

CHURCH DOINGS AND RELIGIOUS TALK

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PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Congregations to Observe the Festival on Various Days--Special Sermons, Music and Sunday School Exercises--Routine News of the Churches--Short Notes--Tomorrow's Services.

Tomorrow is the day on which the main Christmas services will be held in the First Presbyterian church. The pastor, Rev. Dr. James McLeod, will preach on subjects pertaining to the festival both morning and evening. At each service there will be special music. There will be no services on Thursday. The Sunday school exercises will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday following Christmas.

The following is the programme that will be rendered at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow: Organ, "Holy Night".....Dudley Buck Organ, "Festival Gloria".....Schnecker Contralto solo, "Bending Over a Cradle," Marzo "O Little Town of Bethlehem".....Nedlinger Bass solo and chorus, "The Manger".....Cradle.....Isaac Post and choir "Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices," Tenor solo, "Joy to the World".....Marzo William Emerick.

The usual Christmas services will be observed tomorrow at the Dunmore Presbyterian church. Rev. W. F. Gibbons, pastor. The following musical programme will be rendered at the morning service:

Musical director, E. E. Southworth. Organist, Miss Griffith.

Doxology, "The King of Glory".....Bible Hymn, "Hark! The Herald Angels," Solo, "The Holy Child".....Mendelssohn Solo, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear".....Sullivan Offertory, "Contique de Noel".....Adam G. duB. Dimmock. Hymn, "While Shepherds Watched," Handel.

EVENING SERVICE. Anthem, "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices".....Verdi Hymn, "Shout the Glory Tidings".....Ariston Solo, "The Birthday of a King".....Nedlinger

Hymn, "Joy to the World".....Mason Anthem, "Hail the Morn".....Earle Hymn, Portuguese Hymn.

The Christmas services at the Washburn Street Presbyterian church will occur the Sabbath following Christmas Day. The Christmas music has been carefully selected and will be rendered in a highly creditable manner. The quartette of the church will be augmented by an excellent chorus of sixteen voices, among whom are such well known soloists as Miss Sadler soprano; Mrs. Williams, contralto; Mr. Davis, tenor; and Mr. Harber, bass. There will be chorus anthems by Schnecker, Wareing, Bartlett and Mendelsohn, a quartette by Troubridge, and solos, trios and obligatos by the different voices. Professor Bauer will assist with the violin. During the time that Mrs. Jayne has been director of music at this church she has proved

herself to be entirely capable as a leader and untiring in her efforts to have her work deserving of place in the front rank. In Elm Park church the Sunday school will celebrate on Christmas night, although the pastor, Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin, will include thoughts of the festival in his sermon of tomorrow morning and two elaborate programmes of music will be rendered under the direction of J. Alfred Pennington, the church organist, on Sunday, Dec. 27.

The services on Christmas night will be wholly devoted to the Sunday school. There will be an entertainment programme appropriate to the day and a distribution of gifts. Because of the great number who will want to be present and who cannot be accommodated by even the large seating capacity, a ticket of admission will be granted to each scholar and for one guest, of each scholar. The Sunday school has a membership of about 1,200. Dr. Giffin will deliver an address.

There will be a morning congregational service on Christmas Day in the Penn Avenue Baptist church and music by a children's choir. The Sabbath school celebration will take place on morning on Sunday, Dec. 27, there will be services morning, afternoon and evening. The services will be of a special order and will appear outlined in an elaborate souvenir programme now being prepared by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Joseph K. Dixon. The programme cover and some of its details typographical work will be from special designs.

In St. Luke's Episcopal church there will be three special services on Thursday night, including a Sunday school service, with a Christmas tree and carol singing by the Sunday school and a special choir. Grace Reformed Episcopal church will hold its special Christmas services on Monday night, Dec. 28.

On the West Side most of the churches will not hold commemorative services on Christmas Day. On that night and on the merry eve a number of cantatas and entertainments will be given, and on the Sunday following Christmas, Dec. 27, services will be held at the Jackson Street Baptist, Washburn Street Presbyterian and the Simpson Methodist Episcopal churches. At the Jackson Street Baptist church the choir, under direction of Professor Lewis Davis, will sing several anthems, and Rev. Thomas De Gruchy, pastor, will preach one of his attractive sermons.

The Simpson church, in the evening, will commemorate with a sacred cantata, "The Nativity," Professor William Jones, leader, has the music in active rehearsal.

On Christmas eve the Sunday schools of the First Welsh Congregational church and the First Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church will conduct special entertaining exercises. At the first named church "Santa Claus in a Castle" will be given. W. R. Williams, superintendent of the Sunday school, and Evan Miles, chorister of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church, are in charge of the entertainment to be given. At the Jackson Street Baptist church, Christmas eve, the Sunday school will hold the regular Christmas entertainment, and at the Plymouth Congregational church, Christmas night, a cantata called "Santa Claus and Uncle Sam" will be given by the Sunday school, A. B. Eyon, director.

