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Ministers
Rev. Art Griffin
Rev. Jack Shaver

FIRST UNITED CHURCH
320 East Hastings Street
Vancouver, B. C.

10:30 A. M.

"GO OUT TO SERVE"

The Praise of God

The Call to Worship
Hymn: 207 (23 Vs. 1,3,5) Tune: St Stephen
"When all thy mercies,"
Prayer of Invocation
Unison Reading: 524 (from The Hymn Book)
The Gloria
Quartet: "The Flaming Banners Of Our King" Buck

The Word of God

The Reading from Scripture: Luke 9: 23-36
Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
Hymn: 142 (445) "All the way my Saviour leads me"
Sermon: "Transfiguration"
Rev. Art Griffin

Our Response to God's Word

Prayer
Soloist: Gerald Britland
The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology
Announcements: The Life and Work of The Church
Hymn: 154 (139 Vs. 1,3,4,6)
"Hail to the Lord's anointed"
The Benediction and Choral Amen
Organ Chimes and Postlude

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WELCOME - We extend a sincere welcome to all who are
visiting with us today. An informal Coffee Hour will be
held immediately after both Services, and all are invited.

"When He came.....there was no light; When He left.....
there was no darkness."

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 1976

PASSION SUNDAY

EVENING BROADCAST on CKWX
(Heard at 8:00 p. m.)

Organ Prelude
The Call to Worship
Hymn: 458 (90 Vs. 1-4,6) "O come and mourn with me"
Prayer of Invocation
Quartet: "Man Of Sorrows"
The Reading from Scripture: John 11: 47-53
arr. by Paul
I John 1: 5-10
Soloist: Gerald Britland - KING EVER
Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Sung)
Quartet: "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" - from the School of

Sermon: "Blood And Cleansing"
Rev. Jack Shaver

Prayer
Hymn: 460 "Were you there"
The Benediction and Choral Amen
Organ Chimes and Voluntary

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(Off the Air)

The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology
Announcements: The Life and Work of The Church
Hymn: 294 (356 Vs. 1-3,5,6) "Take my life,"
Blessing and Organ Postlude

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NEXT SUNDAY, April 11th, is PALM SUNDAY. The Morning
Service will be conducted by Rev. Jack Shaver and the
Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed.

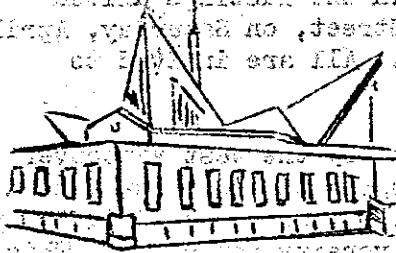
In the evening our Quartette, under the direction of
Harry Stothers, Organist, will present the Cantata "Seven
Last Words of Christ" by DuBois.

Organist
Harry Stothers

7:00 P. M.

Sunday, April 4, 1976

Around First Church



NEW FORM OF OVERSIGHT:

First United Church operation is responsible to Metropolitan Council (which in turn is responsible to the four Lower Mainland Presbyteries). Council has approved a new and expanded Committee to provide this oversight. Membership will consist of: two members appointed by Metro Council, one by Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery, three members of First Church Staff Team, and Staff Officer(s) of Metro Council.

First Church Staff Team is very happy with this new arrangement. It now has three members helping make important recommendations to Metro, whereas there was only one before.

PEOPLE: Have you seen the pictures of various members of the Staff Team and community in different publications? In 'Mandate': Bill Hennessy, Bernie Clynch and Marjorie Martin, page 16; also, Bill and Doreen Robinson, on page 19. In the 'Downtown East' paper: Vicki Obedkoff at the Women's Rally, Legislative Buildings in Victoria, last week, on the front page.

REMEMBER....our two remaining Lenten Study group evenings on Thursday, April 8th and Thursday, April 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lounge. We had a good beginning last Thursday!

GREAT! Our contributions to the B.C. Conference Indian Land Claims is up to \$147.00. A similar amount goes to World Development!

THE LENTEN SERVICE this week will be held Monday, April 5th, at Lakeview United Church, 2025 East 12th Avenue. The topic is ".....US" and the Co-ordinator is The Rev. Allen Crewe. Refreshments are being served following these Services which are presented by the Vancouver East Ministerial Association.

