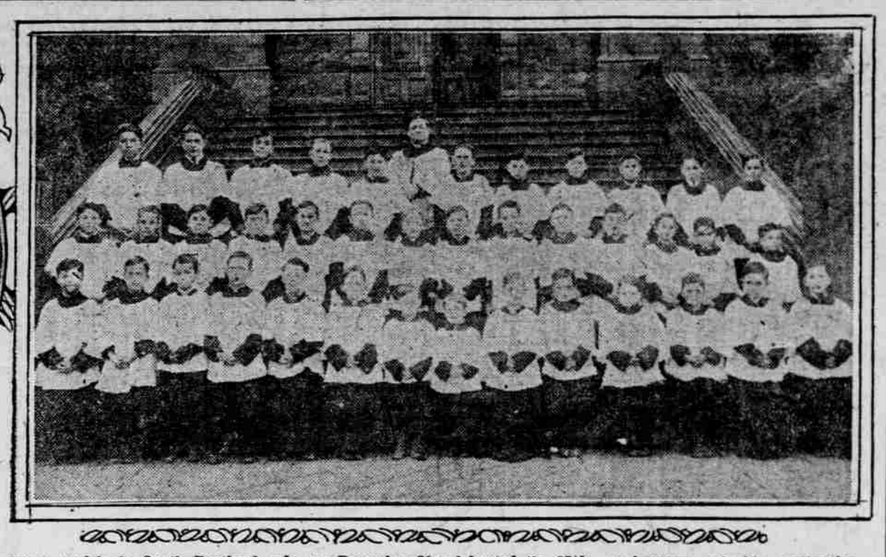
Christmas will be observed today at Our Savior's Lutheran church by a morning service at 11. Rev. M. A. Christensen will preach in English, "The Christmas Message Today." The choir, with Miss Tillie Knutsen as soloist, will assist in the service. This service is especially intended for the young people of the church and others who prefer the English language.



Left—Rev. J. C. Hughes of St. Lawrence parish, in South Portland, who on December 21 celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination. Right—Boys' vested choir of 40 voices, directed by George Hennessy, which participated yesterday in high masses at St. Patrick's church.

First Presbyterian Plans Special Services.

Christmas Celebration to Be Continued With Musical Features.

THE First Presbyterian church, Twelfth and Alder streets, will continue its Christmas celebration today. The special service will be held in the evening, with musical features. The quartet, assisted by a chorus of mixed voices, will give a Christmas cantata, Dudley Buck's "The Coming of the King." This will be preceded at 7:15 o'clock by an organ recital given by Edgar E. Coursen. The Sunday school also will have its Christmas exercises today at noon. Each department will have its own services, with songs and a Christmas story. The Christmas offering will be brought by the Sunday school. This is for near east relief.

At 10:30 A. M. the pastor, Rev. Harold Leonard Bowman, will give a message suitable for the New Year. The subject will be "The Three Taverns." The text will be taken from the account of Paul's visit to Rome, dealing with the fact that some of the Christians from Rome came part way out of the city along the Appian way and met Paul at a place called the Three Taverns. This welcome to Paul was a source of great comfort and joy to him as he began his work in Rome.

The First Presbyterian church will follow its usual custom and have a prayer service early on the morning of New Year's day to welcome in the new year. This will be held at 9:30 Saturday, January 1.

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The regular meeting of the San Grael Christian Endeavor society of the First Presbyterian church today will be led by Clive M. Salz, a student at Albany college, who was formerly an active member of the society. The topic will be "Purpose." All former members and others interested are cordially invited.

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Dr. Harold L. Bowman, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will be the speaker at the men's resort meeting today at 4 P. M. There will also be special music and a song service led by R. Desmond. In the evening the Rev. Levi Johnson will give an illustrated Bible talk, and Thursday the young people from the East Side Baptist church will hold their monthly meeting at 8 P. M.

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Marguerite Flower Olinger, soprano, and Frank E. Sanders, pianist, two talented blind musicians, gave a concert at the men's resort Monday night. Nearly 500 men attended, being the record crowd of the season. Mrs. Olinger had to respond nine times and Mr. Sanders had to give six piano selections besides playing Mrs. Olinger's accompaniments. Mrs. Olinger kept the audience in good humor by her witty readings. At the close the men all stood up and gave them an ovation.

