And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

—Gospel according to St. Luke, 2:7-14

Churches to Commemorate Birth of Christ

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Painted Church Window

Decorations for the Christmas season at the First Baptist Church of Birmingham has received a welcome boost from John A. Barrett, an artistically-inclined member of the congregation. Mr. Barrett contributed 160 hours of his time in painting the Nativity Window (background) in the youth lounge. During the Lenten season last year, Mr. Barrett painted several pictures of The Crucifixion which were used in special services and were on display at the American Baptist Assembly grounds at Green Lake, Wis.

St. James Presents '9 Lessons, Carols'

Well-known community figures as well as members of the parish will participate in the Service of the "Nine Lessons and Carols" to be given at St. James Episcopal Church at the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services Sun., Dec. 30. The Junior and Adult Choirs will combine for the presentation of this ancient Christmas service.

The form of service known as "Nine Lessons and Carols" has been sung in the King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England, for about 35 years. The service was used in English Cathedrals, religious houses and colleges with varying popularity between the 12th and 15 centuries.

In some places it was done in procession, perhaps before the principal service of Christmas, but mostly took place Christmas afternoon or on St. Stephen's Day or the First Sunday after Christmas.

Those participating in the 9:15 a.m. service are: Mr. Ralph Moxley, Chief of Police, Birmingham; Charles Renfrew, 987 Arden Lane, Birmingham, Birmingham City Council; Edward A. Proctor, Jr., 592 Madison, Birmingham, businessman; Dr. W. Paul Ward, 6631 Castle Dr., Birmingham, physician; George A. Schmidt, 1432 Maryland, Birmingham, attorney; Col. James R. Patterson, USAF, 967 Southfield, Birmingham; Colin H. John, 783 Puritan, Birmingham, Jr. Warden, St. James Parish; the Rev. W. Eugene Snoxell, Associate Rector, St. James Parish; and Sue Cargill, 822 Fairfax, Birmingham, youth.

Taking part in the 11 a.m. service are the following: Capt. C. Nunnelly, Fire Chief, Birmingham; Charles B. Kass, 1798 Winthrop, Birmingham, City Planning Commission; Dr. Cecil Conrad, 736 N. Glenhurst, Birmingham, physician; Pell Hollingshead, 489 Argyle, Birmingham, attorney; Col. John Scott, US Army, 1798 Maryland, Birmingham; Siffrein Vass, 817 Pilgrim, Birmingham, Sr. Warden, St. James Parish; the Rev. Kenneth H. Gass, Rector, St. James Parish; and Tom Harper, 952 Wimbleton, Birmingham, Youth.

Entertain Students

The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Gass of St. James Episcopal Church will entertain college students home for the holidays at their annual open house at the rectory Sunday, Dec. 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. All college students of St. James parish are invited to attend.

Birmingham area churches will join many others around the world this weekend and the first part of next week in commemorating the Birth of Christ almost 2,000 years ago.

Many will plan their worship services around the singing of traditional and sacred hymns glorifying the miraculous event. Others will recreate the story of Christ's Birth by means of colorful tableaux.

And in all area churches, pastors will have special Christmas messages for their congregations on Sunday.

Below is a partial list of services for the Christmas holidays.

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL

The "Christmas Story," told through a combination of scripture readings, choral anthems, and traditional Christmas carols, will comprise a special Christmas Eve worship service by Pilgrim Congregational Church of Birmingham.

For this service only, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., Monday, the church will meet at Community Congregational Church, 27806 Southfield, Lathrup Village. Visitors and their children will be cordially welcomed, Rev. Howard E Bull, emphasizes.

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PILGRIM'S SUNDAY services are conducted in the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham. The church, which was established less than two years ago, has grown to a membership approaching 100 persons and now has a choir of 12 voices.

As a tangible expression of the Christmas season's message of "Goodwill to Men," the congregation on Christmas Eve will bring gifts of useful household items and wearing apparel, which will be sent to Demorest, Ga., for distribution by Piedmont College. An hour for fellowship and refreshments in the social hall of the Lathrup Church will follow the worship service.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL

The primary and pre-school departments of St. James Episcopal Church will present a Christmas pageant at the 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. services Sunday in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

Under the direction of Mrs. Frank Barnes, 1027 Brooklawn, Birmingham, and Mrs. William Moore, 1898 E. Lincoln, Birmingham, the children in the primary group will join the third grade choirs in relating the Christmas story in song. All children will wear red choir bows.

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CHILDREN OF the second grade classes will portray the characters in the pageant. The Rev. David Van Dusen and Donald Gault, 1428 E. Lincoln, Birmingham, lay reader, will read the Christmas story.

In the classrooms that morning the boys and girls will have Christmas parties to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. Parents are invited to visit the classrooms to view the Christmas decorations created by the children of St. James Church School.

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THE CHURCH will have two choral Eucharist services Christmas Eve. At the 7:30 p.m. service the combined junior choirs will present Christmas music throughout the service singing, "O Holy Night" as their Offertory Anthem.

