MUSIC & SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES.

MUSIC TO BE BIG FEATURE OF CHURCH YULETIDE SERVICES

THE story of the coming of the King in carol, cantata and chorus will feature the Christmas services in city churches to-morrow and on Christmas Day. The musical programs are more elaborate than ever, including many of the beautiful works of some of the greatest masters.

In a number of the edifices Christmas carols of long ago have been selected and will be sung together with some of the newer stories of song about the birth of the Christ Child. Some of the choirs will sing from the church towers and belfries in the early hours on Christmas morning, while other will sing at a midnight service to-morow. Programs to be presented to-morrow and on Christmas Day in many of the churches follow:

Presbyterian

PAXTON PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday morning service at 10:30, with Christmas exercises by the Sunday school. Evening service at 7:30, preceded by a fifteen-minute organ recital. Evening program:

Organ: (a) Christmas Overture on Carol, "We Three Kings of Orient Are"; (b) Christmas Sketch, Scott; (c) Fantasia on Christmas Carol "Holy Night, Peaceful Night"; offertory, Christmas Carol, Bryson.

Cantata: "The Adoration," George B. Nevin; chorus, "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful"; baritone solo and chorus, "Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive"; chorus and soprano solo, "In Reverent Awe and Solemn State"; men's chorus, "Then Sweeping Through the Arch of Night"; chorus, "Softly the Starlight"; soprano solo and chorus, "And Lo, the Angel of the Lord"; chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest"; alto solo and chorus, "Hushed at Length the Gracious Song"; chorus "Amen! Lord We Bless Thee"; postlude, March of the Magi Kings, Dubois.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

Morning: Prelude, "Christmas Pastorale," Rogers; offertory, "Christmas Muset," Manly; the choir will sing a cantata entitled: "The Word Made Flesh," Shepard; postlude, "Christmas Offertorium," Lemons.

Evening: Organ prelude, "Christmas Fanfare," Briggs; offertory, piano, two violins and 'cello; orchestra will play several selections.

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN

Program for the Christmas Praise service: Sunday evening — Prelude, "Gloria in Excelsis," Mozart; quartet, "Come and Worship," Ashford, Miss E. Mutzabaugh, Mrs. B. Fenstenmacher, Messrs. Young and Sheesley; duet, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," Fearis, Miss B. Stambaugh and Miss H. Waite; offertory, "Cradle Song," Gottschalk; solo and chorus, "O, Holy Night," Adam. Mrs. F. M. Green; anthem, "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings," Geibel; solo, "Under the Stars," Brown, Miss A. Yost.

Lutheran

ZION LUTHERAN

The choir of Zion Lutheran Church will give its Christmas Praise Service on Christmas Day (Monday) at 6 o'clock in the morning under the direction of Edwin J. Decevee, organist and choirmaster. The choir of 40 voices will be assisted by these soloists: Mrs. E. J. Decevee, soprano; Miss Bennett, contralto; F. F. Lutz, baritone, and William Meyers, violinist.

Excerpts from R. Huntington Woodman's beautiful cantata, "The Message of the Star," will be sung, among them being the two effective choruses, "He Shall Be Great," and "Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem." In the latter the composer has introduced the familiar hymn, "Adeste Fidelis."

The story of the Annunciation is sung by the baritone and alto, followed by the chorus, "He Shall be Great." Later in the work occurs the "Mother's Reverie," an esquisite solo, which is given to the soprano followed by the dramatic, "Song of the Shepherds."

As in former years the girls' choir will sing the carols accompanied by violin and Mozart's "Gloria," from the Twelfth mass will be the closing number.

Mr. Myers, the violinist, will play Raff's "Cavatina," and Mr. Decevee, the organist, will give "The Pastoral," and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah."

The Rev. Stewart Winfield Herman, the pastor, will give a short talk on "Christmas With Christ." E. A. Kepner will play some of the beautiful old Christmas hymns on the chimes.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN

To-morrow evening a unique service will be held in Messiah Lutheran Church. In place of the regular evening service there will be a candle light service. The entire church has been decorated for Christmas. At each window and on the altar there will be placed candles, which will be lighted for the telling of the Christmas story. This will be the theme of the Rev. H. W. A. Hanson's sermon. Other services in the church for the day include a Christmas sermon at 10.30; the Christmas service of the Sunday school at 2.30; the intermediate Christian Endeavor at 6.30, and the candle light service at 7.30. Following an annual custom, there will be held at 6.30 o'clock on Christmas morning a service to mark the beginning of Christmas Day. The music for to-morrow follows:

Morning: Prelude, "Christmas Pastorale," (Herald Angels) Dinelli; anthem, "There Were Shepherds," Vincent; offertory, "Morning Chimes," La Villa; carol, "While Shepherds Watched," (A Capella) Nevin; postlude, "Christmas March," Merkel.

