

Confirmation Rite Planned Sunday at St. Mark's Church

The Right Rev. James W. F. Carman, D.D., bishop of Oregon will visit St. Mark's Episcopal church Sunday to administer the rite of confirmation at two services to 67 persons.

The church school confirmation class will be presented by the Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Mark's, at the 9:30 a.m. service for the laying on of hands. This class of 41 youngsters has been studying since the beginning of the school year under the direction of Mrs. Ota Binegar and Dwight Patton.

Twenty-six adults will be presented at the 11 a.m. service by the rector. These adults have received their instruction from the rector and his assistant, the Rev. Duane Alvord.

There will be a reception honoring the new confirmands following both services. The reception for the 9:30 a.m. class will be held in the guild hall immediately following that service. St. Mark's Altar Guild will host the reception for the adult confirmands in the parish house following the 11 a.m. service. The new confirmands will wear red carnations presented to them by the vestry of the parish.

Bishop Carman will preach the confirmation sermon at both services.

Apostolic Faith Plans Concert

A concert of Christmas music will be given at Camp White Sunday at 2:30 p.m. by the musicians and singers of the Apostolic Faith church at North Central ave. and Third st. This will be in addition to the usual evangelistic service to be held at the church at 8 o'clock, the Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7:50 p.m. and Tuesday at 8 p.m.

The girls' club of the church, under the leadership of Mrs. Gloreen Bailey, have made 145 Christmas baskets, and during the week these girls, from 6 to 14 years of age, will sing carols as they carry their baskets of cookies, fruits and candy to the shut-ins.

The older young people will sing carols during the 5:30 p.m. dinner hour at Camp White on Christmas Eve, and then will sing for those in rest homes and the shut-ins of the congregation in the vicinity.

The Rev. Loyce C. Carver, pastor, will speak at a worship service to be held at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas morning. There will be no service Christmas night.

Congregationalists Tell Week's Events

Christmas Sunday worship at the Congregational church will include music by the choir and a sermon by the Rev. Thomas McCamant on "The Essence of Christmas." The choir directed by Carroll Graber will render "Sing Gloria." A solo by Mrs. Gene Chamberlain will be "The Birthday of the King."

The hour of worship is 10 a.m., with the church school meeting at the same time. Visitors are welcome at all services. Church school classes will all be on the Christmas theme, as will be the combined worship of the school directed by the superintendent, Mrs. Walter Bish.

The church is having a Christmas Eve service this year. The time set for it is 10 p.m. The service will include a Christmas story by the pastor.

Sermon Subject Told For Zion Lutheran

"Beautiful Ideals and Brutal Facts" will be the sermon subject at the Zion Lutheran church, Fourth st. and Oakdale ave. Sunday by the Rev. H. C. Codvert.

Sunday at 4 p.m. the Sunday school Christmas service will be held. The program will include the senior choir singing "Unto Us A Child Is Born." The beginners, primary, and junior departments will sing and the Christmas pageant will be presented.

Sunday at 7 p.m. Junior and Senior Luther league will go Christmas caroling. They will meet at the church.

Christmas Eve service will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. It will include a concert by the choir and a message by Mr. Covert.

Dec. 31, beginning at 8:30 p.m., the church will hold a religious watch service and an hour including slides of Hawaii.

Holy Communion will be held Jan. 3 at the 11 a.m. service instead of Dec. 27 as planned.

Westminster Church To Worship in New Building Sunday

Sunday the congregation of the Westminster Presbyterian church will worship in its new building for the first time. The church is located on Oakwood dr. between Barneburg and Groveland aves.

Construction on the church was started early last June by Harold Salter, general contractor, and has been under the direction of Jack Edson, architect. The sanctuary of the church will serve a dual purpose as a place of worship and a Fellowship hall until a future time when the permanent church sanctuary will be constructed.

Church school classes will also meet Sunday in the new building. During the past three months, classes have been held in the homes of the members and worship at the Hoover Elementary school.

Not all of the construction on the building is complete but it is anticipated that it will be finished in a few weeks. The dedication of the building has been set for Sunday, Jan. 24.

Sunday, the Rev. John O. Reynolds, organizing pastor, will preach a Christmas sermon entitled "God is With Us." The church choir will sing "A Star Was His Candle" and the sacrament of baptism will be administered to infant children of church members.