The Festival Choral Eucharist will be at 11 p.m., with Adult Choir including "Hodie Christus Natus Est," by Willan and "The Holly and the Ivy," among the many Christmas carols to be sung. On Christmas Day at 10 a.m., the Chapel Choir will sing for the Choral Eucharist Service.

The value of a sentiment is the amount of sacrifice you are prepared to make for it.

Early Deadlines In Effect for Dec. 27 Issue

So that our employes may enjoy the Christmas holiday, The Birmingham Eccentric offices will close at 3 p.m. Monday and will be closed all day Tuesday.

All deadlines for our Dec. 27 issue have been advanced. Advertisers and news contributors are urged to submit their copy as early as possible.

The Birmingham Eccentric

Church Page

Archbishop Dearden Officiates At St. Owen's Church Blessing

Blessing ceremonies for the new St. Owen's Catholic Church at 6869 Franklin Road in Bloomfield Township were held at 10 a.m. yesterday.

His Excellency John F. Dearden, Archbishop of Detroit, officiated at the church blessing. Archbishop Dearden has been at the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council in Rome since October.

St. Owen's parish, located on Franklin Road south of Maple, was organized last June. It serves nearly 400 families from Bloomfield Township, Franklin and part of Southfield. Religious services have been held in the Bloomfield Hills Junior High School while the new church was under construction.

Father Edward T. Wallling, pastor, announced that a third Mass will be added to the regular Sunday calendar starting this week. A noon Mass will supplement the present 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass schedule at the new church.

Following the blessing and first Mass in St. Owen's, the Archbishop and his party attended a luncheon in the social hall adjoining the new church. Other religious visitors had a special luncheon at the Oakland Hills Country Club and St. Colman's social hall.

Chaplains for the Archbishop during the ceremonies were Father Walling and Rev. Jasper Sirianni of St. Edward's in Detroit. Others assisting in the blessing were: First Master of Ceremonies—Rev. Joseph Imesch, secretary to the Archbishop; Second Master of Ceremonies—Rev. Paul Matheson of Precious Blood in Detroit; and Preache r— Rev. Maurice Geary, chaplain at Marian High School.

Assisting Father Walling with arrangements for the ceremonies were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Jerome Geisler, 5630 Wing Lake Road (Bloomfield Township) and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Ebbing, 6196 Eastmoor (Bloomfield Township). Mrs. Miriam Archer, 30300 Franklin Road (Franklin) is chairman of the hospitality committee.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer will celebrate Christmas in special services on Sunday and Monday.

The children of the Sunday School will tell the story of Christmas in presentations on Sunday at 4 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

The traditional Christmas Candlelight-Carol services will be conducted on Monday, at 8 p.m. and again at 10 p.m. The congregation will sing the familiar carols, while the choir will present two groups of anthems.

The first: "Hasten Swiftly, Hasten Softly"; "The Three Kings"; and "Lullaby on Christmas Eve", with Marilyn Nielson as soprano soloist. The second: "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head," with Charlotte Ruppel as soprano soloist; "Fum, Fum, Fum," and "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day".

The Rev. Duane Wuggazer will give the Christmas message.

CONGREGATIONAL OF BIRMINGHAM

The Congregational Church of Birmingham will hold a family Christmas service on Sunday, at both regular services—9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The congregation will all worship together as families, with children above the nursery age attending church with their parents. The church nursery classes will meet as usual.

The service will be simple, incorporating a service of baptism and built around the Christmas story, as told by the minister, Rev. Raymond Fenner, the choir and the congregation, in words and music.

The choir will present a Christmas cantata, which will include many of the most beloved carols.

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THE CHURCH will hold its traditional Christmas Eve service on Monday. This service will begin at 11:15 p.m. and conclude with the ringing of the bells, as Christmas Day begins.

The choir will present the great music of Christmas in the candlelit sanctuary. An offering will be received for the Veterans of the Cross, retired ministers of the denomination.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

The Christmas schedule of special services at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church on North Adams Road, Birmingham, will begin with the annual Sunday school program this Sunday at 7 p.m.

All classes from beginners through Junior High will be participating. The junior choir, under the direction of Ronald Sprunger, will also take part. George Hemmeter is the Sunday school superintendent, and Ralph Baker, assistant superintendent. Mrs. Angelo Paoli is in charge of the program.

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CHRISTMAS EVE will be celebrated with a children's worship service beginning at 7:30 p.m. The sermon will be directed to the children in attendance, and special music will be offered by the junior choir. The traditional midnight Candlelight service will begin at 11 p.m. Several anthems will be offered by the senior choir, and Holy Communion will be celebrated.

A festival service with Holy Communion will also be held on Christmas Day at 10 a.m. Both choirs of the congregation will participate.

