

# Wonderous Story of Christmas to Be Retold

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews?' for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

Far from the birthplace of Christ many years later, Birmingham area residents will also pay tribute to the holy season at many special Christmas eve and Christmas day services this week at more than 20 area churches.

## Christ Church Cranbrook

A children's hour, an open house for the young people, is scheduled at 4 p.m. Dec. 24 at Christ Church, Lone Pine road. Holy baptism service is slated at 5 p.m. with a family carol service at 7 p.m. The Christmas eve service is for both parents and children.

In addition to the familiar Christmas carols, there will be selected readings from the scriptures. The red and blue choirs will sing.

Two services, at 9 and 11:30 p.m., will be highlighted by parafestal holy communion, a sermon and choir singing.

In Christmas day there will be holy communion at 10 a.m.

## Holy Name Church

The men's and boys' choir of Holy Name, Woodland and Harmon, will sing Christmas religious music under the direction of John F. Callahan at 11:30 p.m. Dec. 24 just before the service. The Rev. Rev. Msgr. Eugene Padock will be the celebrant at the solemn high mass. A low mass will follow immediately, beginning at approximately 1:30 a.m.

The mass schedule for Christmas day is 7: 8:30, 10 and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The ladies choir will sing at the 10 a.m. high mass.

The mass schedule for St. Regis, Holy Name mission church at Lincoln and Lahser, is 9 and 10:30 a.m. and noon.

## Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church

Two special services have been announced by Beautiful Saviour Lutheran church for Christmas eve. The first service, beginning at 7 p.m., will be the annual children's service. This is a regular service of worship planned particularly for the children. The junior choir will present anthems.

The second service begins at 11 p.m. This is the traditional midnight candlelight service. Anthems will be presented by the senior choir. Holy communion will also be celebrated at this service.

## Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Lutheran church of the Redeemer, 1800 West Maple, will celebrate Christmas with duplicate candlelight-carol services at 8 and 10 p.m. Christmas eve. Special music will be by the choir, soloists including piano and organ. Carol singing by the congregation will also be included.

The Rev. Theodore Wuggazer will present a Christmas message. "Found in the Stars."

A special communion service for college students and their parents will be at 5 p.m. Dec. 27. The pastor will give a brief message of "The Continued Seedfast in Fellowship."

## Franklin Community Church

Christmas activities at the Franklin Community church will be climaxed with two traditional Christmas eve services. At 7:30 p.m. a nativity tableau, sponsored by the church school, will be offered. At 11 p.m. the midnight service sponsored by the choir of the church, will be held.

The highlight of both services major under the direction of John F. Callahan, lighted from the Christ candle on the altar. The candles are taken home and left all night in front of the manger scene. They are to be snuffed out the following morning after reading the Christmas story from the scriptures.

## Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

Dressed in robes of young French choir boys, young men from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs will take part in a procession, preceding the Christmas eve solemn high midnight mass at the church, Pierce street in Beverly Hills.

Mass schedule for Christmas day will be 7, 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Christmas day high mass will be at 10 a.m.

## St. James Episcopal Church

A family choral eucharist is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Christmas eve at St. James Episcopal church, 335 West Maple. At 10:30 there will be a carol and organ prelude with the festive choral eucharist

following at 11 p.m.

Christmas day, St. James will have holy communion at 10 a.m. Morning prayer and sermon is scheduled at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Dec. 27. The church school will show the movie, "The Child of Bethlehem."

## Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King

Two candlelight services will be held on Christmas eve at the Lutheran Church of the Shepherd King, Middlebelt and Maple. The first is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. with

a communion service following at 11 p.m.

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Firih Goodell, will give a choral prelude of Christmas carols. A worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Christmas morning.

## Embury Methodist Church

Embury Methodist will hold two services Dec. 24, one at 7 p.m. and a second at 8 p.m. The Rev. Samuel F. Stout's topic for the early service is "Christmas is a Child." The second will be "Christmas is the Difference." The senior choir will sing a combined program of carols and religious music.

