

Go to Church on Christmas



Midnight Services Set at St. Mark's

Christmas services at St. Mark's Episcopal church will follow a traditional pattern. The midnight Eucharist will be celebrated at 11 p.m., on Christmas eve with a meditation on the Nativity by the rector, the Rev. George R. V. Bolster. St. Mark's senior choir, under the direction of Ward Smith, presenting traditional Yuletide music.

In addition to Christmas hymns and carols, the music will include as an introit a vocal solo interpretation of "O Holy Night," by Mrs. W. F. Herman and Miss Shirley Stafford. The choir will present, "Hallelujah," from Handel's "Messiah." The service will conclude with the "Nunc Dimittis." Mrs. Marguerite Conrad, organist, will play "Christmas Pastorale" by Merkel and "Receive Your King," by Handel. The service will be broadcast over KJYC from 11 p.m. until midnight.

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated again at 11 a.m. Christmas day. Meditations will be given by the Rev. Robert F. Burger, and the music by St. Mark's choristers, directed by Miss Marcia Houghton, with Mrs. R. J. O'Sullivan, accompanist. In addition to the Nativity hymns the Choristers will present Bjorlie's arrangement of the anthem "Joseph, O Dear Joseph Mine." Organ preludes and postludes will include, "Cantique de Noel" by Adam, "Two Christmas Cradle Songs" traditional, and Handel's "Largo."

First Methodists Announce Services

The birth of Christ will be celebrated at three services at the First Methodist church. The first service will be a traditional Christmas eve candlelight and choral service at 11 p.m., when Dr. Balcomb will speak on the theme, "The Star Over Medford."

Two services will be held on Christmas day, Dec. 25 at 9:30 and 11 a.m., and Dr. Balcomb's subject will be "A Strange Text for Christmas." The church's traditional "March to the Manger" will be held at the Sunday services with each worshipper presenting a gift for the Christ. The service will close with the Hallelujah chorus from the "Messiah" by Handel.

The Youth choir will sing at the early service and the Chancel choir at the later, both under the direction of Mrs. C. R. Adamson.

Observances Set At Friends Church

Christmas day observances at the Friends Church will begin at the opening assembly of the Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Nursery and beginner children will present a program of songs and recitations to the adult department. The primary and intermediate departments will see a color filmstrip, "The Christmas Story," narrated by Mrs. Alvin Roberts.

At 11 a.m., the pastor, Clynton Crisgan, will give the Christmas message. The choir will sing, "Gesù Bambino," with solo by Dr. Wayne Roberts. From 6 to 7 p.m., a Vesper carol sing will be conducted when the congregation will sing traditional Christmas carols.

Advent Christian Church

West Jackson and Welch sts. Near Holly at Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. classes for all ages. Services, 11 a.m. Local Union, 7:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. At each service, the Carter Gospel team, Evangelist Eddie Carter, speaker.

Apostolic Faith Church North Central ave. at Third at The Rev. C. W. Frost, pastor. Sunday school and adult Bible class, 9:30 a.m. (free transportation). Devotional, 11 a.m. Young people, 3 p.m.; annual musical concert by orchestra, mixed chorus, male chorus, soloists, 8 p.m. Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. No collection. Nursery for children. Sunday school program today, 7:45 p.m. each Sunday.

Assembly of God 1225 Broadway, Rogue River. Ernst and Lorraine Havenmann, pastors. Residence, first house on right on West Evans creek. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., classes for all ages. Worship, 11 a.m. Christmas program. Evangelistic meeting, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Christmas program. Christmas drama, "Born to Die," church auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Berean Baptist Church 245 North Mary st. Wade, pastor. Christmas program, 9:45 a.m. Sunday; worship, 11 a.m.; baptismal service, Sunday at First Baptist church, 7:30 p.m.

Bethel Assembly of God 1729 North Riverside ave. L. D. Krause, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Services, 11 a.m. Christmas program, 6:30 p.m. C. A. Youth service, 6:30 p.m. Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m.

Church of Christ 1056 Court st. Services, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Radio program, KMED, Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Bible story Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 644 South Ivy st. Douglas Shepard, bishop. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Primary Christmas program, Sunday, 9 a.m. Christmas meeting, 10:30 a.m. Christmas program, 7 a.m. Special program, No Relief society, MIA, or Primary meetings, this week.