Worshippers have been asked to enter the church parking areas from either the Oakwood dr. or Groveland ave. entrances.

The Westminster Junior High Fellowship will go Christmas caroling at 5 p.m. Sunday leaving from the church parking area. College age young people will carol at 9 p.m. leaving from First Presbyterian church.

The Church School Christmas party for all of the families of the church will be held Monday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the church. A tableau entitled "O Zion, Haste" will be presented by the young people.

Students of the fifth and sixth grades at Rogue River Academy, local denominational school, added to the offering for the chosen field this year by taking money to the school in the place of the usual Christmas gifts for one another. A "boat of money" was constructed on the bulletin board of one dollar bills for the body and dimes for portholes. This money will be sent to India separately as a direct gift from them with a request that they be notified as to its use.

This year, however, the large offering for the closing quarter of the year will be taken before Christmas, that Christ may be remembered first in Christmas giving. Southern Asia will receive the offering, and funds will be used to establish medical work in Ceylon, and churches and educational work in western India.

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Gold Hill Church Plans Activities

Gold Hill - "Season of Peace" will be the subject of the sermon by Rev. O. L. Kendall, pastor of the Gold Hill Community Methodist church Sunday, at 11 a.m.

The choir will sing "I Saw Three Ships," directed by Mrs. C. Norman Gail, choir director. Mrs. Walter Doherty will be guest organist.

Members of the choir will meet at the church Monday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. to practice before they go caroling that evening. Mrs. Gail said.

The Intermediate Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at the church Sunday at 5:30 p.m. This group will work on the decorations that will be used for the church-wide mission study on Africa which will begin Jan. 10 and continue for three Sundays. Mrs. Kermit is leader.

The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Griggs are supervising this group.

Mr. Kendall said there will be no Bible study Sunday evening.

1st Assembly Plans Program, Cantata

The annual Christmas program will be presented by departments of the First Assembly of God Sunday school tonight at 7 o'clock.

A play entitled, "The Question," directed by Mrs. Robert E. Cull, will be featured in the program after which treats will be distributed to children.

At the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, the Rev. R. E. Cull, pastor, will speak on "The Royal Proclamation."

Sunday at 7:30 p.m. the church choir will present a Christmas cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night." Soloists are the Misses Dorothy Horton, LeLani Jennings, and Carol Brophy; Mrs. Wallace B. Nylander and Dale Stansfield. Musicians include Mrs. Gordon Stiles, organist, and Mrs. Paul Strong, pianist. Presenting a vocal duet will be Mrs. James W. Nilsen and Miss Chloe Tweedell.

The public is invited to all services.

PROGRAM
Faith Advent Christian church, 2326 Roberts rd., will have a Christmas program Sunday night at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

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The Jacksonville Westminster Fellowship will meet at the church at 6 p.m. The fellowship time will be spent caroling in the community. The evening will conclude with refreshments at the church.

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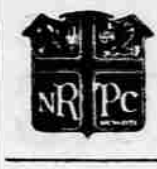
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New Members to Join Church Here

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Dr. D. Kirkland West will bring the Christmas message, "Today's Bethlehem - Your Heart." At the early service

"Amahl and the Night Visitors," a Christmas opera will be presented Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian church. This is a one-act opera, written originally for television, and premiered on Christmas Eve, 1951.

The opera has been directed by Lynn Sjoland. Mrs. Robert A. Sheldon is organist and Mrs. Philip Anderson, pianist for the production. Sets were designed and constructed by Warren Wolf.

Members of the church and community are invited.

the Westminster choir will sing two numbers, "The First Noel" and "O Holy Night" with incidental solo by John Lacey. The chancel choir will present "Behold That Star," and "Hodie, Christus Natus Est."

Junior High Fellowship will meet at the church at 5 p.m. Sunday to go caroling. At 7 p.m. the group will return to the church for refreshments and at 7:30 will attend the Christmas service, "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

Westminster Fellowship and Geneva Fellowship members will also attend "Amahl and the Night Visitors" after which Geneva Fellowship members will go caroling and have fireside at the home of Norman Gallacci, 4297 Table Rock rd. WF Youth night will be held Wednesday at the church. Choir practice will begin at 5:45 p.m. and pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m.