Evening: Prelude, "Choral Prelude" Deshayes; anthem, "Sing, O, Heavens" Tours; anthem, "Jesus Christ To-day is Born" Marzo; offertory, "Allegretto Pastorale," Heaton; anthem, "The Everlasting Light," Wilson; carol, "Holy Night," (A Capella) Gruber; postlude, "Christmas Postlude," Guilmant.

Christmas morning, 6:30 o'clock: Prelude, "Chorus of Shepherds," Lemmens; anthem, "Like Silver Lamps," Barnby; offertory, "Cradle Song," Stephen; anthem, "Jesus Christ To-day is Born," Brackett; postlude, "Grand Choeur," Montgomery.

AUGSBURG LUTHERAN

Morning—Organ, Christmas Offertory, Grison; choir, "There Were Shepherds," Ashford; offertory, "The Shepherds of the Field," Malling; baritone solo, "The Star of Bethlehem," Plogstead, Chalmer Groff; postlude, Toccato from Gothique Suite, Boellman.

Evening — Organ, "The Manger," Guilmant; choir, "Arise, Shine," Shelley; duet, "Christmas Song," Adam, Miss Keeney and Miss Ebner; offertory, "Bethlehem," Malling; solo, "The Manger Cradle," Miss Keeny; postlude, Allegro Vivace from First Sonata, Mendelssohn.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN

Morning service: Prelude, "Christmas Prelude," Grison; quartet, "Sing, Mrs. Heefner, Mrs. Bressler, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Mathias; sermon, "Christmas Good Tidings," Dr. Markward; carol, "The First Noel," Traditional melody, by quartet and chorus; offertory, "Adoration," Gaul; postlude, "March," Wachs.

Evening service: Prelude, "The Manger," Guilmant; chorus, "Bethlehem," Bartlett; quintet, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," Neidlinger, Mrs. Heefner, Mrs. Bressler, Mrs. Bickley, Mr. Hoover, Mr. Mathias; sermon, "A Study of Persons Related to the First Christmas"; solo, "Night of Nights," Van de Water, Mrs. Bressler; offertory, "Pastorale," Bartlett; postlude, "Caravan March," Maunder.

Childrens exercises at 6.30 o'clock. Processional; opening song, "'Tis Christmas"; prayer; words of welcome, Margaret Trego, Doris Powell, John Wenrich, Ida Goodman; "The Holly Wreath," Florence Markward and Junior Girls; song, "Every Twinkling Star," Donald Shope and primary boys; recitation, Mary Louise Gilbert; "Stars of Christmas," ten junior girls, echo, Esther Pond and solo, "Dollie's Lullaby," Mary Elizabeth Smith; recitation, Elizabeth Wilbar; recitation, "Merry Christmas Bells," eight juniors; recitation, Geo. Wolford; song, "I Love This Little Stranger," Helen Bodner and chorus of beginners; "The Song in the Night," junior girls, ech, Esther Pond and Helen Carson Barnes; solo, "When Folks Begin to Whisper," Dorothy Mae Barnes; song, "Holy Night So Calm and Still," Evelyn Yingling and chorus; song, "Christmas Bells Are Ringing," junior boys; song, "From Home So Bright," primary girls; pantomine, "Nearer My God to Thee," soloist, Miss Mary Belle Corbett, and pianist, Miss Florence Rinkenbach. Announcements and offering; recessional.

Midnight service: Prelude, "Pastorale Symphony," Handel; unaccompanied quartet, "Holy Night, Peaceful Night," German folk song; responsive reading; carol, "Ring Out the Bells," Hodges; hymn No. 215; responsive reading; carol, "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen," Traditional Melody; responsive reading; hymn No. 225; address by pastor; carol, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," Gaul; hymn No. 229; postlude, "March of the Magi," Dubois.

TRINITY LUTHERAN, CAMP HILL

The Christmas festivities will begin this evening at 7:30 o'clock in Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, with an entertainment by the primary department of the Sunday School, under the direction of Mrs. Walter, superintendent. At the close of these exercises a cantata "The Rose of Bethlehem" will be presented by members of the adult school, of which H. M. Askins is superintendent. The music will be in charge of Mrs. H. M. Shope. Sunday morning at 9:15 o'clock a Christmas service will be held by the Sunday school, followed by the regular service at 10:30 o'clock, when the Rev. Dr. E. D. Weigle will preach a Christmas sermon and the choir will sing: "Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings," Danks; "Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem," Danks. At 7:30 in the evening the choir will sing Ira B. Wilson's cantata, "Peace and Good Will."

