

Churches Plan Christmas Services

Churches in the Birmingham area will join with others around the world this weekend and throughout next week in the commemoration of the Birth of Christ.

Special evening services, choral arrangements and sermons will bring the true meaning of Christmas to parishioners everywhere.

Many local churches will present Christmas activities for all members of the family, from special services for parents to gift-giving occasions for the children. A partial list of Christmas services scheduled by local churches appears below.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL
St. James Episcopal Church will begin its celebration of the Christmas season with a family choral Eucharist service at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve in the church.

THE COMBINED boys' and girls' junior choir will sing the traditional Christmas carols as well as "Virgin's Slumber Song" by Max Reger and "O Holy Night" by Adam.

The festive choral Eucharist service will be held at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve. Among the musical offerings presented by the adult choir will be "Christmas Eve" by Caudlyn.

A choral Eucharist service will be held at 10 a.m. Christmas Day with the choir finishing the music. The chapel choir will sing "Gesu Bambino" by Yon.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL
Christmas at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will be celebrated with three services of Holy Communion.

THE FIRST Christmas Eucharist will be held at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve. Children will take their "white gifts" to this service. These will be taken to Pontiac State Hospital for distribution as Christmas gifts for the young patients.

The children will then gather around the altar rail and receive the figures to be placed on the crèche from Rev. Carl R. Sayers. As he delivers each figure, the rector will tell its significance in the Christmas story. Children from the church school will form the choir for this service.

At 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, the second Christmas Eucharist will be opened by the full choir. Special anthems, under the direction of organist Mrs. Gino Sovran, will be sung.

On Christmas Day, the third Eucharist will be celebrated at 10 a.m., and will include a sermon by the rector.

"FOR US A Child is Born," a Christmas cantata will be sung Sunday at 10 a.m. by the choir.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM
There will be a full day of Christmas activities at the Congregational Church of Birmingham Sunday, Christmas morning, with services at both 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

The Pilgrim choir, consisting of boys and girls in fourth through sixth grades, will lead the congregation in a service of Christmas music.

At 4 p.m., the congregation will gather at the church and will walk to Shain Park in the center of Birmingham for a carol service. They will sing to the community from around the crèche and Christmas tree.

THE CONFIRMATION class and a candlelight choral communion service will be conducted. Several Christmas anthems will be offered by the senior choir of the church. Pastor Donald G. Zill will deliver the sermon on the topic: "How Far is it to Bethlehem?"

On Christmas Day at 10 a.m., a Christmas festival service with Holy Communion is scheduled. The senior choir will offer several anthems.

COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL
Among the traditional programs of Community Congregational Church of Lathrup Village, is the Christmas carolling which will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday.

At this time, the JH's of the church will blend their voices in Christmas songs in the community.

At 7 p.m. that night, the senior high young people will sing carols as they have done in the past.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN
Special services for Christmas at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church on North Adams Road will begin with the annual Sunday School Christmas program Sunday at 7 p.m.

Mrs. William Lehman is in charge of the program of song and narration. The junior choir will assist in the service.

Two special services are scheduled for Christmas Eve. At 7:30 p.m., a children's service will be conducted. The sermon will be addressed to the children. The junior choir will also sing the Christmas carol response and other anthems.

At 11 P.M. on Christmas Eve, a candlelight choral communion service will be conducted. Several Christmas anthems will be offered by the senior choir of the church. Pastor Donald G. Zill will deliver the sermon on the topic: "How Far is it to Bethlehem?"

On Christmas Day at 10 a.m., a Christmas festival service with Holy Communion is scheduled. The senior choir will offer several anthems.

NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
Northminster Presbyterian Church will hold its traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7:30 p.m.

In a service of scripture, hymns and anthems, the congregation will celebrate the Birth of the Christ Child.

BOTH THE adult and youth choirs will sing, under the direction of Mrs. Alex Novitsky, church music director. Christmas selections will also be given by the youth handbell choir.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS BAPTIST
The senior choir of the Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church will present Roy Ringwald's "The Song of Christmas" during the morning worship hour on Sunday.

Mrs. J. Merle Antis and Miss Jackie Harter will be the accompanists with Rick Hartsoe directing. Pastor Harold W. Giesek will speak on "A Savior is Born."