## First Baptist Church

An 11 p.m. Christmas eve service at First Baptist church, 300 Willis, will feature the organ music of Mona Spearz and the Wayne university string quartet of Detroit.

Following the 11:15 p.m. musical prelude, the ministers and the choir of the church will lead the congregation in a 45-minute Christmas worship liturgy.

The Rev. Homer J. Armstrong, DD, the Rev. William Suterlin and the Rev. Chester Sampson, will participate in the service. Rev. Armstrong will give the brief Christmas message.

## Lutheran Church of the Ascension

A Christmas candlelight service at Ascension Lutheran church, 10 Mile road at Pierce will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24.

The senior choir will sing "Mary's Lullaby to the Infant Jesus" and "Gloria to God the Angels Sing." The junior choir will sing "Carol of the Birds."

All worshippers will have lighted candles during the singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night." The Rev. E. Nuelkin will speak on the old, but ever new message of the birth of Christ for the salvation of mankind.

## Birmingham Unitarian Church

Birmingham Unitarian church, Woodward at Lone Pine, will hold a candlelight service at 10 p.m. Christmas eve. In addition to readings, the singing of carols and a talk by the minister, the Rev. Lester Mondale, special instrumental music will be provided by the Oliver Rodgers family of Wimbeldon.

To add to the beauty of the service, Theodore Chisholm of Brookside has designed a long track to hold candles against the window wall.

The Unitens, the high school group, has decorated the Christmas trees and will serve as usherers.

## Episcopal Church of the Advent

A festive celebration of holy communion is scheduled at 8 and 11 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Episcopal church of the Advent, West Long Lake and Middlebelt. The 11 p.m. service will be "The Story of Christmas, Old-Yet Ever New."

A celebration of holy communion is also scheduled at 10 a.m. Christmas day. The Christmas day service will be "The Story of Christmas, Old-Yet Ever New."

The choir has prepared special music for the two eve services.

## First Methodist Church

Traditional Christmas eve communion services will be at 8 and 11 p.m. at First Methodist church, West Maple and Pleasant.

On Christmas day there will be a family worship service at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Falk preaching. Special music will be provided by the four children's choirs. The crib, nursery and toddlers rooms will be available.

Student recognition Sunday will be observed Dec. 27 when college youth will assist in the service and ushering. Dr. Runkel will talk on "Trustees of Tomorrow." A coffee hour will follow.

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Christmas carols will begin the holiday observance at 10:15 p.m. Christmas eve at St. Stephen's Episcopal church. The services will be held at Eastover school, Adams and Westview roads.

The Rev. Barton M. Lloyd will officiate at the festive holy communion service at 10:30.

## Northbrook Presbyterian Church

Northbrook Presbyterian church, 2080 West 12 Mile road, Southfield will present the Christmas portion of the "Messiah" at 11 p.m. Dec. 27. Dr. Herbert Beecher Hudson will conduct the Sunday service.

## First Presbyterian Church of Troy

At 8 p.m. Christmas eve the First Presbyterian church of Troy will hold a holy communion service and receive new members.

The church is located at 4230 Livernois, Troy.

## First Presbyterian Church

The strains of "The Three Kings" as arranged by Healy Wilton and sung by the choral choir will be heard during the Christmas eve service at First Presbyterian, 1669 West Maple.

Dr. W. Glen Harris' Christmas message at the 11 p.m. service will be "A Song from Heaven." The service will close with the traditional "O Holy Night."

Mary Barlett, harpist of the Toledo symphony, will present a medley of carols with the organ before the service and will play intermittently throughout.

## Kirk in the Hills

A candlelight carol service will be held from 11 p.m. until midnight Dec. 24 at Kirk in the Hills, West Long Lake.

The chancel choir will sing several groups of traditional carols with the Rev. Harold C. DeWint giving the meditation, "On Celebrating Christmas."

## Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Our Shepherd Lutheran church, 14 Mile and Melton roads, will present its tenth annual "Carols by Candlelight" service at 7:30 Christmas eve.

Armin G. Zapf, music director, will lead the senior and junior choirs in many of the favorite Christmas anthems. The congregation will also join in the singing.

A special festive service will be held at 10 a.m. Christmas day. Rev. H. G. Allwardt will speak on "The Effects of Christmas—1960."

## Congregational Church of Birmingham

The Congregational church of Birmingham will hold its Christmas eve service at 8 p.m. at the church, 388 North Woodward.

The sanctuary choir will present a selection of religious music with an organ and flute solo. It will be followed by "Christmas Day," a collection by Gustav Holst.

## Peace Lutheran Church

Peace Lutheran church, 13 Mile road between Greenfield and Southfield, will hold one service at 11 p.m. Christmas eve. Both the junior and senior choirs will sing for the candlelight service.



The Light of Christmas

Children, who can show the joy of Christmas in a mere expression, will illuminate many Birmingham homes this year with spirit for the holiday season. Three-year-old youngsters at the First Methodist nursery school were caught by the camera, one morning as they expressed feelings about Christmas. They are (from left, top to bottom) James Compton, Mark Kay, Kevin Korecky, Patricia Davey, John Heironymus, Lori Strom, Paul Rieker and Randy Butera.

The youngsters, who have met each Tuesday and Thursday morning, have completed their decoration projects and religious preparation for Christmas.

## Tradition Has to be Old, But Shouldn't be Dying

By DAVE MAKER

Special Writer

Do you like to sing? Would you like to share your Christmas spirit with others? Would you like to get together with all your old friends whom you "haven't seen in ages?" This is your golden opportunity. You and your family are invited to one of Birmingham's oldest and nicest traditions — the annual Christmas Eve Carol sing in Shain park.

THE CAROL SING has been going on now for 24 years. It was started by the Community house but in recent years the Birmingham Musicale has taken the program under its wing.

The arrangements are handled by the Musicale's three juniors. The Merry Music making of The Moment musicale, and the Birmingham Musicale Junior League will present the caroling, which is accompanied by a Seasholm high school brass choir, directed by Arnold Herrold. The song begins at 5:30 p.m. on Christmas eve.

IT IS SAD but true that attendance at the sing has not been overwhelming lately. Therefore it should perhaps be pointed out that a community get-together is a very rare thing in Birmingham and Bloomfield.

The Carol Sing may be the only chance during the whole year for reunion with all the "old gang." This particularly applies to alumni of Birmingham high school who are home for the holidays from college.

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"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him; and when they had offered their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." As on the night when

the Wise Men found the place where He was, may the story of the first Christmas bring to us wonder and joy ever new. And may His message, heard again in song and story, give to all of us the great gifts of spiritual joy, eternal hope and promise.

## CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

### BEAUTIFUL SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

North Adams road at Whitmore Road (2 1/2 mile East of Long Lake Road)  
Sunday Worship Service 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Sunday School and Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.  
Telephone: MI 6-8041  
Rev. DONALD G. ZILL, Pastor

### ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

United Lutheran Church of America  
6255 Telegraph, 1/10th of a Mile North of Maple Church School 9:30 A.M.  
Worship Services 8:30 and 11:00  
Parsonage: 140 Pleasant St. Phone MI 4-6119  
Rev. John A. Root, Pastor  
A National Lutheran Council Church

### Kirk in the Hills

Dr. Harold C. DeWint, Minister  
NEW SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY SERVICES  
9:30 and 11:30 A.M.

### HOW CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALS

Station CKLV/800 KC  
Sunday 9:45 A.M.

### Christian Science Society

Franklin, Michigan  
3610 Gorman Mill Road  
SUNDAY—11 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY EVENING  
TESTIMONY MEETING—8:15  
READING ROOM (In Church Edifice)  
Tuesdays & Saturdays 1:30 P.M.  
Thursdays 7:9 P.M.