Episcopal

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL

The church choir of 35 voices under direction of Alfred Kuschwa, organist and choirmaster, will sing the special Christmas music at the following services:

Christmas Evening, 7 o'clock: Sunday school exercises and carols.

Midnight Service: Processional, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"; carol, "Good Christian Men Rejoice," Traditional; anthem, "Shepherds' Christmas Song," Reiman; carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night," German; carol, "Shepherds! Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep"; recessional, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

Christmas Day, 11 o'clock: Processional, "O, Come All Ye Faithful"; Gloria Tibi in E Flat, Allum; hymn, "Sing, O Sing This Blessed Morn"; offertory anthem, "Lo, God, Our God Is Come," Haynes; Sursum Corda, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, Gloria in Excelsis, (In E Flat), Allum; recessional, "Shout the Glad Tidings."

At the 7:30 o'clock service Sunday evening, December 31, the choir will sing the cantata, "The Holy Child," by Thomas Adams.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL

Sunday night, 11 o'clock — Processional, "Rejoice Ye Believers," Greenland, Lausanne Psalter; "Magnificat," Hopkins; "Nunc Dimittis," Novello; meditation, "Lo, He Comes," Reohead; announcements; hymn, "Though Faint, Yet Pursuing," Robinson; advent address and prayers, pre-Xmas; hymn, "The Morning Light Is Breaking," Webb; benediction.

Christmas service — Hymn, "Joy Fills Our Heart To-day," Ganvete; Venite I "O' Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord," Goodson; Jubilate Duo, "O Be Joyful in the Lord," Smith; Introit, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," Mendelssohn; "Kyrie Eleison," Elvey; "Gloria Tibi," Paxton; "Nicene Creed," Chant; hymn, (sermon) "Adeste Fideles," Reading; offertorium, "St. Louis, O Little Town Bethlehem"; Sursam Corda and Sanctus," Camidge; Holy Communion hymn 228, Monk; "Gloria in Excelsis," Old Chant; "Nunc Timittis," Novello; recessional, "The Son of God," Witney.

Peace On Earth

Softly the mother rested with the Babe upon her breast;
The pain and fear were over and her woman's hour was blest.
She saw no shadow of the cross upon each tender limb,
Her Babe was born in Bethlehem and mankind welcomed Him!

If tortured years were coming, they too would pass away,
The Son of Man would reign supreme as on His natal day.
That perfect faith of motherhood the old world lifted high,
It stands to-day a star of hope against a lurid sky

Oh, mothers of the world of men whose garments drip with blood,
Hope on! The hour is dawning, the full-tide of the flood.
The peace that came to Mary in the stable by the inn
Is stealing, silent footed, o'er a world pain racked with sin.

And the angel choirs of Heaven sing a new and joyous song
That peace on earth, so long denied, in men's hearts hath been born.
While the plains of Judea echo, all Creation lifts the cry
That the human race is waking to the message from on high!

—ANNA HAMILTON WOOD.

Written For the Harrisburg Telegraph.

Reformed

SALEM REFORMED

The "Nativity" by Stone will be sung by the choir of Salem Reformed Church, Third and Chestnut streets to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock. Mrs. E. C. Thompson will be the organist and director.

Part 1—The Prophecy: Organ prelude; chorus, choir, "When The Fullness of the Time Was Come."

Part 2—The Fullfillmen: Recite-Baritone, "And It Came To Pass In Those Days"; soprano and chorus, "He Shall Be Great," Solo, soprano, "God So Loved the World"; solo, tenor and chorus, "When Jesus Was Born"; recite and air, baritone, "I Am The Light of the World"; recite, soprano and baritone, "They Were in the Same Country"; chorus, "Glory To God In The Highest"; solo, contralto, "Come Unto Me"; recite, baritone and chorus "Behold, The Days Come"; recite, baritone, "When Herod the King"; quartet, male voices, "In Bethlehem"; chorus, "But Thou Bethlehem"; trio, "Of The Father's Love Begotten"; recite, soprano and baritone, "Then Herod, When He"; finale, chorus, "Awake! Put On Thy Strength."

The soloists are: Mrs. C. E. Myers, soprano; Miss C. Wynne Casell, contralto; Lewis H. Zarker, tenor, and Charles M. Cassell, baritone.

The male quartet is: Lewis H. Zarker, first tenor; William H. White, second tenor; Rudolph K. Fortna, first bass; Charles M. Cassell, second bass.