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"The Sorrows of Santa Claus" is the title of a Christmas play to be given by the Holt Chinese church in the Sunday school auditorium of the First Presbyterian church Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The play will be under the direction of Miss Mae Pollock, one of the teachers in the Holt Chinese Sunday school. Not only Presbyterian Chinese but many Chinese of other communions of the city and their friends will be in attendance. The members of the American Presbyterian churches will also be most welcome on this occasion.

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At the Central Presbyterian church, East Thirteenth and Pine streets, Christmas services will be held at both the morning and evening hour. Dr. Nugent will preach this morning from the topic "The Birthday of the King," and in the evening, "The Magic Name." There will be appropriate music by the large chorus directed by Mr. Belcher.

The pageant given last Sunday evening by the Sunday school of Central entitled "The Nativity" was beautiful; in fact, it was considered by all the best ever given at Central. Instead of giving presents to the children, the children have been saving their pennies for the near east relief fund. The collection received at this service was about $400. This was very gratifying to the officers and teachers of the school.

Thursday afternoon officers and teachers had a Christmas tree for the beginners, primary and junior departments. Each child present was given candy and nuts. The Sunday school is growing so rapidly, especially the classes for the young ladies and young men. The race between these two divisions was won by the ladies, their class being three larger than that for the young men. The young men's class began with three in September, and last Sunday they had 45 enrolled.

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The second of a series of sermons entitled "The Claims of Jesus" will be preached this morning at 11 o'clock at the Forbes Presbyterian church by the minister, Ward Willis Long. "The New Life and the New Year" will be the sermon following a live song service at 7:30 P. M.

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Rev. John Francis Morgan will preach at the Piedmont Presbyterian church this morning at 11 o'clock. The subject will be "A Searching Question and Its Answer." At 7:30 P. M. the Mount Hood lodge of Masons will join in the worship. All brethren of the fraternity and friends are invited. The subject will be "Building Silently," and the Masonic quartet will sing.

The Christian Endeavor society meets at 6:30 in the evening. The preparatory services will be held Thursday evening. Communion and public welcome will be made next Sunday. Tickets for a dinner to be served by the women of the church New Year's day are now being sold.

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Services at the Vernon Presbyterian church, East Nineteenth and Wygant, will be conducted by Rev. J. C. Mergler, pastor. The morning sermon will be "The Last Call of the Old Year." Special chorus and song service will be held at the evening services, with stereopticon pictures.

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Rev. D. A. Thompson, having recovered from an illness of over two months, will occupy the pulpit of the Mizpah Presbyterian church at the morning service at 11 o'clock. His theme will be "The Joy of Christmas to All and to the Christian in Particular."

The evening service will be given over to the Sabbath school under direction of the superintendent, A. M. Howell, assisted by the teachers and scholars of the school.

There will be special music by the choir at both morning and evening service.

The members of the Intermediate Christian Endeavor society were busy Friday evening with the distribution of several Christmas baskets in the neighborhood and the singing of Christmas carols.

The week of prayer will be observed the first week in January, followed by the regular communion service on the second Sabbath of January.

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Rev. Donald McCleur will preach a Christmas sermon this morning at the Rose City Park Presbyterian church, "The Gifts of a Wise Fool" being the topic. A Christmas musical programme will be rendered tonight.

"The Necessity of Christ," Yule Sermon Subject.

Christian Churches Will Observe Sacred Spirit of Christmas.

"THE Necessity of Christ" will be the subject of the sermon by the Rev. Harold H. Griffis this morning at 11 o'clock at the First Christian church. The morning music will include the soprano and contralto duet, "Hark, Hark, My Soul" (Shelley), by Mrs. O. B. Riddle and Miss Beatrice Palmer.

At the evening service at 7:45 o'clock, the Sunday school will present the Christmas pageant, "Love's Conquest," followed by an offering that has been planned for several weeks in behalf of European and Near East Relief. Last Christmas this school contributed more than $1200 to Armenian sufferers and it is expected that the offering at this time will at least equal last year's amount. The pageant will be in costume by 40 intermediate and senior girls and will contain five episodes. The leading parts will be as follows: "The Spirit of Christmas," by Marjorie Crittenden; "Conscience," by Mary Wassell; "Wisdom," by Ethel Olson; "The Pilgrim," by Veldine Platt. Mrs. C. M. Kiggins is director of the pageant and the music will be furnished by the church quartet with accompaniment by the Bible school orchestra led by Miss Vivianne DeLory, violinist.

