

S26a

Ministers
Rev. Art Griffin
Rev. Jack Shaver

10:30 A. M.

"COME IN TO WORSHIP"

The Praise of God

Organ Prelude

Processional and Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Call to Worship

Hymn: 404 "Go, Tell It On The Mountain"

Prayer of Invocation

Choral Reading: Psalm 5 (p. 11, Pew Booklet)

The Gloria

Quartette: "Creator Of The Stars Of Night"

(Sarum Plain Song, 7th Century)

"The Word of God"

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 399 "Tomorrow Christ Is Coming"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1: 1, 2, 15-35

Hymn: (p. 10, Pew Booklet) "What Child Is This?"

Sermon: "The Supporting Cast"

Rev. Art Griffin

Our Response to God's Word

Prayer

Soloist: Tom Mawson

The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

Announcements: The Life and Work of The Church

Hymn: 409 "Shepherds In The Field Abiding"

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Chimes and Postlude

"GO OUT TO SERVE"

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.

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1976

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

EVENING BROADCAST on CKWX

(Heard at 8:00 p. m.)

7:00 P. M.

Organ Prelude

The Call to Worship

Hymn: 395 (54 vs. 1, 2, 4, 5) "Hark The Glad Sound!"

Prayer of Invocation

Quartette: "Poverty" Oxford Carol, arr. by C. Roberts

The Reading from Scripture: Hebrews 2: 5-18

Soloist: Tom Mawson — *Xmas Joy. Evoked Back*

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Quartette: "Slumber Song Of The Infant Jesus" Gevaert

Sermon: "Preacher, Listen To Me"

Prayer *Jesus Our Rev. Jack Shaver*

Hymn: 442 (96 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6) "My Song Is Love Unknown"

The Benediction and Choral Amen

Organ Chimes and Voluntary

(Off the Air)

The Offering: Prayer, Organ Voluntary, Doxology

Announcements: The Life and Work of The Church

Hymn: 240 (148) "Breathe On Me, Breath Of God"

Blessing and Organ Postlude

NEXT SUNDAY, December 19th, will be the Fourth Sunday of

Advent. Rev. Jack Shaver will be preaching at our 10:30

a.m. Morning Worship Service. At 7:00 p.m. our Quartette

will treat us to a performance of a Cantata entitled

"Arise, Shine!" by Gilbert M. Martin.

And so we come again to Christmas with all its colour and joy, its magic and wonder, its spirit of goodwill and warmth. But how do we come to Christmas? What it means to us depends on what we bring to it, not in gifts and outer display, but in the inner offering of love and faith that abide in the heart.

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Preacher, listen to me

If you had your way in what would
the preaching be about tonight?

I get the feeling
 $\frac{1}{2}$ way into advent.

a lot of people into annual special state

- saying - Preacher just don't fool around

It's that time of year $\rightarrow$
Wide spread $\rightarrow$

① Seasoned season -

coming at a time could use seasoned anything

+ prepared to allow - Length of the night. About something
descent of the rain.

- same as at time of death $\rightarrow$

separate out what walks from what doesn't

① Festive Season: not going to get time - not
the happen

walk

+ Whatever the reason:

Christmas season - time vulnerable to depth
feelings. our love is more tender and our
fighting is more brutal.

For a great many of us, Christmas is a time
when man is at stake somewhere

If only we could get to our preachers so they
didn't goof -
not now.

I'd like to explore that state a little bit more
tonight.

~~that's~~ Show Christmas state + get to those who are supposed
to help us deal with the heart of the walk

don't fool around
no sloppy goods
next time of year

1. Feeling more +
+ greater variety of stuff gets to us
stage production -> sheet off
people reach. blocked off
.. reality

+ get to us at greater depth

matter more - at odds with ourselves
- great seeing of our fellow humans
oppressed
- we are among the oppressors

2. Expecting:

preaching
worship
life

} address us with
a word - offering

looking for more to happen.

3. Something to make a difference: - don't wait anymore
make changes ~~in~~ - in me - would -

~~things will change - we'll make some changes~~
~~we will be changed~~

~~something will be changed - something straightened out~~
~~we'll have better~~
~~justice established~~
~~always new & newer~~

all that matters again

That real word - just with what makes it up
what needs straightening out - makes again

What do you suppose it will be?
like when our savior comes?
When the Word is made flesh & dwells among us
Confronted & Word made flesh?

But that just the state we have been
describing would be created -

- only in a power [↑] to sustain us in it -
→ meet us in it.

1. Feel everything -
greater depth -

Love ^{renewed in new heart}
What would our feelings be - 2

2. Expecting - very different state than
not expecting.

Sustained in you -
Surprises you with its resurgence.

3. Know changes need to be made.

Echo ^{words} of Jesus - Luke 12-49

- ① I came to cast fire on the earth
would that it was already kindled
- ② I have a baptism to be baptized with
- and how I am constrained until
it is accomplished.

That I should

Know - savior needs to come
Live - empowered - expectation about to come
- itself indication has come.

Who has given us to each other

in ^{this} darkest season of the year
That's the light that came.

o light Brings on our real world and gives it
force to us.

Because he is there before us / & meets us ^{there} when all
incline to it.