

Palm Sunday Services Slated at First Baptist

Palm Sunday services at First Baptist will be held at the regular hours with Church School at 9:45 a.m. and Worship at 11 a.m. The Message by the Minister, Dr. Homer J. Armstrong will be "God's Angry Man."

During Holy Week there will be noon-day services from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Speakers: Monday—Dr. Homer J. Armstrong; Tuesday—Rev. William Sutterlin; Wednesday—Rev. Charles Griffith and Thursday—Dr. Homer J. Armstrong.

MAUNDY THURSDAY evening will be a baptismal and Communion Service with Rev. Charles Griffith preaching. There will also be a reception of new members. Time of service—8 p.m.

Uniting Good Friday Services will be held at the First Methodist Church from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Dr. Armstrong will preach at the 2 p.m. hour. Soloist Dick Smith will sing at the 1 p.m. service.

Easter Sunday services will begin at 7 a.m. with a Sunrise Service and breakfast, led by the young people of the church. Two identical Easter worship services will be held at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Church School will meet at 10 a.m. Dr. Armstrong's Easter message will be "How Far is It to Heaven?"

Northminster Sets Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

A Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service will be held at Northminster Presbyterian Church on Thursday, March 26 at 8 p.m. This service is an adaptation of an early fourth century Christian rite traditionally observed during Holy Week. It includes the observance of the Lord's Supper, meditation and prayer, the reading of scripture and the singing of antems and hymns.

The sanctuary is brilliantly lighted at the beginning of the service. The lights are dimmed as it continues until only the master candle is lighted. The gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles is symbolic of the flight of the disciples, the approach of Jesus' enemies and His final isolation and passion.

FINALLY, there is total darkness, during which the bell is tolled 33 times, one for each year of Christ's life. The service is closed with the lighting of the master candle, a prophecy of the Easter soon to dawn.

Participating in this Tenebrae Service with the Rev. Mr. Taylor will be the ruling elders of the church. A variety of antems will be sung by the adult choir throughout the service.

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Cantata Set By Choirs at Congregational

The choir of The Congregational Church of Birmingham will feature the cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by duBois at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services on Palm Sunday, March 22. Major soloists will be Robert Bowden, Richard Vining, William Zollars, Alice Bowden, Sylvia Coughlin and Ebbel Ringelman.

This will be a family service; children from the Primary through Senior High will attend with their parents. Kindergarten children and nurseries will meet in their respective rooms, as usual.

MRS. DALTON Lamb is the new part-time Director of Christian Education for The Congregational Church of Birmingham. Mrs. Lamb has a fine educational background and years of excellent experience in both public and church schools. Mrs. Lamb will be at the church office 2 1/2 days each week.

On Maundy Thursday, March 26, The Congregational Church of Birmingham will hold a Service of Tenebrae. New members will be received into the church at this time.

The Tenebrae Service commemorates the last supper of Jesus with his disciples before the betrayal and crucifixion. The symbolic extinguishing of the lights signifies the approaching agony and suffering of the cross. The moment of total darkness recalls the period in the tomb. The re-lighted candle, and the strain of an Easter hymn, point toward Easter and resurrection.



Among His 3,000 Pipes

Kent McDonald, organist and choirmaster at St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham, stands among the more than 3,000 pipes that fill the organ loft of the church. McDonald recently gave an organ concert and guided people on a tour through the pipe-filled loft of St. James.

'The Deputy' Topic of Talk

"The Deputy, Catholics and Jews" will be the topic of Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine's sermon on March 15, at the Birmingham Temple. "The Deputy" which recently opened on Broadway has aroused an international controversy.

It accuses the late Pope Pius XII of criminal negligence because he failed to speak out against the Nazi extermination of the Jews. Rabbi Wine will discuss the play and answer the following questions: How valid is this charge? How will it affect Catholic Jewish relations? Can the play help clarify the required basis for successful interfaith relations?

Services for Birmingham Temple are being held at the Eagle School, 14 Mile Road and Middlebelt. They begin at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and hear this most vital sermon.

ON MARCH 17 at 8 p.m. the adult study group will be held. The topic to be discussed will be "The Role of Women in Society." It will be held at the home of the Merle Roisin, 6002 Brook Lane, Birmingham.

Tickets are available for the Treasure Hunt followed by a mid-night supper sponsored by the Birmingham Temple. It will be held on April 11, at 8:15 p.m. Those interested in attending the "Seek and Ye Shall Find" Treasure Hunt, may contact Esther Gottlieb, 352-3645 or Frances Berman, LI 5-8466 for further information.

N. Congregational Schedules Breakfast

The Women's Association of North Congregational Church, 28275 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, announces a Lenten Breakfast to be held at the church Tuesday, March 24, at 11 a.m. Chairman for the breakfast is Mrs. Harold Lyon, 18 Devonshire, Pleasant Ridge.

At 12 p.m. Rev. Joseph G. Gregory will present the final Lenten service "School of Calvary III." In keeping with the Lenten season, Nancy Tanager will present an illustrated program "A Tour Through the Holy Lands" following the Lenten service. Reservations should be made at the Church by Sunday, March 22. Child care will be provided.

It is a worthy thing to deserve honor than to possess it.

Thomas Fuller

Lathrup Community Church Sets Palm Sunday Worship

Selections from Handel's Messiah, "Behold the Lamb of God" and "He is Despised" will be among the presentations offered by the combined choral choir of Community Congregational Church of Lathrup Village, to make the Palm Sunday service a truly memorable one.

Also included in this traditional music-rich service will be Tchenokoff's "Salvation is Created" and the traditional "Wondrous Love." The Rev. Philip Gentile will have as his sermon topic, "In His Footsteps" at both the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, and will perform the baptismal rites for children.

Community Congregational Church's Sunday school classes meet at the same time as the church services, and there is a nursery room available.

Unity Center Sets Sunday Services

The Easter Season will be observed at Unity Center-Birmingham with the Palm Sunday lesson "Pointed in Spirit" to be given by Mrs. Ruth Carr at 11 a.m. On Good Friday, March 27, from 2 to 3 p.m. Mrs. Carr will conduct a service "Watch One Hour With Him."

The Easter Sunday service will be held at 9:00 a.m. when Mr. Everett Dell, minister of the Pontiac Unity, will deliver the Easter Message "My Lord and My God." Sunday School will also meet at 9 a.m.

Troy Methodist Slates Cantata

The Chancel Choir of The Troy Methodist Church (located on Livorno, just North of Square Lake Road) announces their Good Friday Night Cantata, on March 27, at 8:15 p.m. in the Evening.

This season they are presenting DuBois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ." Rodger H. Phillips, the Organist-Director of Music will be conducting the mass ensemble, and the guest Organist for the evening is Mrs. Dorothy Feucht; Soprano Soloist, Mrs. Ann Marshall; Tenor, Mr. Edward King; and Baritone, Mr. William McConnell (Mr. King, and Mr. McConnell are the Soloists for the Fort Street Presbyterian Church in Detroit).

This Cantata has never been performed in this area, although it is very commonly done in the Lenten Season. It depicts entirely through music, the last Seven sayings of Jesus uttered at his tragic death.

Mormon Leaders Featured Speakers at Stake Center

Two leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon), Salt Lake City, Utah, will be featured speakers at the quarterly conference of the Detroit Stake Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, in Bloomfield Hills.

Elder James A. Cullimore will represent the Church's General Welfare Committee and Elder Earl E. Olson the Genealogical Society. General sessions of the conference will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Stake Center at 425 North Woodward. They will be conducted by Stake President Edwin B. Jones, 158 Elmford, Clawson. Visitors are welcome.

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