At 6 p.m. that same evening, the Sunday School will present its annual Christmas program, under the direction of Mrs. Jack Harned. In song, narrations and tableaux, the Christmas story will be depicted.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY, there will be an evening service. At 7:30 p.m., the congregation will gather for a candlelight service. The senior choir will sing, under the direction of Mrs. Alex Novitsky, church music director. Christmas selections will also be given by the youth handbell choir.

On Sunday evening, a candlelight, tree-trimming service will highlight the children's gift-giving. Nursery and kindergartners will give a special "gift of joy." First, second and third graders will give the "gift of love" and the "gift of sharing," while the intermediate children will bring the "gift of friendship."

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIANS
Programs of sharing and giving, celebration and fellowship, and music and reverence have been planned by the Birmingham Unitarian Church during the Christmas week.

On Christmas Eve, church families will join in a traditional candlelight service, and on New Year's Day, church members and friends have been invited to an Open House at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Marshall.

BEVERLY HILLS METHODIST
The Christmas Education Department will present the third annual Christmas program on Sunday at Beverly School at 4:30 p.m.

The Christmas pageant, "Where Lies the Child," will be enacted by students in the primary through high school grades under the direction of Mrs. Lloyd Jackman. The nursery and kindergartners will open with a hymn and carol sing.

At the end of the pageant, there will be a ceremony of sharing at which time the children will bring their gifts to the altar.

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At 11 P.M. on Christmas Eve, a candlelight choral communion service will be conducted. Several Christmas anthems will be offered by the senior choir of the church. Pastor Donald G. Zill will deliver the sermon on the topic: "How Far is it to Bethlehem?"



"Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

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1st Presbyterian Plans Two Musical Programs

The music of Christmas will highlight the services on Christmas Sunday at First Presbyterian Church.

The 65-voice Cecilia Junior High School girls' choir and the 70-voice Calvin High School choir will sing at 8:30 a.m. service. The Cecilia Choir will sing "Come To The Manger," by Kountz. The Calvin Choir will sing "Glorious To God in the Highest," by Pergolesi.

At the 9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services, the Chancel adult choir will sing the anthem "The Shepherd's Story," by Dickinson and massed youth choirs of 175 children will sing "Come To The Manger."

Dr. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the church, will preach on "Christmas In Ordinary Places." Services are at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

THE ANNUAL Christmas Eve service will be held in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian at 11 p.m. Dec. 24. A prelude of Christmas music will be played by flute and organ beginning at 10:45 p.m. Roger Welton will appear as guest flutist and L. Robert Slusser, minister of music, will direct the program. The Chancel adult choir will sing the music of Christmas including the anthems "Glorious To God in the Highest," by Randall

Vicinity Students' Club Sponsors Christmas Dinner

The Detroit and Vicinity Students' Club at the Orchard Lake Schools is sponsoring a Christmas Dinner on Monday, Dec. 30, at St. Florian Education Center in Hamtramck at 6:30 p.m.

The program will consist of the breaking of the wafer dinner and caroling by the Choristers of Ascension Parish, Warren.

For reservations, interested persons may call 924-4150. Last day for reservations is Monday.

Thompson; "Break Forth, O Beautiful Heavenly Light," by Bach; and "O Holy Night," by Adam.

Dr. Harris will preach on "Does Christmas Excite You?"

College students home for the Christmas vacation and members of the Single Young Adult Group of First Presbyterian Church are invited to attend an open house Sunday, Dec. 22, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Jack W. Angerman, 678 Westwood Drive.



Last Minute Instructions for 'Messiah'

Giving his four soloists last minute instructions is L. Robert Slusser, director of music at First Presbyterian Church, (center). The occasion was the Sunday performance of Handel's "Messiah," featured in First Presbyterian's annual Christmas Concert. The four soloists are, from left, Carolyn Grimes, soprano; Alice Engram, contralto; Amasa Tiffany, bass; and Kenneth Ish, tenor.

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VASU-LYNCH Funeral Home
4278 N. Woodward Ave., between 18 & 19 Mile South Liberty 9-0860

New Supervisor Appointed for Area

Jehovah's Witnesses in Birmingham were informed this week by Ronald Monette, presiding minister, that J. W. Filson has been appointed by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society as District Supervisor in this area.

Eighteen congregations in Michigan Circuit number 11 will come under his jurisdiction. Filson replaces Nicholas Kovalak, Jr., who has been assigned to the New York City Area. Besides the local Circuit, Filson will oversee about 20 other Circuits in Michigan and Ohio.