ST. STEPHEN'S

Christmas observance at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, N. Adams Road, will add three Christ-

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Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church
3600 Telegraph Road, North of Long Lake Road
Sunday School ..... 10 A.M.
Morning Worship ..... 11 A.M.
Evening Worship ..... 6 P.M.
Prayer Meeting (Wed.) ..... 7:30 P.M.
Rev. Harold W. Gieseler Pastor 647-3463

ST. PAUL METHODIST
165 E. Square Lake Rd. FE 8-8233—FE 2-2752
Morning Worship 10 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. (Nursery Provided)
Church School 10 A.M.
Seniors and Intermediates, 6 to 8 P.M.
REV. JAMES A. McCLUNG, Minister

Franklin Community Church
On Franklin's Village Green
Worship Services at 9:30 and 11:00
Church School Sessions at 9:30 and 11:00
9:30—Kindergarten through the 3rd grade
11:00—Nursery, Kindergarten and the 4th through the 12th grade meet.
Rev. Hugh Clifford White, Minister
Rev. Archie T. Roberts, Associate Minister

PILGRIM Congregational Church OF BIRMINGHAM
Meeting temporarily at Community House
380 S. Bates, Birmingham
Church and Sunday School Services at 11 A.M.
Minister, Rev. Howard E. Bull
Parsonage Phone: 647-3328

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
1669 WEST MAPLE at CHESTERFIELD (MI 4-2040)
8:30, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. "What Does Christmas Do To You?"
Dr. Harris
11:00 p.m. (Dec. 24) Christmas Eve Message "To Us Is Given"
Dr. Harris
W. Glen Harris, Jack W. Angerman, Robert D. Baynum, L. Robert Slusser
Church School Services—8:30, 9:45, 11:15
DIAL-A-PRAYER — MI 6-1717

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
26275 Northwestern Highway at Lahser Road
CHRISTMAS SUNDAY
11:00 a.m. Morning Service of Worship
MINISTERS: Rev. Ralph H. Read
Rev. Joseph G. Gregory
11:00 a.m. Church School (Nursery Through Senior High)
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Carol Singing with Chancel and Junior Choirs
Young People Participating
Child Care Provided

CHRISTMAS AT
Lutheran Church of The Redeemer
1800 West Maple Road
Children's Services
Sunday, December 23—4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Candlelight Carol Services
December 24—8 p.m. and 10 p.m.
"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Beverly Hills Methodist Church
meeting at Beverly School
Beverly Rd., West of Southfield
Morning Worship and Church School 10:00 A.M.
Robert Boley, Minister

Grace Baptist Church
Lincoln at Edgewood
(Two Blocks W. of Woodward)
Sunday School ..... 10:00 A.M.
Morning Service ..... 11:00 A.M.
Evening Service ..... 7:00 A.M.
Mid-Week Service (Thurs.) ..... 7:30 P.M.
Fundamental Independent
Charles Whitfield, Pastor

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
651 Woodward Avenue at Lone Pine Road
Bloomfield Hills
MI 7-2380
Robert Marshall, Interim Minister
"LIBERAL RELIGION AND THE HOLIDAY SEASON"
one service at 10:30
Church School and Nursery at same hour
Coffee Hour follows

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Franklin, Michigan
26109 German Mill Road
SUNDAY—11 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—11 A.M.
WEDNESDAY EVENING TESTIMONY MEETING—8:15
READING ROOM (In Church Edifice)
Mon., Wed., Sat. 1-4
Thurs. Eve. 7-9

. . . thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. MATT. 1:21
This Christmas let's honor Him by telling others about His Great Salvation.
PUT CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
Sunday Services 9:15 & 10:30 a. m.
Sunday School 9:15 a. m.
Ascension LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Missouri Synod)
W. 14 MILE AT PIERCE
Rev. E. W. Nuelken, Pastor

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
1589 West Maple
Sermon: "THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS"
Dr. G. Ernest Thomas
Worship Service—8:15—9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Church School—9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Christmas Eve Family Communion—8:00 and 11:00 P.M.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
Christian Science Services
191 N. Chester — Birmingham, Michigan
Sunday Service ..... 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School ..... 10:30 A.M.
Wednesday Evening Testimony Meeting ..... 8:15 P.M.
Infants' Room (355 E. Maple) ..... 10:00 A.M.
Reading Room, 355 E. Maple Street
Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Except Sundays and Holidays
Evenings 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Except Wednesdays and Saturdays

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3737 West Big Beaver Road
(Just East of Adams)
Sunday School (all ages) 10:00 a.m.
Sunday a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday p.m. Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Classes (Wednesday) 7:30 p.m.
Ladies Meeting (Thursday) 10:00 a.m.
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646-3180 MORRIS M. WOMACK, Minister
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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
5500 N. Adams Rd.
(Half mile north of E. Long Lake Rd.)
The Rev. Carl R. Sayers, Rector
CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00—6:00 P.M.—Sacrament of Forgiveness
7:30 P.M.—First Christmas Eucharist
11:30 P.M.—Second Christmas Eucharist
CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 A.M.—Third Christmas Eucharist
Sunday Worship at 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
355 W. Maple
Birmingham, Michigan
CHRISTMAS EVE
7:30 P.M.—Family Choral Eucharist (Jr. Choirs)
11:00 P.M.—Festive Choral Eucharist (Sr. Choir)
CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 A.M.—Choral Eucharist (Chapel Choir)