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The choir of the Church of Christ under the director of Guy E. Curtis will give the cantata, "The Christ Child," by Miller, at the evening service.

St. Stephen's Is to Repeat Christmas Music.

Dean Hicks to Preach at Morning and Evening Services.

THE Christmas music will be repeated at St. Stephen's procathedral this morning at the 11 o'clock service (Feast of St. Stephen). The dean, R. T. T. Hicks, will preach at both services. At the morning service the subject of the sermon will be "The Word Made Flesh." In the evening the subject will be "St. Stephen the First Christian Martyr."

The annual parish meeting will be held Monday evening, January 10. All reports should be handed to the dean the week previous.

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The Young People's society of St. Stephen's pro-cathedral will meet this afternoon at the main entrance of the Good Samaritan hospital, Twenty-third and Marshall streets, at 3 o'clock. The regular weekly meeting will be held in the parish house, Thirteenth and Clay streets, at 6:30 P. M. The meeting will be in charge of Theodore E. Dittebrandt with Lester Norell as the principal speaker of the evening.

The parents and pupils of the church school will meet in the parish house at 3 P. M. Tuesday to participate in the annual Christmas church school party.

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"A Point Within a Circle" will be the theme of Rev. R. H. Sawyer's evening sermon at the East Side Christian church, East Twelfth and Taylor streets. The occasion will be the observance of St. John's day and Sunnyside lodge, A. F. and A. M., will attend in a body. The subject of the morning sermon will be, "The First and Second Coming of Jesus." The class in Prophecy will meet on Thursday evening.

First Methodist Plans Christmas Anthems.

Dr. Stansfield to Deliver Holiday Sermon at White Temple.

AT THE First Methodist Church, Twelfth and Taylor streets, today Rev. Joshua Stansfield, pastor, public worship will be held at 10:30 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. In the morning there will be Christmas anthems and a Christmas sermon and in the evening the quartet and choral choir under the direction of E. T. Jones will give the oratorio, "The Messiah," by Handel. At 12:15 P. M. the Sunday school will have a great Christmas service, "Gifts for the King." Gifts and offerings will be given by every department and class of the school for the starving children of the war countries. Last year the Christmas offering for Armenian children was $500. This year the children of First church Sunday school hope to make it more. The popular young people's service of the Epworth league will be in the evening at 6:30. All young people are invited.

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Centenary-Wilbur Methodist Episcopal church, East Ninth and East Pine streets, will observe the going out of the old year and the coming in of the new Friday night at a service to which everyone is welcome and at which Bishop Shepard will preach. Another feature will be the farewell to Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Hickman. Dr. Hickman has been associate pastor of the church since the merger with Wilbur, but was recently chosen as president of the Kimball School of Theology at Salem, and he and Mrs. Hickman will be leaving soon for their new field of work.

New Year's day, the men of the church will make calls upon every family on the roll, under the direction of W. C. Foertsch, C. W. Miller and M. L. Merritt. It is expected that sufficient men and automobiles will be on hand to enable this unique feature to be executed in two hours, says Dr Frank L. Wemett, pastor.

Dr. Hickman will preach at the regular services this morning and Dr. Wemett will occupy the pulpit tonight. The congregation today will contribute to the famine sufferers of China and this morning the Sunday school will bring in its contribution to the Armenia relief. It is expected that for Armenia the fund will reach $500. At 6:15 P. M., Wesley chapter, Epworth league, will give an illustrated lecture on China.

At Epworth Methodist, Twenty-sixth and Savier streets, Frank L. Moore, minister, will speak at 11 A. M. on "Inspiration for the Common Task," and at 7:30 P. M., "The Joy of a New Beginning."