Church of The Brethren 245 North Mary st. Cecil Hiser, pastor. Church school 10 a.m. Lyle Pauli, superintendent. Departments for all ages, including a nursery class for children under four. Mrs. Charles Nelson, in charge, children's work. Worship, 11:15 a.m. Sermon, "Where Come to Worship." Choir practice Wednesday, 7 p.m. address on "Brethrenhood in Europe," by Miss Gertrude Lininger, 7:30 p.m.

Church of The Nazarene Holy and First sts. 9 a.m., "The Gospel Hour," KMED; 10 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m., Christmas worship; Children's Meeting, 6 p.m., "The Holy Advent" cantata by Sanctuary choir, Mrs. Mabel Johnson, director. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Family prayer meeting.

Church of The Nazarene (Phoenix) Third and Pine sts. W. V. McArthur, pastor. 9:45 a.m., Sunday school, 11 a.m., Christmas worship. Bortmann, speaker, 7 p.m., Pre-prayer, 7:30 p.m., Bortmann, speaker, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Congregational 300 Oakwood dr. Thomas McCann, minister. To find church turn one block south on East Main on Grove-land ave. One service only, for families, 11 a.m. Story sermon. Nursery for small children.

Eagles Point Community Bible Church Joseph J. Munshaw, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; services, 11 a.m. Services at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Prayer meeting for women, Tuesday, 2 p.m. at church. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p.m. at church. Child's Bible story time, 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Eastwood Baptist Church (American Baptist) Richard M. Jones, pastor. 9:45 a.m. Church school classes, 11 a.m., worship, pastor's theme, "No Greater Gift." No evening service.

First Baptist Church (Conservative) North Central ave. at Fifth at James W. Neely, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., classes for all nursery bus service. Worship, 11 a.m. (broadcast over KBOY); Christmas music by ladies' chorus; sermon by pastor, "Preoccupied." Combined Youth leagues, 6:30 p.m. Christmas story visualized. Christmas music by adult choir and baptismal service, 7:30 p.m. Midweek service of Bible study and prayer, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.



Make the celebration of Christmas more meaningful for you and your family... attend special services at the church of your faith. A cordial welcome awaits you at all Rogue River Valley churches... be there and find spiritual guidance in the age-old message of Christmas!

First Methodist Church West Main and Laurel sts. Dr. Raymond E. Balcomb, Dr. J. Thomas Dixon, the Rev. Mrs. Anna J. Corby, ministers. 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship. Christmas sermon, "A Strange Text for Christmas," 9:30 a.m. church school, special class for retarded children, 11 a.m., Junior and Senior high church school, nursery for pre-school children, primary church for grades 1, 2, 3.

First Presbyterian Church Jacksonville. The Rev. Norman K. Tully, pastor. Church school, 10 a.m. Worship, 11:15 a.m. Sermon, "The Word Made Flesh," Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible study, Sunday, Jan. 8, after worship, annual meeting, reports, elections, covered dish luncheon.

First Presbyterian, Phoenix Second and Church sts. Ernest R. Volkman, minister. Church school, 10 a.m., worship, "The Message of Christmas," 11 a.m. Candle Light Communion service, 7:30 p.m. Bible study and prayer fellowship at church, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. Watch night service, Wednesday, 8:15 p.m. Watch night service, Medford Presbyterian church, Dec. 31, 9:15-12:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Eighth and Holly sts. The Rev. D. Kirkland West, D.D., pastor. The Rev. John O. Reynolds, assistant pastor. Two morning services, 9:45 and 11 a.m. Vesper service, 5 p.m.

Forest Acres Community Church (Non-Denominational) On Table Rock rd., two miles south of Tou Velle park, one block east in Forest acres; large white frame church. The Rev. Ernest F. Post, pastor. Christmas Sunday school program, 9:45 a.m. Treats for children. Christmas sermon by pastor, "The Reality of Christ," 11 a.m. Young People's service, 6:30 p.m. Services and Christmas songs, 7:30 p.m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., studying great men of Bible.

Free Methodist Church Tenth and Ivy sts. The Rev. J. M. Root, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Family hour, 7 p.m. Group meetings for all members of family. Evangelistic service, 7:45 p.m. Midweek prayer service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Radio program, Light and Life Hour, KJYC, Sunday, 6:30 a.m.

Griffin Creek Sunday School American Sunday School union, (non-denominational), 19 a.m., Griffin Creek Grange hall.