At the six o'clock service Christmas morning, the following will be sung:

Ancient Christmas carols, choir; chants, "Benedictus," and "The Magnificat," baritone solo and chorus, "The Birthday of the King," by Meidlinger, Rudolph K. Fortna, soloist; "Adeste Fideles," "Glory in Excelsis," "Gloria Patri," "Gloria" from the 12th Mass by Mozart.

The organ numbers are: "Christmas Offertory," Grison; "March Pontificial" Lemmons; "First Sonata," Guilmant; "Shepherds in the Fields," Mailling.

The Christmas service of all the departments of the Sunday school will be held on Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at which time the service "Love Incarnate" will be given.

FOURTH REFORMED

Sunday morning: Anthem, "Where Is He That is Born," Coombs.

Evening: Opening of service with organ recital by J. Herbert Springer. Quartet (organ vestibule), "Silent Night," Gruber; anthem, "Holy Night, Peaceful Night," Hawley; anthem, "There Were Shepherds," Vincent; anthem, "Sing, O, Heavens," Simper.

Christmas morning, 5:45 o'clock: Quartet, (by request), "Silent Night," Gruber; tenor solo, "Birthday of a King," Neidlinger, Mr. George; anthem, "Where Is He That is Born King," Coombs; anthem, "Gloria," (from "Twelfth Mass") Mozart.

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED

The cantata, "Lord of All," will be given in St. John's Reformed Church, Fourth and Maclay streets, Christmas evening, under the direction of H. W. Keitel, assisted by Miss Pearl Sowers, organist, and a choir of the twenty trained voices. Following is the program:

Prelude and men's unison chorus, "Oh, Zion That Bringest Good Tidings"; chorus, "Arise and Shine"; duet, "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem"; Mrs. Charles Hoke, soprano; Miss Evelyn Keitel, alto; chorus, "A King Shall Rule"; baritone solo, "The Star of Bethlehem" prof. Clarence Zorger; chorus, "Shine Wonderful Star"; soprano solo, "Night of Nights," Mrs. C. E. Cornelius; chorus, "Glory to God in the Highest"; men's chorus, "Let Us Now Go Even to Bethlehem"; soprano solo, "No Room for the Christ Child," Mrs. Hoke; chorus, "God With Us," tenor solo, "The Great White Throne," Mrs. Frank M. Swarner; final chorus, "Sing Unto God."

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

The morning service will be in celebration of the Christmas season. The pastor, the Rev. Harvey Klaer, will preach upon the theme "The Love of God in the Christmas Story." The church choir will sing a special program of Christmas anthems. The Christmas exercises of the Sabbath school will be given at 6.30. They will consist of a program by the primary department and a sacred cantata by the main school entitled "The Christmas Child." In this a beautiful old tradition of the Christ Child is presented by the aid of costumes, lights and the singing by a children's chorus of the old Christmas carols.

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GREENS DECORATE CITY'S CHURCHES

Many Beautiful Christmas Services Throughout Tomorrow and Monday

Christmas in the churches this year will be celebrated in a more elaborate way than ever before, ministers having arranged special programs for all services to-morrow and on Christmas Day.

Unique designs and figures feature the decorations which always play a prominent part in the celebration. Holly, laurel, mistletoe and ivy are being used in practically all of the edifices, while some of the decorative schemes include cedar, spruce, fir and balsam trees.

As Christmas comes on Monday arrangements have been made by many of the pastors and superintendents of Sunday Schools to have the children's programs on Monday evening. In some of the schools the entertainments, with recitations and songs, will be given to-morrow morning and afternoon at the regular session.

A number of churches will have special early morning services to-morrow and on Christmas Day. Old Christmas carols will be sung and short sermons will be made by the pastors. Among the churches in which early morning services will be held are Calvary Presbyterian, Zion Lutheran, Reformed Salem, St. Paul's Episcopal, Maclay Street Church of God, Holy Communion Lutheran, Camp Curtin Memorial Methodist, Park Street United Evangelical and Stevens Memorial Methodist.

Other ministers have arranged for midnight services to commemorate the birth of Christ. Special programs of song will mark these celebrations. Among the churches in which these services will be held are the Bethlehem Lutheran, Grace Methodist, St. Stephen's and St. Augustine's Protestant Episcopal and several of the Catholic churches. Special masses will be held early Christmas morning in the Catholic churches. An impressive mass will be held also in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Christmas morning.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT CATHEDRAL HALL

The complete program for the children's Christmas entertainment to be given to-morrow afternoon at Cathedral Hall under the direction of the Knights of Columbus is as follows:

