

### SUNDAY SERMON TOPICS

SUNDAY, DEC. 20

#### First Presbyterian

"When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was." The text of the Rev. W. Glen Harris' Sunday sermon, "God's Message in a Star," is taken from Matt. 2:9.

#### First Methodist

At the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services, the Rev. Arnold F. Runkel will preach on the theme "If I Could Be Santa Claus This Year." The text is based upon John the Baptist's words "He must increase, but I must decrease." The sermon is a plea to keep Christ in Christmas, and marks Dr. Runkel's eighth annual presentation.

#### Christian Science

What was the origin of man and the universe? That interesting question is explained in the Sunday sermon under the subject "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" This text is from Hebrews 1:10, "Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands."

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**First Baptist**  
"God So Loved the World", another sermon in the series based on the Apostles' Creed, will be the topic of the Rev. Emil Kuntz at 11 a.m., Sunday. The evening topic at 7:30 p.m. will be "Master of Men—His Consecration," continuing the theme "Candid Views of Christ."

The Christmas Eve candlelight service will take place at the mid-week service at 8 p.m., Thursday.

#### New Officers Elected by Holy Name Altar Society

Mrs. William J. Relliff was elected president of the Holy Name Altar society at the last meeting of this year held at the Community House.

Other newly elected officers include Mrs. Robert D. Squires, first vice-president; Mrs. James R. Ewing, second vice-president; Mrs. Norman B. Stanton, third vice-president; Mrs. Richard B. Hindley, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Paul Marabito, recording secretary; and Mrs. John J. Sadlier, treasurer.

#### Combined Choirs Carol

The Chancel, Choral and Boy Choirs of the First Methodist church will present a program of Christmas carols at 8 p.m., Sunday, in Fellowship hall. The program will include familiar carols from around the world with a special in the beginning part presented by the Boys' Choir.



AS PART OF ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL church's aid in Christian Social Relations, these members of St. Elizabeth's Guild are busy this week wrapping Christmas gifts that will be distributed at the church's mission in Detroit. This is the first time the Guild has sent gifts to the Mariner's Inn and St. James will be represented with 60 presents. Shown, left to right, are Mrs. John Wolff, Mrs. Glenn Slocum, chairman; and Mrs. George Gates. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

#### Unitarian Mitten Tree Program Set for Sunday

A special Christmas service of the church school and congregation of the Birmingham Unitarian Fellowship will be held at the Community House Dec. 20, beginning at 11 a.m.

A feature of the service will be the "Mitten Tree" which will be decorated with mittens destined to become gifts to unfortunate boys and girls who have little.

A feature of the service will be of Mrs. Alec Parnie, will be presented by the children.

#### Speaker from Chicago

The Rev. Elver S. Freeman of Chicago, a member of the commission on Evangelism and devotional life, will be guest speaker at the 1 p.m. service Sunday of the Congregational church. Worship services and Sunday school classes will be held at the First Presbyterian church.

#### Plan College Breakfast

A special get-together for Christ Church Cranbrook college students will be staged from 9 a.m. to noon, Dec. 22, at the rectory next to the church. All parish students may attend the informal talkfest—for the whole morning or part of it.

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#### Christ Church to Have Service by Bishop Emrich

During the past two months an adult class has been meeting with the clergy of Christ Church Cranbrook in preparation for full membership in the Church and into the Episcopal church in this country.

At the service of Confirmation on Dec. 20 at 9:30 a.m., this adult class will be confirmed by the Rt. Rev. Richard S. Emrich, Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan.

#### Methodist Youth Choirs Will Sing for Shut-Ins

Special Christmas carols are planned by the Junior choir of the First Methodist church for shut-in members of the congregation on Dec. 23.

The young people will meet at the church at 6:45 to journey to the homes of shut-ins, whose names and addresses will be supplied by the clergy. Fathers of their members will furnish transportation for the young singers.

The carolers will return to the church about 8 p.m., where choir-mothers will serve refreshments. Mrs. Merrill Anderson should be contacted for further plans on transportation and refreshments, listing needs and volunteers.

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**St. James Confirmation**  
The Rt. Rev. Richard S. Emrich, Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan, will conduct confirmation services for children and adults at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, for St. James Episcopal church. Services are held in the Baldwin school gymnasium.

**Nativity Story in Song**  
The Chancel choir of Townsite Community church, Congregational, will present a program of choral music during the worship service at 11 a.m., Dec. 20. They will sing "The Song of Christmas" by Roy Ringwald. This tells the story of the Nativity in Christmas song, carols and scripture.

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