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FIRST UNITED CHURCH
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 SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30, 1980

Ministers:
 Rev. J. V. Shaver
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Organists:
 A.M. Mr. Peter Jans
 P.M. Mrs. Eleanor F

10:30 A.M.

Morning Worship
 First Sunday in Advent

Evening Broadcast
 (Heard over CKWX at 8:00 P.M.)

7:00 P

Organ Preludes: "Es ist gewisslich" S. Vander Ploeg
 "Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Somn" Bach
 Call to Worship
 Hymn No. 50 (1) "Holy, Holy, Holy" Nicaea
 Invocation
 ADVENT CANDLE
 Ministry of Music "I Don't Know How to Love Him" Webber
 Maureen O'Hearn

Organ Prelude
 Call to Worship
 Hymn No. 12 (669) "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
 Invocation
 Identification
 Ministry of Music
 Scripture Lessons
 Isaiah 2: 1 - 5
 Romans 13: 8 - 14
 Matthew 24: 36 - 44

Prayer of Confession
 Absolution
 Scripture Lessons Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 2: 1 - 5
 Epistle Romans 13: 8 - 14
 Ministry of Music "Do You Know Where You're Going To?"
 Gospel Lesson Matthew 24: 36 - 44
 Hymn No. 390 (137) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni
 Sermon NOW AND THEN
 Rev. Jack Shaver

Ministry of Music
 Prayer and Lord's Prayer
 Ministry of Music
 Sermon Rev. John Cashore
 Hymn No. 389 (132) "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
 -- off the air --

Offering: Prayer, Offertory, Doxology
 Pastoral Prayer
 Announcements
 Hymn No. 391 "On Jordan's Bank"
 Benediction
 Organ Postlude: "Dorian Toccata" J. S. Bach

Announcements
 Hymn No. 241 (330) "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"
 Benediction
 Organ Postlude

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

December 7, 1980 A.M. Rev. John Cashore
 P.M. Rev. Jack Shaver
 December 14, 1980 A.M. Ms. Bonny Smith
 P.M. Rev. John Cashore

 Thank you Maureen O'Hearn for joining our worship this
 morning and for your ministry of music with us.

December 21, 1980 A.M. Rev. Jack Shaver
 P.M. Ms. Linda Ervin

Sunday Nov 30 1980 FIRST ADVENT

Now and Then

There are 4 Sundays in Advent -

That's at least 3 weeks plus to get ready for Christmas.

If you think that's too long -

Think of how long our consumer society has stretched the hype time in preparation for Christmas.

I'm convinced that for a lot of people that extended hype is Bad news.

Makes a threatened situation worse

Christmas has a lot of chances to turn Bad under the best of circumstances. add 3456 weeks of tense preparation and you are sure to blow it.

But as we look at the Scriptures lessons the Church selected for the Sundays in Advent we get a different notion as to what the Advent season is for.

It isn't exactly a preparation time for Christmas.

It's a time to think about God's Coming.
that God came
that God's Coming again.

It seems to me -

that in its already & not yet |

| is now & then |

kind of state

The Advent season of the Church

is much closer to where we all are

That the hyper preparations for Christmas
that our time seems to call for.

It may even contain a word to which we
dread about the weeks before us.

Our heads would spin this morning if

we tried to encompass all that all these

readings have to say to us. This morning,

There is the promise of World Peace in the eternal honor,
God rule between Nations.

S words into plowshares.

Now the time of salvation nearer than ever
awake from sleep.

is it time for Finishes Finery

Satisfying Flesh → (Carpenter in Paul)

Gospel: Coming again — surprise

middle of what's going on.

∴ watch — time like it about to happen.

Christian State : Year of our Lord 1980
Year of Grace

① Not yet possibly as well as already.

Principle of peace - manifest -

how warlike we are.

Fragment of sovereignty of love - unloving we are

Vision of God judges between nations - how vainly
nations make together.

Christian State of Grace

Stand & works be committed to the present.

Because { - enlightened
- called
- created } coming out of the future.

WATCH about to happen

having state of expectancy.

— everything good & saving you know now

— miraculous gift

— with it freely give you all things →

State { having & not having, God.

{ Belong's about to come

living in a state of Now & then

One thing necessary. LOVE

← ————— →
{ Romans 13 →

Owe no one anything -
except to love one another
for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled
the law. The commandments -
you shall not commit adultery, you
shall not kill, you shall not steal
you shall not covet and any other
commandment are summed up in
this sentence, "You shall love your
neighbor as yourself - One does no
wrong to a neighbor - therefore love
is the fulfilling of the law."