Following supper, the group will go in trucks to carol to various families. Fireside will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Frohmayer, 1656 Spring st.

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Pageant Scheduled For Sunday Morning

Phoenix - A combined service of the Sunday school and church will be held Sunday at 9:45 a.m. at Phoenix Church of the Nazarene, Third and Pine sts. The Christmas pageant will be presented from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m.

Bethel Youth to Give Play Sunday

The Bethel Assembly of God will present its Christmas program and play Sunday at 7 p.m. All departments of the Sunday school will participate. The youth department will present a drama entitled "The Inn at Bethlehem."

The drama portrays the influence of the Christ child on the lives of those who first came to the manger.

Mrs. Roy H. Hageman, Sunday school superintendent, is in charge of the program and play.

There are Sunday school classes for all ages, beginning at 9:45 a.m. and at 11 a.m. The Rev. L. D. Krause, the pastor, will speak on "Christ a Saviour." The church is at 1225 East McAndrews rd.

The public is invited to attend all services.

Mt. Pitt Church Sets Program Sunday

The Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene will present its Christmas program Sunday at 7 p.m.

The program will consist of two parts presented jointly by the Bible school and the youth groups of the local church. The Bible school children will participate in the opening part of the program by giving recitations, doing group exercises, and presenting various musical numbers.

The youth groups will present the Christmas story by candlelight to conclude the evening activities. Treats will be presented to the children at the conclusion of the program.

The Christmas theme will be observed during the Sunday morning worship service. Soloist will be Jackson Phillips who will sing "O Holy Night." The Rev. Henry will speak on "Jesus Christ, Yesterday, Today, and Forever."

Ascension Lutheran Announces Subjects

"My Lord and I" will be the sermon subject Sunday at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor, at Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd.

At 7 p.m. the Sunday school junior and senior departments will present the Christmas program, "Glory in the Highest." The service will include a film strip.

Christmas day services will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Tollefson will speak on "A Sign For You" and the senior choir will sing "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light." Infant baptism will be held.

No confirmation classes will be held until Jan. 9, according to the pastor. New members will be received into the church Jan. 10.

SERMON SUBJECT
"Is The Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" will be the sermon subject Sunday at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 100 Windsor ave. The service is held at 11 a.m. and all are welcome to attend. Young people up to the age of 20 are invited to attend Sunday school.

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Variety of Programs Set By First Baptist Church During Christmas Week

A variety of Christmas programs and services are planned at First Baptist church during the pre-holiday week.

Saturday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. a tea and party for the children of the Nursery Sunday school department and their parents will be held at the church. A short program will be given by the kindergarten children at 9:40 a.m. on Sunday in their department, to which the parents are invited.

"What If Christ Came Today?" will be the subject of the message by Pastor James W. Neely at the 11 a.m. worship hour on Sunday. Mrs. Herbert Hunter will sing "O Holy Night," and the adult choir directed by Kenneth Raymond, will sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" and "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." Miss Diane Franklin is organist. Final Rehearsal

Sunday at 2 p.m., the final rehearsal for the Sunday school Christmas program will be held. The boys and girls of the junior department will leave the church at 3 p.m. for caroling, returning at 4:30 for refreshments. Other groups from the church are also scheduled for times of caroling.

Sunday at 7:45 p.m. Kenneth Raymond will lead the adult choir in their annual program of Christmas music. The choir will give the story of Christmas by means of traditional carols from many lands.

Program
"The Question" has been chosen as the all-Sunday school Christmas program to be presented Wednesday, December 23, at 7:30 p.m. It is designed to answer by means of music, narration, and drama the question, "What Does Christmas Really Mean?" Clarence Wilson is

The Christmas Choir Cantata sung by the senior choir will be presented at Camp White at 6:15 p.m. and at the church at 8 p.m. The Cantata, "Love Transcending," will be directed by Miss Elsie Kroom and accompanied by Miss Sousa organist and Miss Elizabeth Kroom, pianist.

"The Message of the Bells" will be the title of the Christmas program at church presented by the Sunday school under the direction of Mrs. Lawton, Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 7:30 p.m. The Christmas story will be given in song, recitations and tableau.

The art work has been prepared by Mrs. Elsie Scott. At the conclusion of the program a candy treat will be given to all members of the Sunday school and