Medford Community Church 227 1/2 South Central ave. Joseph A. Bowdoin, pastor. An undenominational Bible believing and teaching Christian fellowship. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Church service, 11 a.m. Subject, "Great Teachings of the Bible." Youth fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Services, 7:30 p.m., studies in First John. Prayer meeting and Bible study Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Medford Friends Church Corner Merriman rd. and DeBarr ave. Clynton G. Crisgan, pastor. 9:45 a.m., Sunday school; Christmas programs in opening assembly, 11 a.m., worship; Christmas message by pastor; choir anthem, "Gesù Bambino," with solo by Dr. Wayne Roberts, 6 p.m., Vesper carol sing, 9:30 p.m., "Quaker Hour" broadcast, KMED.

Medford Truth Center "Unity" 203 Holly Theater bldg. 11 a.m., Sunday school for children and adults. Subject, "Good Tidings of Great Joy." Christmas day, in sacred Heart church, Mass, Christmas day, 9 a.m., in Shady Cove school; and at 4 p.m. in Prospect Community hall. Confessions will be heard Dec. 22, 23 and 24 from 12:30 until 6 p.m., and from 7:30 until 9 p.m., in Sacred Heart church.

Medford Assembly of God 1108 West Main st. F. Wildon Colbaugh, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Christmas program by children of nursery, beginner, primary, junior department, children's church. Program combined with worship service, Pastor's message, "The Adoration of Christ's Ambassadors, 6 p.m. Church choir, Christmas story cantata, "Wonderful," 7:30 p.m., Thursday, "Hour of Power," 7:45 p.m., Saturday, 9 to 12 p.m., Watch night service and CA rally at Ashland Assembly of God.

Philadelphia Church 122 North Riverside ave. Sunday school, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Evangelistic, 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. Thomas White, pastor.

Phoenix Revival Center (Assembly of God) 411 2nd st. Phoenix. The Rev. LeRoy Nidever, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Service, 11 a.m. Christ ambassadors, 6:30 p.m. Services, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Friday, 7:30 p.m. Christmas program, today, 7:30 p.m.

Pilgrim-Holliness Church East Jackson and Bessie sts. The Rev. Sherman Moore, minister. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; services, 7 p.m.; youth department, Edwin Hayes, president. Prayer meeting and Bible study, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Re-Organized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 531 north Riverside ave. Church school, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., film on Christmas, Thursday, 7 p.m. Prayer service at home of pastor, 1046 Shatter lane.

St. Mark's Episcopal Fifth and North Oakdale ave.; the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector; the Rev. Robert F. Burger, assistant; Christmas eve midnight Eucharist, 11 p.m.; 10:45 a.m., nursery school, 11 a.m., Christmas day, Christmas Eucharist, Monday, St. Stephen's day, private communion by appointment; Tuesday, 11 a.m. Holy communion; Wednesday, 11 a.m. Holy communion; Friday, Holy communion cancelled.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) 1020 East Main st. Kenneth F. Korby, pastor. Sunday school and Bible study, 9:30 a.m.; worship, with sermon and Holy communion, 11 a.m. Monday, St. Stephen's day, sermon and Holy communion, 8 p.m. Tuesday, St. John's day, sermon and Holy Communion, 8 p.m. Wednesday, the Holy Innocents' day, sermon and Holy communion, 8 p.m. Saturday, 9, 10, 11 a.m., Catechumen classes.

Sacred Heart Church 326 South Oakdale ave. Christmas services; Holy masses will be offered at midnight, 6:30, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Christmas day, in sacred Heart church, Mass, Christmas day, 9 a.m., in Shady Cove school; and at 4 p.m. in Prospect Community hall. Confessions will be heard Dec. 22, 23 and 24 from 12:30 until 6 p.m., and from 7:30 until 9 p.m., in Sacred Heart church.

Salvation Army 704 Lozier lane Floyd H. Yeats, Johnston, commanding officer. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., worship, 11 a.m. Junior church, 11 a.m.; Young People's service, 6 p.m., street service, 7 p.m., evening worship, 7:45 p.m.

Sam's Valley Gospel Church Sunday school for all ages, 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study and prayer services, 11 a.m.; services, 7:30 p.m.; meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Temple Baptist Church 404 West Main st. Maurice Tisdal, pastor. Cooperating with Southern Baptist Convention. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Worship services, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Training union 6:30 p.m. Prayer service 7:30 p.m.

Universal Church of The Master Services at Rt. 1, Box 161, Gold River on Highway 99, near Rock Point bridge, each Sunday at 8 p.m.