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At the Sellwood Methodist church today will be "Gideon's day." The pastor, W. S. Gordon, will speak this morning at 11 o'clock on "The Call of Gideon," discussing the principles for which he stood as applied to modern life, and at 7:30 P. M. the topic will be "Gideon's Victory." This tragic encounter was on the field of a thousand battles since made more famous by Napoleon Bonaparte.

The choir has been asked to repeat some of its Christmas music. The Sunday school will meet at 9:45, the Junior league at 2:30 and the Epworth league at 6:30.

New Year's eve there will be a union watchnight service, in which at least four churches will participate. The young people's societies will have a social during the early part of the evening and all unite in a stirring service about 10 o'clock. Refreshments will be served, and the final plans will be made for the union revival meetings, which will begin on Sunday, with Frederick Suffield and Mrs. Suffield as leaders.

The church is located at East Fifteenth and Tacoma avenue, one block east of the Sellwood car line.

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At the First Norwegian-Danish Methodist Episcopal church, Eighteenth and Hoyt, Rev. C. August Peterson, the pastor, will preach today at 11:00 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. The morning subject will be, "In the Fullness of Time" and the evening topic, "The Visit of the Wise Men From the East to the Manger."

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At Woodlawn Methodist Episcopal church the morning subject is the pastor's annual plea for the children, as suggested in the story of the Christ child.

Also a Christmas message in the evening, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them."

A revival in music, as in everything else, gladdens this church.

A watch night service will be held New Year's eve.

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Services at the Lincoln Methodist church, East Lincoln and Fifty-second streets, today will be: 11 A. M., "The Hard Sayings of Jesus," and 7:30 P. M., "A Man's Recreation." At the morning service Mrs. Sylvester will sing "Virgin's Lullaby," from "The Crowning of the King," by Dudley Buck.

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Christmas srevices were held in the Vancouver - avenue Methodist Episcopal church at 11 A. M.

The Sunday school will give its programme today at 8 P. M. The pageant, "The Three Wise Men," will be one of the features of the evening. All friends are cordially invited.

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Bishop Sellew will conduct a series of revival services at Central Free Methodist church, East Fifty-fifth and Flanders streets, beginning January 2.

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Services this morning at the Rose City Park Methodist Episcopal church will be commemorative of Christmas and special music will be rendered by the choir. In connection with the service the choir will sing the anthem, "Consider and Hear Me," by Pfluger, and a solo by R. T. Jacob, "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled," arranged by Speaks. The pastor will preach a Christmas sermon, taking as a theme "No Room in the Inn." In the evening the Sunday school will give a Christmas programme in the form of tableaux representing different scenes in the life of Jesus and the Christian life.

The church has been beautifully decorated for the occasion with greens and potted plants and flowers and the entire day's programme will prove of surpassing interest. The offering will go to the Armenian relief fund and as very careful preparation has been made for it in both Sunday school and church a confident hope is entertained that a substantial sum will be realized.

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Miss Morrow, returned missionary from South India, will speak this evening at 7:30 at the Clinton Kelly Memorial Methodist Episcopal church, East Powell and Fortieth streets.

Sunday school will be held at 9:30 o'clock this morning and preaching at 11 o'clock, the theme being "How Old Art Thou?"

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Sunday school will be held at the Westmoreland Methodist Episcopal church, Milwaukie and South avenue, this morning at 9 o'clock. Children's church is at 11 A. M. and preaching at 7:30 P. M.

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There will be a watch night service at the Clinton Kelly Memorial Methodist Episcopal church, Powell and East Fortieth streets, Friday evening, beginning at 6 P. M. with a community "pot luck" dinner. The first hours will be spent in social amenities—singing, reading, games, etc. Rev. B. J. Hoadly will preach about 9:30 P. M., after which will be luncheon, "life feast," prayer and the midnight bell.

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"Christian Science" to Be Subject of Sermon.

Several Churches Are to Hold Services at Accustomed Hours.

THE subject of the lesson-sermon in Christian Science churches for today is "Christian Science."

Regular services are held in Christian Science churches this morning at 11 o'clock and in all the churches this evening at 8 o'clock except the Fifth and Seventh churches.

Regular meetings are held Wednesday evening in all the churches at 8 o'clock. These meetings include testimonies of Christian Science healing.

Sunday school is held for pupils to the age of 20 in all churches at 9:45 and 11 o'clock, except Third and Fifth, where the sessions convene at 9:30 and 11 o'clock.