### PEACE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

13 Mile Rd. between Greenfield And Southfield  
Worship 10:45  
27th "Manager Scene Removed"  
Christmas Eve  
11:00 P.M. Candlelight Service  
Sermon "And Glory Shall Arise"  
Edward E. Brown, Pastor  
Telephone: MI 6-4148

### NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

21220 West 14 Mile Road (Half way bet. Cranbrook & Lahser)  
Sunday Services 8:00 9:30 11:15  
Holy Communion 8:00 A.M.  
Morning Prayer & Sermon 9:30 and 11:15  
Minister: Rev. Louis C. Gillette MA 6-6656 MI 6-7227

### BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH

Woodward at Lone Pine Service, Church School, Nursery—10:30  
"EXODUS—OR THE SAGA OF THE JEWS"  
DR. TRACY M. PULLMAN, minister of the Church of Our Father, Unitarian-Universalist.  
LESTER MONDALE, Minister LI 8-7282

### JERRY BURNS CHURCH OF CHRIST

"Practicing New Testament Christianity" 1152 BENVENUELLI AT WOODWARD  
Sunday School for all ages — 10 A.M.  
Bible Study Wednesday — 7:30 p.m.  
Channel 9—Each Sunday 8:30 a.m.—"Herald of Truth"

### "Gospel for the New Age"

"Four New Testament Baptisms"  
WHEREVER UTILITY Preaching at Both Services  
Whisper Utley  
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### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Christian Science Services  
191 N. Chester — Birmingham, Michigan  
Sunday Morning Services 9:30 and 11:00  
Sunday School 9:30 and 11:00  
Infants' Room (in Reading Room) 9:15 and 10:45  
Wednesday Evening Meeting 8:15  
READING ROOM, 355 East Maple Ave.  
Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays  
Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 Except Wednesdays and Saturdays.

### A CHRISTMAS INVITATION

from  
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
14 Mile Rd., 4 blocks E. of Woodward  
H. G. Allwardt, Pastor  
Christmas Eve—"Carols by Candlelight"—7:30 P.M.  
Christmas Day—Festival Service—11:00 A.M.

### Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

1800 West Maple  
DUPLICATE CAROL SERVICES  
Christmas Eve: 8 P.M. and 10 P.M.  
Music by the Choir  
Christmas Message by the Pastor  
"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

### St. James Episcopal Church

355 W. Maple — Birmingham, Mich.  
Sunday Services  
8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion  
9:15 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon  
11:00 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon  
5:00 P.M.—Young People's Fellowship Church School and Nursery—9:15 and 11:00  
Midweek—Holy Communion—Wednesday 11:00 A.M.  
Clergy—K. H. Gage—W. E. Snodell—T. G. Phillips  
Mus. Dir.—Kent McDonald

### NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Northwesters Highway and Lahser Road  
11:00 a.m. Morning Service of Worship  
MINISTER: DR. RALPH H. READ  
11:00 a.m. Church School (Toddlers through Senior High)  
Nursery care provided  
December 24, 1959.  
7:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Chancel and Junior Choirs)  
ALL ARE WELCOME

### Franklin Community Church

On Franklin's Village Green  
1 block west of Franklin Rd., at Wellington and Normandy.  
MORNING WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.  
CHURCH SCHOOL 2 years Olds thru 3rd Grade 10:30 A.M.  
4th Grade thru 10th Grade 11:15  
Robert J. Searls, Minister  
Assistant to the Minister, Constance D. Pipok

### Ascension Lutheran Church

A Joyous Christmas To All from  
Ascension Lutheran Church  
14 Mile at Pierce  
We invite you to join us on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday Services—10:30 a.m.  
"Church Going Families are Happier Families"

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Bates and Willis Birmingham, Michigan

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Eleven O'clock  
Featuring THE WAYNE UNIVERSITY STRING QUARTET  
Carols by Vested Choir  
Christmas Message by Homer J. Armstrong, DD  
Worship Sunday, December 27th—11:00 A.M.