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A BAZAAR, sponsored by the ladies of the Finnish Congregation, will be held in the Hastings United Church hall, 2595 Franklin Street, on Saturday, April 10th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

"GODSPELL" is being presented by the West Vancouver United Players (from the congregation of West Vancouver United Church) tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the University Hill United Church, 5375 University Boulevard. This is likely your last opportunity of seeing Godspell this season. There is no charge but an offering will be taken.

ANCHOR, a program of religious concerns, is presented each Sunday, 9:00 a.m., on Channel 12 T.V. The topic for next Sunday, April 11th, will be "Being Single in a Couples World". Many singles believe the church is not a place a single person can go for social activity and feel comfortable. As an institution the church is set up to minister to families and that means couples. This is one of the problems that will be considered on this show. Taking part in the panel are: Maureen Smith, Northwest Singles; Gloria Cranfield of the Vancouver Chapter, Parents Without Partners; and Dr. Gordon Patterson, Associate Minister and Director of "Hobbit House", First Baptist Church, Vancouver.

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THIS WEEK:

TUESDAY: ALATEENS will meet at 7:00 p.m.

SCOUTS will meet at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: HAPPY HOURS will meet at 1:15 p.m.

A.A. will meet at 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY: ALANON will meet at 1:00 p.m.

CUBS will meet at 6:45 p.m.

SATURDAY: SATURDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP will meet at 8:00 p.m.

TITLE

It is expedient that one man should die for the People

PASSION SUNDAY :-

When I noted that this was passion Sunday.

it was remembered again -

How central our Lord's Passion was to the first People who recorded anything about him.

The story of the last week

- rejection, arrest, ^{humiliation} execution -

take up most of the space in the Gospels.

Another reminder

- First Christmas writers.

Law - they - Sin & Salvation kind of religion.

NOT - our needs are better than your needs kind of religion

- our standards are better than yours.

Good human problem - need more profound

- change in needs - renewed

human predicament - ~~more~~ more enriched

NOT saying: It is really to do with the - that high needs are needed
~~human problem~~
Real of human problem is a sin & salvation matter

Welcome news age like ours

we are best of human problems that

don't get removed long ways at once disposed

At the same Time.

I find - a lot of modern People have trouble with
some of the Biblical language →

Biblical Ideas

Blood of Jesus cleanses us

X died for us

Exp. about that no man should die.
for the people.

Removal of ritual & ritual ceremony }
Biblical Study. } patient work

→ all that language - constant work -
→ problems with ideas → misunderstandings of ideas

Thought we'd consider two ~~that~~ ideas,
people feel themselves bothered about -
message of Christian story of sin & salvation

1. My Sin is dealt with by sacrifice { death -
Blood
suffering

NOT JUST -

a lot of the work to say

2. Gift of Salvation - suffering for another -

- gift has a love in it.

- gift

1 Sin - delt with wounds of another -

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from B & Others

if there is an remedy for sin - Gift
to ~~use~~ or alternate remedy:

to want I be my own savior.

to want I be my own creator.

— root of sin — key to why
human predicament is so

Not Right: - Gift - paid for by another ^{autologous} cheap grace
Kind of Gift it is:

— Sin is born - Copied, — we are born up in
others

— Forget self salvation.

— Sin leaving — Creating
looked into that - looked into the

2. Salvation Gift - great price -
— Great Debt.

eg Parents: — gift — justification as gift
(Real money)

Debt for cheap grace NOT Great Debt: -
wasn't need of a gift.

a gift at all
costs Grace — you purchase it — Not free

Gifts: — Now I have the Great Debt
— Now I have the great Gift

Gift of life . good + bad
hard + easy
like pain + bliss
has no ~~specimens~~ Gift.

Grateful —
joy in it :- pain
depth -

(instead of) all this already you have
its yours.

Salvation
Resurrection
Redemption
Born Again

GIFT

asked
paying questions

(too often) — Yes But. —

~~add~~ something — ~~don't~~
first you must — price

Forget Yes But :-

all addit~~ions~~ & subtract~~ions~~ that
remove the GIFT value of
it. mistakes

Clarity

→ paying questions

the Gift
has more depth at ~~the Gift~~ . What's given