The churches are located as follows: First, Nineteenth and Everett streets; Second, East Sixth and Holladay avenue; Third, East Twelfth and Salmon streets; Fourth, Vancouver avenue and Emerson street; Fifth, Sixty-second avenue and Forty-second street Southeast; Sixth, Pythian Temple, 388 Yamhill street; Seventh, 403 Smith avenue, St. Johns.

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At First Nazarene church, East Tenth and Weidler streets, Rev. Alpin M. Bowes, pastor, today will be observed as Christmas Sunday. There will be a Christmas love feast at 9 A. M., conducted by Mrs. Edith Whitesides. Special singing by the male quartet will be given in the Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. The pastor's message for the morning will be "The Relation of the Birth of Christ to Foreign Missions." The choir will sing "All Hail Immanuel."

At 6:30 o'clock the Young People's society will give a special programme. The New Year's service will begin at 8:30 P. M. There will be a special programme for the entire service.

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The First Spiritual Science church will hold special Christmas services today at 3 P. M. and 8 P. M. in Manchester hall, 85½ Fifth street. Lectures will be given by Rev. Max Hoffman and L. E. Phillips. The subjects will be "The Real Christmas Spirit" and "Charity for All."

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The Church of Divine Truth holds services in room 412 Central building every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. J. M. Paige will speak today on "Cornaro, the Venetian."

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Services will be held at First Spiritualist church, East Seventh and Hassalo streets, at 3 and 8 P. M., followed with messages. Short addresses by Mrs. Anna Snyder and C. W. Shaw will be made in the evening. Lester Davis and Mrs. Snyder will sing.

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"Until Christ Be Born in You," by Easter Harvey, will be the subject for Sunday evening at the Theosophical hall, 301 Central building. A Christmas tree was enjoyed by both young and old Wednesday evening. The entertainment was furnished by the Lotus circle and the Good Manners club.

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At the new church, Divine Science, 816 East Clay street, near East Twenty-fifth, Rev. T. M. Minard, pastor, services will be held at 11 A. M., the subject being "Christmas." Mrs. Hunt will sing, with Frank Richter as accompanist. The mid-week meeting is Thursday at 6 P. M.

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The Bible study league meeting in the church parlors at White Temple Tuesday evenings at 7:45 o'clock has just issued an attractive booklet containing rules for most profitable study of the Bible and declaration of faith, with scriptural references.

Copies may be had upon application to Dr. F. W. Thompson, executive secretary.

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The Church of Modern Spiritualism, Eleventh and Alder streets, holds services at 3 P. M. and 8 P. M., with messages each Sunday. W. B. Aber is pastor.

Baptist Churches to Hold Special Yule Services.

Seasonal Sermons and Special Music Order of Day.

CHRISTMAS Sunday will be observed at the First Baptist church (White Temple) today. Rev. S. J. Reid, D. D., state evangelist for Oregon for the Baptist demnomination, will preach at both services.

In the morning his topic will be "Shepherds, Angels and Wise Men" and the temple quartet will sing "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," with an offertory solo by Mr. Gill, "Silent Night." At 7:45 Dr. Reid will preach on the subject, "Was, Is, and Is to Come," with special numbers by the quartet, "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night" and "There Were Shepherds." All are cordially invited.

Watch-night services will be held at 8:30 next Friday evening. Dr. F. W. Farr of Los Angeles will address the meeting.

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This morning in the East Side Baptist church, East Twentieth and East Salmon streets, there will be special Christmas music by the quartet and chorus choir.

The pastor, Dr. W. B. Hinson, will preach at 11 o'clock from the subject, "The Birth of the King." At the close of the service the ordinance of believer's baptism will be administered, which will be followed by the Lord's supper, when all new members will receive the hand of fellowship.

At night Dr. Hinson again will preach at 7:30, when his theme will be "Your Last Sermon."

At 3 o'clock the young people of this church will hold a special Christmas service at the Mann home, and at their regular meeting at the church at 6:30 Dr. Hinson will deliver a special message.

Seven were received into the church last Wednesday night. The year just closing has been the best year this church has ever had financially, in increase of membership, spiritually, and in every way.