West Main Church of Christ 1701 West Main st. Maurice Tisdal, minister. Bible classes, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Young people, 6:30 p.m. Worship, 7:30 p.m. Truth of the Airway, radio program over KWIN Sunday, 8:45 a.m. Bible study for everyone, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday; Ladies Bible class, 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Zion Lutheran Church, U.L.C.A. Fourth st. and North Oakdale ave. Pastor, G. Herbert Hillerman. Choir director, Oscar Bjorlie. Organist, Tim Hillerman. Sunday school superintendent, Archer Watson. Saturday, Christmas eve, 11 p.m. Worship through song, Sunday, Christmas day, 9:45 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion and sermon. "There is a Sign to You." (No Luther league meetings), Saturday, 9 a.m. Advanced catechetical class, 10:15 a.m., Beginning catechetical class.

First Baptists List Services

Regular services will be held at the First Baptist church, North Central and at Fifth st., Dec. 25, with emphasis on the Christmas theme in each service.

The Rev. James W. Neely will use the subject, "Preoccupied," for his Christmas message at the 11 a.m. worship. Two musical numbers will be presented by a newly-organized women's chorus.

An evening of Christmas music, directed by J. Robert Cochran, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Numbers will be presented by the adult choir and the women's chorus. A joint baptismal service with the Berean Baptist church of Camp White will also be held in conjunction.

Youth Baptist league will meet 6:30 p.m. in the annex of the church, for the presentation of the Christmas story by film-strip with sound.

Candlelight Service Planned at Center

Elmer J. Whipple, organist, will be guest musician for services Christmas eve at the Medford Truth center, 203 Holly building. The candlelight service is scheduled for 9:30 p.m.

Christmas day devotional services are planned for 11 a.m., and will include music, a program by Sunday school students, and a talk on "Good Tidings of Great Joy," by Katherine Bosworth, leader.

Schedule Planned For Zion Lutherans

Zion Lutheran church, corner of Fourth st., and North Oakdale ave., will observe the birth of Christ with a service of worship through song on Christmas eve at 11 p.m., and with the services of Holy communion at the 11 a.m. worship on Christmas day.

The Christmas eve service will include songs by the congregation and the choir. Familiar carols will be sung. The choir under the direction of Oscar Bjorlie, will sing, "How Far is it to Bethlehem?" an arrangement by P. Christiansen; "Lowly In a Manger," by Gillette; "This Day We Sing of Our Savior's Birth," by Marryott; "Today There is Ringing," by F. M. Christiansen; "Good News From Heaven," by G. D. Tkach, and "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light," by Bach.

The organist will be Timothy Hillerman. The "Christmas Message" will be by Pastor Hillerman.

On Christmas day the congregation will join in Christ's Holy feast, the sacrament of the altar, at the 11 a.m., worship. The sermon will be by the pastor. The choir also will sing.

Many of the cables that span the oceans are less than an inch thick.

BENSON TO SPEAK
Portland — (U.P.) — Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson will be principal speaker at the fourth National Association of Wheat Growers convention, to be held here Jan. 31 to Feb. 3, according to the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

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Dark Christmas?

Your heart may be dark and discouraged this Christmas season, but Jesus Christ is able to fill it with light and joy. He came to blot out your failures and sins and to make all things new. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Isaiah 1:18

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (Conservative)
North Central at Fifth in Medford
James W. Neely, Pastor
Sunday School classes for all — 9:45
Morning Worship (Broadcast — KBOY) — 11:00
Sermon Topic, "Preoccupied"
Christmas Musicale and Baptismal Service — 7:30
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Christmas Music and Story Sermon

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Two Church Schools
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VESPER SERVICE 5 o'clock
SPECIAL MUSIC at all services

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Saturday—8:30 P.M.
Music by Elmer J. Whipple, (Organist of the Unity Church of Santa Rosa, Calif.)
Candlelight Services symbolizes the Universal Christ Light from which each soul receives his illumination, "For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will lighten my darkness." Ps. 118:28.

MEDFORD TRUTH CENTER
Invites You To Join In CHRISTMAS DAY DEVOTIONAL SERVICES
Brief program by the Sunday School, "Good Tidings of Great Joy." Katherine Bosworth, Leader.
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NO WEEKLY CLASSES UNTIL JAN. 3RD

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CHRISTMAS NIGHT — 8 p.m.

Find the True Meaning of Christmas
Centuries ago a child was born in the humblest stable in Bethlehem. The Child was the Son of God, and He brought to mankind a new spirit of love and forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Let us remember that Christmas is the celebration of His Birth. Let us find the true meaning of the day by attending church at Christmastime.

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