Opening chorus, "Ring, O Bells," children of parochial schools; instrumental trio, Alice Sullivan, Catherine Sprucebank and Mary Sullivan; Dutch dancing tots, Geneva Burns, Mildred Cashman, Delia Green, Mary Sheehey and Gladys Santamaria; chorus, St. Mary's school; recitation, "A Story of Santa Claus," Sara Maloney; vocal solo, Miss Julia Neidig; instrumental duet, Beatrice and Catherine McLanahan; "Highland Fling," Eileen Maloney, Irene Cashman, Virginia Burns, Alice Smith and Gladys Santamaria; chorus, St., Francis' school; instrumental solo, William Martin; reading, Miss Martina Moeslein; instrumental trio, John Schreck, James Keane and Loman Seitz; chorus, St. Lawrence school; instrumental solo, Jeanette Bruscia; entertainment, Edna and Gladys Santamaria; instrumental trio, Mary Sullivan, Mary Smarsh and Edna Santamaria; instrumental solo, Ethel Houston; instrumental trio, Carmelite Clarke, Catherine Seitz and Elizabeth Buch; chorus, Cathedral school; instrumental trio, Francis Baker, Theresa Bondand Beatrice Snoddy; "Adeste Fideles," assembly.

Gifts will be distributed at the close of the entertainment.

CAROLS TO STEAL INTO YOUR DREAM

Dozens of Groups Will Tell Sweatest Story of Ages in Yuletide Song

When into your dreams early Christmas morning steal strains of heavenly music,—music that tells the sweetest story of the ages—you will know the Christmas carrolers are come.

Dozens of groups—some men, some women—will go throughout the city singing the old familiar songs you have known since childhood beneath your window from midnight until Christmas morn. "Joy to the World," "Crown Him," "Come All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night," "Little Town of Bethlehem,"—these are the hymns of that Greatest Love which will sound throughout the night."

The Allison Hill Christmas Carol Association of which William A. Fenicle is president, has been practicing for several weeks and this organization will sing throughout the Hill district, stopping at some places to bring the message of Peace on Earth which have been on the list for a score of years. The association is made up largely of men of the Derry Street United Brethren Men's Bible Class.

TO HOLD MUSICALE

At a meeting of class No. 5 of the Augsburg Lutheran Sunday school it was announced that the class will hold a musicale in the latter half of January, no date has yet been set. The committee is as follows: Earl Rüdiger, chairman of musical committee; Winston Roming, Marrion Manbeck, Forrest Grundon.

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Olivet Presbyterian Church

Derry Street, Above 14th

Rev. Alfred L. Taxis, Pastor

10.30 A. M.

"The Gospel of Heaven"

7.30 P. M.

Cantata,

"The Christmas King"

2.00 p. m.—Sabbath School, all departments.

7.30 p. m.—Tuesday, Christmas festival by the Sabbath School.

Strangers Cordially Invited to All of These Services

To-morrow Will Be a Great Day

AT THE

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Corner Green and Reily Streets

Morning Church Service—10.30 O'clock

The Choir Will Sing a Beautiful Christmas Cantata, entitled, "THE WORD MADE FLESH"

Sunday School ..... 1.45 O'clock
Christian Endeavor ..... 6.30 O'clock
Evening Church Service ..... 7.00 O'clock

Full Orchestra Will Play Several Selections.
In Connection With the Sermon, "God's Wonderful Gift," Stereopticon Slides Will Be Used.
You Will Be Welcome at Any or All of These Services.

PINE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRD AND PINE STREETS

Christmas Sunday, December 24

Preacher, Rev. L. S. Mudge, D. D., Pastor

10:30 A. M.

"The Christmas Star"

Matthew 2:10

Music by The Double Quartette, Chorus and Organ.

7:30 P. M.

"The Song of Jesus"

Isaiah 9:6

Handel's "Messiah." Part I.

Will Be Rendered by

The Double Quartette, Chorus and Organ.

To All These Christmas Services

You Are Cordially Invited.

Derry St. United Brethren Sabbath School

15th and Derry Streets

Special Christmas Services

Sunday, December 24th

2:00 P. M.—A program given by Primary and Beginners' Departments.

7:30 P. M.—"White Gifts For the King." This includes the bringing of gifts of self, service and substance by classes or individuals and presenting them to the King.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

FRONT STREET, NEAR PINE

REV. ROLLIN ALGER SAWYER, Rector

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Advent Sermon.
7.00 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Sunday School Christmas Festival.

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

12 o'clock (midnight), Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Christmas Sermon.
Christmas carols will be sung at the midnight service. The service at 11.00 o'clock on Christmas morning will be choral. The offertory anthem will be: "Lo God, Our God Has Come," by Haynes.
The offering will be given to the Clergy Relief Fund.