The mid-week service next Wednesday night at 7:30 will be the last one of the year and a large attendance is expected. Dr. Hinson's topic will be "The Last Prayer Meeting."

The Sunday school begins with a song service at 9:30 A. M. and there are classes for all ages.

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Sunday morning at the Third Baptist church Rev. R. E. Close will deliver a Christmas message and Christmas music will be given by the choir.

At the evening service Drs. H. L. and Dora Underwood, who have traveled extensively in the Ottoman empire, will speak briefly on "Pre-war Conditions in Turkey" and a new set of stereopticon slides, made from actual photographs taken in the near east, will be shown in connection with a lecture on "Present Conditions in the Near East" by J. J. Handsaker, state director of near east relief.

Every Baptist Sunday school in the United States has been asked officially to give a generous contribution to near east relief at the Christmas time.

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Morning services at Glencoe Baptist church, East Forty-fifth and Main streets, at 11 A. M. Preaching by the pastor Rev. W. B. Stewart, topic, "His Star." Miss Runyon, of the White Temple, will sing. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock the Sunday school and church choir will present, by way of Christmas entertainment, "The Bethlehem Pageant."

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Professor G. R. Schlauch of McMinnville college will preach at morning and evening services today at the University Park Baptist church. His topics will be "The Influence of the Holy Spirit" and "What About the Christ?"

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At Arleta Baptist church, Forty-eighth avenue and Sixty-fourth street Southeast, at 11 o'clock this morning, Rev. Owen T. Day, pastor, will speak on the theme, "Following the Wise Men." The chorus choir, under the direction of J. D. McFall, will sing "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come."

In the evening at 7:30 the intermediate department of the Sunday school will give Christmas exercises. The choir will sing "Holy Night." Anthem, solo and chorus, Mr. Day singing obligato: "Appal Thou Light Divine" (Morrison), "O Morning Land," duet (Phelps), Mr. Day and Mr. MacFall; "The Christmas Song (Williams), male quartet and chorus.

Mr. Day will give a short address on "A Singing Religion."

Large and interested congregations have greeted Mr. Day at the popular Sunday night services this fall. The practical messages, combined with the helpful service of song, have been greatly appreciated. Mr. MacFall is organizing a children's chorus, which will soon take part in the services and add greatly to the meetings.

Sunday Schools Here Aid in Near-East Relief.

Congestion of Refugees in Constantinople Being Relieved.

TO RELIEVE the congestion in Constantinople caused by the heavy influx of Russian refugees from the Crimea, these refugees are hastily being loaded on vessels for transportation to Tunis, according to a cablegram received at national headquarters of the near east relief from H. C. Jaquith, assistant general secretary of the organization and its representative in Constantinople.

The facilities of the near east relief and other American organizations of similar nature are being utilized to clean, feed and clothe the refugees, who are reported to be in a pitiful condition. Ships arriving from the Crimea are beng emptied hastily, fumigated and reloaded rapidly, Mr. Jaquith reports, in order that the existing congestion in the Ottoman capital may be relieved without delay.

Mr. Jaquith in his message also reports the serious plight of women and children who are seeking to escape from Armenia into Georgia. "The Georgian government," he says, "is refusing to allow them to enter its territory. More than 100,000 refugees have already concentrated in Tiflis, having fled from the advancing Turkish nationalists. Vast numbers more, because of the decision of the Georgians, are now caught in the mountain pass at Sanain, 7600 feet above sea level. To add to their hardships there have been numerous early blizzards and the snow is knee deep.

To met the emergency resulting from the numbers that have managed to cross the border and been shipped to Batoum, the near east relief has sent 200,000 pounds of beans, 280,000 pounds of flour, 150,000 cans of milk and 208 tons of old clothing."

Many of these lives will be saved through the Christmas offerings from the Sunday schools of Oregon. Mount Home Evangelical has sent the money from their birthday box. The Christian Bible school of Creswell sends $15, one collection, others to follow. Thurston Sunday school will feed one child for almost two weeks. Ladies' Missionary society of First United Presbyterian at Albany, $50; First Presbyterian Sunday school at Salem, $145.86; First Spiritual Science church of Portland, $27; Central Free-Methodist of Portland, $41.85.

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