UNITY TRUTH TEMPLE
Beverly Hills - 3599 (7 Bks. N. of 14 Mile)
Affiliated with the School of Christianity
Sunday School 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Service 11:00 A.M.
Guest Speaker: Leroy Traflet

PILGRIM Congregational Church of Birmingham
Meeting temporarily at Y.M.C.A. 400 E. Lincoln
Rev. Howard E. Bull, Minister
Telephone 214-4770
11:00 A.M. Worship and Church School
"Worshipful, Intellectual, Friend-ful"
(Member, Nat'l Ass'n of Congregational Christian Churches)

BIRMINGHAM UNITARIAN CHURCH
Woodward at Lone Pine
Bloomfield Hills - MI 7-2380
Robert Marshall, Minister
A UNITARIAN CHRISTMAS Service, Church School, Nursery at 10:30. Coffee Hour follows

Kirk in the Hills
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
DR. HAROLD C. DEWINDT, MINISTER
MORNING SERVICE AND CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 AND 11:30 O'CLOCK

BEVERLY HILLS METHODIST CHURCH
Meeting at Beverly School Beverly Rd. West of Southfield
MORNING WORSHIP AND CHURCH SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.
Robert Boty, Minister

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
North Adams Road (1/2 Mile North of E. Long Lake Rd.)
Christmas Eve: 7:30 P.M.—Children's Worship Service with Holy Communion
Christmas Eve: 11:00 P.M.—Midnight Candlelight Service with Holy Communion
Christmas Day: 10:00 A.M.—Festival Worship
Rev. Donald G. Zill, Pastor MI 6-5041 - MI 6-5124

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
1599 West Maple
Worship Services—8:15, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.
Church School—9:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Sermon: "STARS OVER AMERICA"
Rev. G. Ernest Thomas, Th.D.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Bates and Willits Ministers: Birmingham, Mich.
Dr. Homer J. Armstrong, Rev. William W. Sutterlin
Rev. Charles J. Griffin
Church School 9:45 A.M.
Morning Service 11:00 A.M.
Sermon Title: "YOU CAN GET THERE FROM HERE" (Christmas Sunday)

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
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

NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
26275 Northwestern Highway at Lahser Road
11:00 a.m. CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF WORSHIP
MINISTERS: Rev. Ralph H. Read
Rev. Joseph G. Gregory
11:00 a.m. CHURCH SCHOOL
(Nursery through Senior High)
7:30 P.M. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Young People Participating
Christmas Music by Chancel Choir
Child care provided
ALL ARE WELCOME

Franklin Community Church
On Franklin's Village Green
Morning Worship—9:30 and 11:00
"VISIT TO A SMALL PLANET"
Church School for all ages.
Ministers: Kenneth Callis
O. Price Taylor

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
1609 WEST MAPLE at CHESTERFIELD (MI 4-2040)
8:30, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. "Christmas in Ordinary Places"
11:00 p.m. (Dec. 24) Christmas Eve Message "Does Christmas Excite You?"
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

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
17029 W. 13 Mile Road (between Greenfield and Southfield)
Sunday School Christmas Program—Sunday, Dec. 22, 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Worship—Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
Edward E. Brown, Pastor—Phone: MI 6-4148

CHRISTMAS Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
1800 West Maple
Children's Services—Sunday, Dec. 22—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"

CHRISTMAS SERVICES ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
355 W. Maple Birmingham, Michigan
CHRISTMAS EVE—Dec. 24, 1963
7:30 P.M.—Family Choral Eucharist (Jr. Choirs)
11:00 P.M.—Festive Choral Eucharist (Sr. Choirs)
CHRISTMAS DAY—Dec. 25, 1963
11:00 A.M.—Choral Eucharist (Chapel Choir)
SUNDAY, Dec. 29, 1963
8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
9:15 A.M.—The Ancient English Service of the Nine Lessons and Carols
11:00 A.M.—The Ancient English Service of the Nine Lessons and Carols (The Junior and Senior Choirs at both services)
NEW YEAR'S DAY, Jan. 1, 1964
10:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
Clergy—The Rev. Kenneth H. Gass, D.D., Rector
The Rev. W. Eugene Snokell, Associate
Rev. Peter Watkins, Assistant
Kent McDonald, Organist and Chairmaster