The Scranton Street Baptist church, also on Christmas night, will produce a cantata, "Santa Claus' Surprise." Miss Marie Watkins and Mrs. B. G. Beddels, are superintending the rehearsal. On the night of Innocent's day, Monday, Dec. 28, a sacred cantata, "The Story of the Star," will be given by a cast of singers and eloquentists numbering over sixty. This will be a pretentious affair. The principal characters, with their chorus assistants, will be costumed according to the manner of the time, the beginning of the Christian era. T. Owen Charles is directing the rehearsals.

The executive committee of the City

Christian Endeavor union met Tuesday evening in the Young Men's Christian Association building. The president, Rev. George C. Guild, presided. Reports from various committees of the late state convention were heard and plans laid for two or three public meetings to take place in the coming year; one in the interests of good citizenship and one in behalf of missions. Hereafter the executive committee will meet on Monday instead of Tuesday evenings.

Rev. F. C. Hoskins delivered a lecture in the lecture room of the Second Presbyterian church Tuesday evening on Turkey and the Armenian question. Mr. Hoskins has just returned from Zahleh, Syria, where he spent ten years as a Presbyterian missionary. He and Mrs. Hoskins were guests of Colonel and Mrs. H. M. Boies during their stay in this city.

Captains Masland and Green on Tuesday relinquished their command of the American Volunteer post in this city and left on Thursday for New York city, where, from national headquarters, they had been summoned to take charge of the Volunteers' Headquarters. They received a leave of absence for the purpose of rest which will be spent at the home of Captain Green's parents in New Bedford, Mass.

This week's indoor camp meetings of the Salvation Army in its barracks on Day night were as spirited and as enthusiastic as those of the first week. On Monday night, "Wash-day Christianity," was the theme and, naturally, Mr. Jones designated "Christians Saved on Ironing Day." Rev. John Griffiths spoke Wednesday evening and Rev. J. T. Morris preached, and Thursday night was reserved for the Methodists. Rev. W. J. Simpson, of Pittston, preaching the sermon. Last night the Baptists had a night. Rev. S. F. Matlock, pastor of the Scranton Street Baptist church, spoke. Tomorrow afternoon the Epworth league of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church will be in charge of the meeting.

This evening at 8 o'clock in the Young Men's Christian association entertainment hall, young men are invited to attend a free exhibition of some of the famous Frank Beard cartoons, as thrown upon the screen by A. V. Bower with a dissolving view oxyhydrogen lanterns. Comments on the pictures as shown. The subject of the evening is "The Wages of Sin and the Way of Escape." The pictures which will be used in this service will be remarkably striking, and have never before been used in stereoscopic work.

The ladies of the Green Ridge United Evangelical church are preparing to send a box of clothing to F. C. Beardsley, Durant, I. T., for distribution among destitute children. Donations of second-hand clothing may be made to Mrs. G. L. Malce, 1376 Penn avenue, not later than Monday, as the goods are to be shipped not later than Tuesday, if possible.

The Free Methodists will have preaching in Beer's hall, corner of North Main avenue and Lafayette street, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. John Cavanaugh, pastor.

The Sunday evening service at the Rescue Mission will be conducted by Tom Pape, from New York city.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

At the monthly rally of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association Monday night an entertainment was given by J. Stuart Blackton, cartoonist of the New York Journal. The members of the association enjoyed a luncheon after the entertainment.

The following officers for the Sunday school of Grace Reformed church were selected Wednesday night: W. T. Hackett, superintendent; W. W. Lath-

ropo, assistant superintendent; Theodore V. Grambs, secretary; Laura Waugh, assistant secretary; R. E. Weisenfue, treasurer; George C. De Wilde, librarian; Edward Freat, second assistant librarian; Samuel Fossil, music librarian. Rev. Dr. Jos. K. Dixon's Tuesday night's lecture in the Penn Avenue Baptist church on the monuments of the world was received with such pronounced favor that its repetition in the near future is probable. Professor Henry P. Van Lew, of New York, gave a lecture Monday evening at the Simpson M. E. church on "The Slums of New York." The talk was illustrated by stereopticon. Rev. Hugh Davis, pastor of the First Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church, will preach tomorrow at Warrior Run. His subject will be "The Fall of Jerusalem." Mr. Jones will not be filled and prayer services will be held.

TOMORROW'S SERVICES.

Christian Alliance--481 Penn avenue. Prayer meeting 9 to 10 a. m. Fourth Gospel service every Sunday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock, led by Rev. W. T. McArthur. Meeting Tuesday, sermon and evening at 3 and 7:30 o'clock. All cordially welcomed.

Sabbath Day Adventists--Services in Beer's hall, corner of Lafayette street and North Main avenue, Sunday, at 1:15 p. m. Subject, "The Fall of Jerusalem." All are welcome.

Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal Church--Rev. H. A. Grant, E. D., pastor, 10:30 a. m. Subject for sermon, "The Birth of Christ." 2:30, Sunday school; 7 p. m. Christian Endeavor; 8 p. m. subject for sermon, "There Was Christ Before Christmas."

Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church--George T. Price, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; morning subject, "God's Presence Necessary to Success"; Sabbath morning, "Who Is My Mother, and Who Are My Brethren" Matthew xii, 48; subject for evening, "The Rapture for 1897." All are cordially invited.

First Church of Christ (Scientists)--No. 319 Adams avenue. Sunday service, 10:30 a. m.; experience meeting Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All welcome. Fees free.

Second Presbyterian Church--Rev. Charles E. Robinson, D. D., pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor will give a 5-minute sermon to the children in the morning, after which he will preach on "Led by the Truth." In the evening the topic will be "Cheerful Religion." All seats free at night; all welcome at all services.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church--Fourteenth and Washburn streets. Rev. A. L. Rapp, Ph. D., pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Morning subject, "Make Straight the Way of the Lord;" evening, "Knowledge of Salvation."

Church of the Good Shepherd--Green Ridge street and Money avenue. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon, 10:30; Sunday school and rector's Bible class, 2:30; evening prayer and sermon, 7:30. All seats free at night; all welcome at all services.

All Souls' Universalist Church--Rev. F. W. Whipple, pastor. Morning subject, "John Baptist;" evening subject, "The Christ Spirit in Dickens's Christmas Carol." Washburn Street Presbyterian Church--Rev. John P. Moffat, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Bible school at 12 m.; Junior Christian Endeavor services at 4 p. m.; Senior Christian Endeavor services at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach in the morning on "Hidden Things," and in the evening on "Moral Cowardice." Christmas services and donations will be given on the 27th. All cordially welcome to all of the services.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church--Short avenue, Park Place. Rev. I. Kovada, pastor. Services in English, 7:30 p. m. Friday evening. Christmas service, in English, 7:30 p. m.; in German, 10:30 a. m. Trinity Lutheran Church--Adams avenue, corner Mulberry street. Rev. Edwin Lunn Miller, pastor. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Services at 10:30 and 7:30. St. Luke's Church--Rev. Rogers Israel, rector. Fourth Sunday in Advent, 7:30 a. m. Holy communion; 9:15 a. m. Sunday school; 10:30 a. m. morning prayer and sermon; 7:30 p. m. evening prayer and sermon. The offering will be for Diocesan missions.

St. Mark's--Dunmore. Rev. Edward J. Haughton, priest. Fourth Sunday in Advent. 8 a. m. Holy communion, 10:30 a. m. morning prayer and sermon; 3 p. m. Sunday school; 7:30 p. m. evening prayer and sermon.

St. George's Mission--Olyphant, 3 p. m. Sunday school; 4 p. m. evening prayer and sermon.

Green Ridge United Evangelical Church--Rev. G. L. Malce, pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 10:45 a. m. Dr. J. L. Killip, rector, Fourth Sunday in Advent in the evening. Subject, "Our Nation's Perils, the Remedy." Sunday school at 8:20 a. m. Strangers welcome.

Grace Lutheran Church--Corner Madison avenue and Mulberry street. Rev. Foster U. Gift, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; evening sermon, "The Wicket Gate" of series on Pilgrim's Progress.

Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal Church--F. P. Doty, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Preaching morning and evening by the pastor; Sabbath school at 2 p. m.; Epworth league at 6:30 p. m. Christmas tree and entertainment, Thursday evening, Dec. 21. A welcome to all.

Trinity United Evangelical Church--Rev. J. G. Whitmore, pastor. At 10:30 a. m. Rev. J. L. Killip, D. D., will preach. Sunday school at 2 p. m.; annual missionary service at 7:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. G. L. Malce.

Green Ridge Baptist Church--Rev. W. J. Ford, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for sermon, "The Possibility of Doing the Impossible." In the evening, "Modern Heroes."

Penn Avenue Presbyterian Church--Joseph K. Dixon, pastor. Will preach at 10:30 and 7:30 o'clock. Subject for the morning, "The Christian's Great Business," and in the evening, "The Heredity of Holiness." A short song service will precede the evening sermon. The ordinance of Baptism will be administered at the evening service. Bible school at 2 o'clock; Young People's meeting at 6:30 sharp. You are cordially welcome at all the services.

Free Methodists--Preaching in Beer's hall Hyde Park, corner Main avenue and Lafayette streets, Sunday at 3 p. m. All are welcome. John Cavanaugh, pastor, in charge.

Plymouth Congregational Church--Rev. T. Bell, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and at 7 o'clock p. m.; communion service and reception of members in the morning, and in the evening the pastor will preach his sixth in the series of sermons on the seven churches. "A Small Church, but Faithful Philadelphia" is the topic. First Presbyterian Church--Rev. James McLeod, D. D., pastor. Services appropriate to Christmas will be held both morning and evening. Christmas music will be sung. Dr. McLeod will preach both morning and evening. His subject will be "The Savior's Advent, and Its Amazing Influence upon Both the Church and the World." Strangers welcome to all the services.

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