

FIRST UNITED CHURCH  
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SUNDAY DECEMBER 21, 1980

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship  
Four Sunday in Advent

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today and i  
you to an informal coffee hour following both services

Organ Preludes:

"Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland" J. S. Bach  
"Wachet auf ruft uns die Stimme" J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 14 (668) "O Sing a New Song to the Lord"

Invocation

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Prayer of Confession

Choral Offering "Born on Christmas Day" Worrall Sisters

"Christmas"

"I'll Keep Christmas"

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 7: 10 - 14

Romans 1: 1 - 7

Hymn No. 407 (59) "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 1: 18 - 25

Sermon

GOD WITH US

Rev. Jack Shaver

Offering:

Prayer, Offertory, Doxology

Choral Offering "The Birthday of a King" Worrall Sisters

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Prayer

Announcements

Hymn No. 401 (55) "Joy to the World"

Benediction

Organ Postlude: "Voluntary in G"

Peter Janson

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The Worrall Sisters are from North Vancouver. It is  
their mother who accompanies them at the piano. Thankyou  
very much girls for your offering.

This evening's service is printed on a separate bullet  
and will involve a number of members of the staff and  
gregation, the Youth Chorale and brass instrumental mu  
as well as the organ. Come to this very special Chris  
Sunday evening service and celebrate anew the birth of  
Christ Child in music, prayer, the reading and proclam  
tion of the Word.

Christmas Eve Service - There will be a Christmas Eve  
Service in the church, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

ANCHOR

Sundays 9:00 A.M. Channel  
DECEMBER 28, 1980 - What is Christmas all about for th  
thousands of Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees who hav  
found a new life in the United States? Anchor finds o

PRESSURE POINT

DECEMBER 23rd NO MAGIC WAND

and 28th A C.G.I.F. Vesper Service Sunday 6:30 p

in Downtown Vancouver and a delightful

Christmas Pageant done by African nurs-  
ery school children provide a moving  
and unique Christmas experience.

Cable 10 -  
Tuesdays 9:30 p  
Sunday 6:30 p

Next Sunday

10:30 a.m. Rev. John Cashore

7:00 p.m. Chapel

Sermon,  
First United Church Dec 21 1980  
10:30 AM  
Advent IV

## God with Us

I am sure there are times when we wonder what our preparations have to do with God's coming to us. —

I'm not sure — conclusion of that recognition — shame shame — you are supposed to do worthy preparation! —

Worthy preparation is an inhibition to his coming — Recognition! —

Greatest Problem

God with us

God is with us & we don't know it.

What is promised + ~~Creates~~ <sup>overwhelms</sup> us — our spirits created forever all the time.

What saves us from our sin — overwhelms us + our vain selves — all the time.

our problem → we don't recognize it.

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Isaiah : → Earlier Preacher -

Before Judah & Israel  
defeated & Assyria.

→ Elisham & Sennacherib in league  
against Judah.

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Prophets says → God Promise  
David's line →  
Don't love to fuss.

King : - Won't Rebel →  
in the name of some kind of  
High Michael Picty.

Timesome - Unsatisfactory - Horribly mundane  
situation.

Matthew Rocks Back to

Put <sup>stump of</sup> God's Promise another

wordless one → Child born.

← Emmanuel,  
←

→

Jesus

Savior <sup>Delivering</sup>  
- Healing  
(rather than life saving)

Good News

God with us.

God under the conditions of  
Existence...

God saving us from our  
Sins. →

→ more telling kind of  
Saving.

Vessels of That Ruelahin

That Faith.

In what History <sup>used to reveal</sup> A Such a God

proving power.

King. High Minded piety is a cloak  
for believing in salvation  
that can't be trusted.

That is The Kind of Faithy Stuff.

It says

God uses - Be With us.

→ Create in Us Obedience of Faith  
save us from our Sins.

# Epistle Lesson

Dear Friends —

Turned into a Creedal Statement.  
 Summary of the Good news about God.  
 { Hidden in Promises from the Beginning  
 { Hidden in X in the fullness of time.

Called to be Saints

Primary Documents of that Period.  
 → Picture of those Saints.

Earthly → Bring about  
 Evidence of Faith →

God uses — Be with us.

Create Trust in Him.

Trust in what can be wished  
 to save us.

You and I

Right now

He is hidden.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF AND OFFICIAL BOARD

of

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

*May the Peace and Joy of Christmas*

*be with you today and always*

TO MEMBERS, ADHERENTS, RADIO LISTENERS AND OTHERS WHO CARE

Christmas, 1980.

Dear Friends:

What does Christmas mean to you? Many of you are living alone in hotel rooms, rooming houses, apartments or small suites. Some of you are handicapped or sick; some are discouraged, worried, afraid. Many are lonely and some are losing hope.

Will you look up and listen to an angelic song? "Don't be afraid, I am here with good news which will bring great joy to all people. This very night in David's town your Saviour was born--Christ, the Lord." Behind the picture, poetry and pageantry of the Christmas story is the towering, terrific truth that God is with us.

May this glorious truth of Christmas give you hope. Despite the darkness that surrounds us the light is shining--the light of God's love. You are not alone. God is with you and He loves you! Yes indeed God does love us all. He accepts us as we are, forgives us, calls us by name, enables us by His power to face life with faith, hope and love. We need never be lonely, for we are never alone. God through Christ is with us!

So we can sing with the Psalmist of old:

"God is here! Let's celebrate.  
Let us enlist our lives in perpetual celebration  
Over God's goodness and greatness.  
Let us announce to the world God's presence  
And proclaim His loving kindness to all people.

God is here!  
He sustains those who are wavering in weakness,  
And grants them the grace of strength.  
He reaches into the void of empty lives  
And enriches and fulfills their hungry hearts.  
He is near enough to hear our every cry,  
To sense our every need,  
To grant us whatever is necessary  
To make us happy and effective  
As we seek to follow and serve Him".

So may Christmas be a time of joy and the New Year one of hope.

*John Cashore*  
Rev. John Cashore

*M. John V. Shaver*  
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Rev. J. A. Raymond Tingley

*Linda Ervin*  
Ms. Linda Ervin

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